

As We Gather

Are you tired? Are you burdened? Do you feel weary? Jesus says to you: "Come to Me . . . and I will give you rest." As we come to Jesus in faith, He takes our burdens upon Himself and gives us rest for our souls. Yoked to Christ in our Baptism, our standing in the presence of God the Father is guaranteed because of Him. We gather together for worship today, knowing that as Jesus first comes to us with forgiveness and new life, we can then offer Him our prayers and praise. This is the Father's gracious will. May He bless us as we gather to worship Him!

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN: *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* **Hymn #770**

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

Jesus invites you: "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Let us come before our Lord in repentance as we confess our failure to submit ourselves to Him.

(please kneel)

Almighty God, heavenly Father,

We confess that we are burdened by our sin. What we want to do, we don't do. What we end up doing, we know that we are not supposed to do. We feel trapped. Your Word teaches us that we cannot escape our sinfulness. Only in Your mercy is there rest for our souls and relief from the burdens of our hearts. Father, fill us again with the assurance of the cross and the empty tomb, that we may receive anew the victory that is ours through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary, rest.**

**O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have not chosen to reveal Your truth to the wise and learned, but to those who become Your children. Through Your Word, may we come to know You and Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we find our rest; through the same 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: Zechariah 9:9–12 *(The King shall speak peace to the nations.)*

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 7:14–25a *(Paul struggles with the sin within him.)*

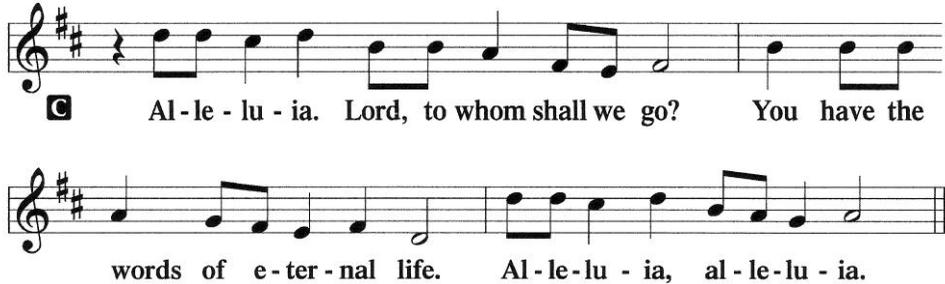
¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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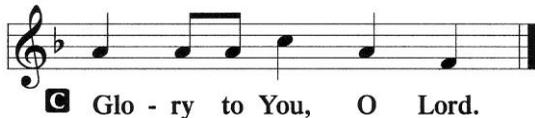
THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



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 eleventh chapter.

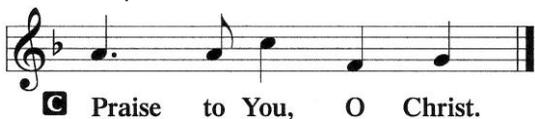


Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25–30 (*Jesus offers rest to all who come to Him.*)

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Pastor Brighton

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Come Unto Me, Ye Weary"

Hymn #684

THE MESSAGE:

Vicar Aaron Sterling

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

THE OFFERTORY:

"Lord of All Good"

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now.

Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.

Tokens of love and pledges they shall be

That our whole life is offered to Your will.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;

Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;

Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:

To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

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

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 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 the Prophets, Bless the Prophet's Sons" Hymn #682

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Gary & Lexie Hadley, in loving memory of their son, Trevor Dalton Hadley.

Farewell to Vicar Aaron. It's been another great year with another great vicar, but it's time for Vicar Aaron to head back to St. Louis for his final year of preparation to be a pastor. We'll have a luncheon in Vicar's honor today at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Welcome to our new Vicar. Next weekend, July 15/16, Vicar Brad Wellik will be installed at all worship services. Brad is from Phoenix, AZ and he'll be moving into the "vicar's house" on Friday. As always, we like to welcome our vicars by "filling the pantry," so please bring nonperishable food items or cleaning supplies next weekend to get our new vicar off to a good start! There will be a reception for Vicar Brad after each service.

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.

Mount Calvary has received memorial donations in memory of Gene Mittuch from John & Liz Hunter, Bill & Arlene Zeuner and Laird & Judy Van Gorder.

Mount Calvary has received memorial donations in memory of Peggy Rodrigues from Carl & Barbara Mabee, Dwight & Marlene Miller and Bruce & Barbara Bauman.

Mount Calvary has received a memorial donation in memory of Audrey Bowditch, Pastor Mark Bowditch's mother, from Carl & Barbara Mabee.

Daytime Callers share Christ's love and concern with shut-ins and others who need to know that we at Mt. Calvary care for them. We meet this **Monday, July 10th, in the church conference room at 11:00 am.**

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.

Don't forget "The Fish", our own Mount Calvary free classified ad page. Check out the current issue on the bulletin board, Information Desk, and the table by the front doors to see what's for sale and what services our members can help you with. If you have items you'd like to sell or have publicized, contact Susan Wallace at 227-1915 or e-mail her at CoffeeAddict@cox.net.

Church Directory in PDF Format – If you want a current to-the-minute church directory, just call or e-mail the church office. Our secretary can take 1 minute to create a PDF that's easy to use and up-to-date, then e-mail it to you.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Shirley Ermi, who had a slight stroke.

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 with a broken foot.

Gene Brantley, who has a mass in his intestine.

Keep In Your Prayers

Karen Harmon, Kim Rekau, 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, 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.

