

As We Gather

We live in a world where leadership is lifted up, yet we forget that leaders first learn to follow. Following is never easy, especially when the going gets tough. It can be hard enough to follow people we know, respect, and trust. It can be even harder to follow an unseen God who speaks to us through His eternal Word, strengthens us through bread and wine, and leads and guides us by His Spirit. Yet, that is our calling. In the midst of struggle, persecution, famine, joblessness, and conflict, we listen to the One we know, respect, and trust because He is our Creator, our Savior, and is always with us to the end of the age.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is being celebrated today. It is the belief of the Lutheran Church, based on Jesus' own words, that in this Sacrament His body and blood are really present and that forgiveness of sins and the assurance of salvation are offered to all who come confessing their sins and believing in Him. Communion is therefore offered to those who share this confession of faith. Children who are not yet confirmed are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Guests who may have questions about Communion at Mt. Calvary are encouraged to talk to Pastor Brighton.

PRELUDE**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING****PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

In 1892 Congress decreed that the red in the flag of the United States of America should stand for hardiness and courage, the white for purity, and the blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice. Let us pledge our allegiance to our nation's flag.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

The white in the Christian flag stands for the righteousness of Christ which is ours by faith, the blue for faith and hope, and the red cross for Christ's shed blood and saving sacrifice on Calvary. Let us pledge our allegiance to the Christian flag.

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the God for whose Kingdom it stands; one Savior, Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, with true life and liberty for all.

OPENING HYMN:

"God Bless Our Native Land"

Hymn #965

THE INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(please kneel)

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Now Thank We All Our God"

**Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.**

**All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom
Earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and
Shall be evermore.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O Word, who became flesh and dwelt among us, You came in human form to die for our sins and rise again to new life so that we can experience the real life You desire for us. You come to us this day in Your Word and in Your Meal. Open our hearts, minds, and lives to the leading of Your Spirit, and provide us the nourishment and strength we need, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 8:6-10 *(The Israelites are to bless the Lord for the good land He is giving them.)*

⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: Selected Verses from Psalm 33 (Read responsively)

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings!

Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the Word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host.

He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; He puts the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love,

That He may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.

Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE READING: Galatians 6:14-18 (*We boast in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.*)

¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the tenth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:34-42 (*Jesus' words will cause some to be for Him and some against Him.*)

³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.

⁴¹ The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Vicar Aaron Sterling

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Before You, Lord, We Bow"

Hymn #966

THE MESSAGE:

"His Heritage, Our Help and Our Hope"

Pastor Brighton

THE FIRST ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED AND LUTHER'S EXPLANATION

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

THE PRAYERS: After each petition, the Worship Leader will say, *"Lord in Your mercy,"* and the congregation will respond, *"Hear our prayer."*

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

++ The Stewardship Thought ++

The Pentecost Season is all about the growth of the Christian Church.

We use this time to study God's Word and then go out into our community

To share the love of Jesus as we call people to repentance and faith!

"Go and make disciple of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:18-19

OFFERTORY HYMN:

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

**Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shall choose.**

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. Through Baptism into His death and resurrection, we are made dead to sin and alive to You forever. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

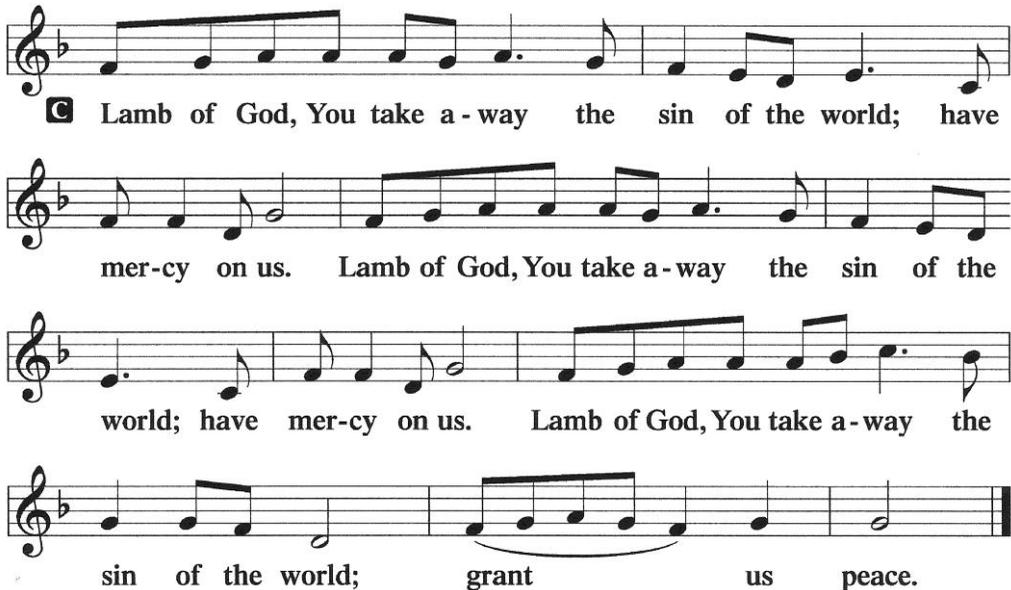
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION *(The center cup in each tray is white grape juice for pregnant moms or those allergic to alcohol.)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (10:45) "Lord God, All Praise to Thee" Men of the Sanctuary Choir
"What Is This Bread" Hymn #629
"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" Hymn #643

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give You praise and thanks, O Lord, for nourishing us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation in this Holy Meal. Lead us to walk according to Your will and according to Your ways as You are the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN:

"God of Our Fathers"

**God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band;
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
Our grateful songs before Your throne arise.**

**Your love divine has led us in the past;
In this free land by You our lot is cast;
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen way.**

**From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Make Your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion, in our hearts increase;
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh Your people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with heav'n born love and grace
Until at last we meet before Your face.**

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Joan Steese, in loving memory of her husband John.

Going Away Luncheon for Vicar Aaron NEXT Sunday! Please mark your calendar for Sunday, July 9th, as we say "good-bye" to our wonderful vicar. A pot-luck lunch will be held in the MFH immediately following the late service. We ask that you sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, and everyone is asked to bring either a salad, a side dish, or a dessert. Let's make it a special day for Aaron!

Gary and Beverly Webb are moving to Indiana and that means we need someone to replace Beverly as our Greeter scheduler. Beverly has done a wonderful job scheduling our greeters, and we thank her! This now gives someone the opportunity to serve the Lord in a very important way because our greeters are the first people most of our guests and members meet as they come through our front door and the warm reception they receive really makes a difference! If you would be interested in the position or have questions about it, please contact Pastor Brighton.

Mount Calvary has received memorial donations in memory of Gene Mittuch from Nancy & Don Kraft, Dwight & Marlene Miller, Don & Monelle Netzinger, Toby & Lorraine Jenson, Chet & Nancy Branscom, Don & Judy Parrott, Margaret McLaughlin, Alyce Quillin, Vivian Stilley and J.T. & Debi Cole.

Back 2 School Community-wide Bash - The 8th Annual Back 2 School Bash will be held on 21 July at C.B. Watson Elementary School (9:00 – 2:00 pm). We are trying to give out 2500 Back Packs with school supplies. There also will be haircuts for boys; and food for everyone in attendance. In order to make this a great success we are asking each family at Mt Calvary if they can donate \$10 towards the Back 2 School Project, this will truly help us, and it's tax deductible. Please write check to Mt Calvary and place School Share on the memo line.

Mount Calvary collects aluminum cans for recycling. Profits from this go to the Social Ministry Board to help pay for holiday food baskets. Single cans may be placed in containers in the old kitchen (by the back door), in the Fellowship Hall, and in the Annex (by the soda machine). Bundles of cans may be deposited at the collection point near the dumpster in the back parking lot.