REFORMATION 500

As we count down the days to the 500th anniversary celebration of the beginning of the Reformation, our Reformation 500 Committee has been hard at work. The highlight of our celebration as a congregation will be our worship services on the weekend of October 28/29, but an added highlight will include the community – Oktoberfest! **Please mark your calendar for Saturday, October 28th from 2-6 pm.** We will have a huge tent covering part of the lawn between the church and the Annex and entertainment will be provided by a professional Polka Band (watch for announcements about Polka dancing lessons if you're interested!), "Table Talk" around the Luther dinner table, an appearance by Luther himself (our new vicar!), a Reformation Walk through the Education Wing that will tell the story of the Reformation, and a tour to show people the stained glass windows and their significance.

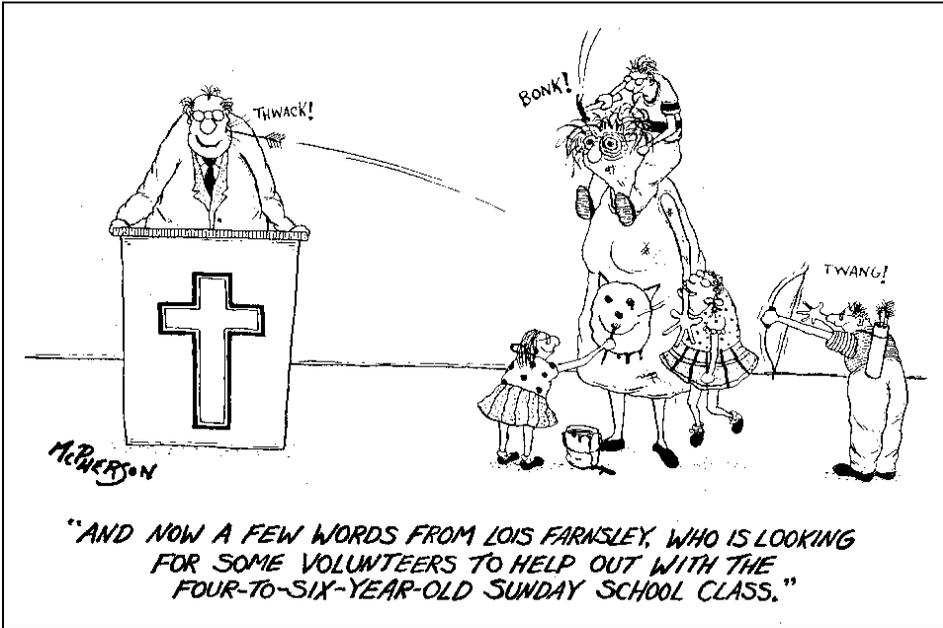
As we near the celebration, the Reformation 500 Committee would like to offer the following opportunities for our members to help make Oktoberfest happen:

- Interested people are welcome to help organize and plan the Walk through the Reformation – we will need some help with costumes, scenery, actors, set-up and take-down. Look for a sign-up sheet at the Information Desk soon.
- Since **we're expecting a big crowd – up to 500 people**, we would like to have "golf cart service" to bring folks from our parking lots, especially the lower lot, over to the Oktoberfest location. We are looking for a golf cart (or 2 or 3) that we could borrow for the afternoon. The golf cart would need to hold more than 2 people.
- We're going to have all the food provided (genuine German brats, hot dogs, potato salad, etc. for a very reasonable price) but we need volunteers to help make desserts. Again, look for a sign-up sheet at the Information Desk soon.
- We are going to make our own Reformation T-Shirts and we'll need to get an idea of how many T-shirts (and sizes) we'll need, so be looking for a "pre-order" form at the Information Desk in the near future. We hope everyone will wear their T-shirts for the big celebration on October 28th!

If you can help with any of the above items, please sign up when the sign-up sheets are made available. If you have a golf cart to lend for Oktoberfest, please speak to Pastor Brighton.

Our Reformation 500 celebration also includes:

- "95 Days through the New Testament," which will begin on Thursday, July 27th as we read through the New Testament together as a church family.
- A showing of the 2003 Luther Movie in the Fellowship Hall (popcorn and pop included!) on Friday, July 28th at 7:15 pm. Invite your friends! Babysitting included!
- A showing of the brand new 500th anniversary Luther movie at Houston Lakes Cinema on Highway 96 in October – date and time TBD.



SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Vicar Aaron Sterling. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Aaron Sterling. **ELDERS:** Gary Hadley (8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Tucker Gossman (8 am) and Colton Wurdeman (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:** Richard Losert (8 am) and David Miller (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Lyle Wurdeman (8 am) & Josh Johnson (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Bill Gragg (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Carlee Toler (Sat 6 pm), Abigail Halsell (Sun 8 am) and Zoe Babcock (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie Fingles, Kathy Grube, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** John Harmon (Sat 6 pm), Lexie Hadley (Sun 8 am) and D. J. Nelson (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Pat Stetzler (8 am) and Chet & Nancy Branscom Mabee (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Isaiah 55:10-13 and Romans 8:12-17

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday 6 pm – 44 Sunday 8 am – 67 Sunday 10:45 am – 130 Total – 241
Karenni Worship - 102

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	11:00 am	Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
Monday	11:00 am	Daytime Callers
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women’s Small Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Boards
	7:30 pm	Elders
Wednesday	10 am–1 pm	HS WAM – Heart of Georgia Thrift Store
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	3:00 pm	Karenni Bible Study (Annex)
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Installation of Vicar Brad Wellik
Next Sunday		Installation of Vicar Brad Wellik (8:00 & 10:45 am)
	11:00 am	Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
	6:30 pm	TAG Night