Important Note from the Board of Stewardship. Please help us out! Both the regular envelopes used for making contributions to Mt. Calvary and the web/online giving that is available have a giving option entitled "Other." If you choose this option and don't designate what "other" is, it will go to the General Fund. If you want to make sure it goes somewhere else, please put the designation on your envelope or the space provided in online giving.

At the end of the school year, the Board of Education identified 364 homeless kids in Houston County. That included **10 kids living in cars (3 families)**. Family Promise strives to end homelessness one family at a time. **For as little as \$2.47 a week**, you can help support Family Promise by joining **CLUB 247**. Forms are available at the Information Desk, along with a chart to remind you what \$2.47 a week will buy.

Wheelchairs & Walkers to loan: Over the years, people have donated wheelchairs & walkers and even a shower bath stool to the church. If you need any of these for visiting relatives or post-surgery or whatever, they are available at no charge with no time limit. Just ask Jack or Pastor for their location.

Projectionists needed - If you are interested in serving occasionally as the projectionist at one of the services, please contact Brian Harper - brian@brianandlaura.com.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Peggy Rodriguez, who died on June 23rd.

Joe Hill, Cynthia Nelson's dad, who had a serious skin cancer removed from his head and will be receiving radiation treatments for it.

Susan Dridwell, Barbara Jernigan's sister, who is bedridden 23 hours a day for a broken foot.

Kim Rekau, who is recovering from surgery on her colon.

Karen Harmon, who is recovering from surgery for breast cancer.

Gene Brantley, who has a mass in his intestine.

Keep In Your Prayers

Diane McCall, Cynthia Trichinotis, Melanie Cureton (Maggie Monahan's daughter), Helen Giese, Jean Dimeler, Jacque Bohm, Kathy Clark (Barb Jernigan's sister), Marilu Cowan, Peggy Rodriguez, Ann Nicely (Margaret McLaughlin's daughter), D. J. Nelson, Steve Hetes, Deloris Denzine and Karen Johnson.

(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)

Those Battling Cancer

Jeanne Day (Bob's mom), Chet Branscom, Jace Cumbie (Amanda McVay's boyfriend's son), Diana Iverson (Bonnie Hudlin's sister-in-law), Barry Rice (Becky McVay's brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt), Kathy Grube, Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom) and Bruce Oswald (Krystal Ferguson's father).

Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas

Alexander Mathews, Darrin Landis, Denver Yarbrough, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton/Vicar Aaron Sterling. **ELDERS:** Gary Hadley (8 am) and Don Netzinger (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Open (8 am) and Open (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Dick Kesler, Brent Durbin, Doug Fingles & Doug Branham. Late – Don Netzinger, Adam Beecher, Dave Miller, Bob Day & Larry Ellgass. **ALTAR GUILD:** Angleen Trasmer, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons and Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Brian Harper (8 am) and Dave Radcliff (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Lyle Wurdeman (8 am) & Josh Johnson (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Kenn Keyes (Sat 6 pm), Gary Hadley (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Tucker Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Colton Wurdeman (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Angleen Trasmer, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons and Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Sue Glaser (Sat 6 pm), Richard Losert (Sun 8 am) and David Miller (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Caroline Martin (8 am) and Barb Mabee (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Zechariah 9:9-12 and Romans 7:14-25a

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday 6 pm – 43 Sunday 8 am – 69 Sunday 10:45 am – 118 Total – 230
Karenni Worship - 40

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	11:00 am	Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
	6:30 pm	TAG Night
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	Church Closed for July 4th Holiday	
Wednesday	10 am–1 pm	HS WAM – Six Flags
	9:30 am	Morning Glories
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	6 – 9 pm	Middle School Party
Saturday	3:00 pm	Karenni Bible Study (Annex)
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	11:00 am	Karenni Worship Service (Annex)

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