

In the mercy of almighty God, the only 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:

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, besides whom there is no other God, in this world Your people suffer great affliction, having no enduring place in which to dwell. Grant that we who are not home yet with You in Your kingdom may endure with patience our groanings with all creation, being sustained by Your Word and Your gracious Spirit, who intercedes for us with far deeper groanings; 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: Isaiah 44:6–8 *("Is there a God besides Me?")*

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸ Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:18–27 (*The Spirit helps our weakness as we wait in hope with all creation.*)

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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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 thirteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43 (*The parable of the weeds of the field.*)

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?'

²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Pete LeBorious
Director of Christian Education

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: "In Christ Alone"

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my Light, my Strength, my Song;
This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh;
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

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THE MESSAGE:

"Hope in Suffering"

Jerry Bisping

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 VOLUNTARY:

"Hope"

Piano Solo by Tim Jacobsmeyer

An Explanation of the Voluntary

There are two conflicting ideas represented by two different musical themes here, though only one idea, "Hope," becomes the title of this piece. The other idea, "Despair," is represented by a musical theme, but, as it is eventually defeated by "Hope," it is left out of the song's name.

There is a 7-note pattern that opens and recurs throughout the piece. The 7-note pattern is somewhat dissonant and sets a tone of uneasiness and a feeling that something is not quite right. That pattern represents troubles, strife, sickness, or other things we often struggle with in life. The pattern is answered by a melody representing Hope. This melody is in a major key, played lightly in a higher pitch and sounds, well, hopeful. Soon, however, the melody representing Despair begins. It is in a minor key, played heavily in a lower pitch, and just sounds rather hopeless. But Hope will not let Despair have the last word, reasserting itself and playing once again. Now the battle is on and the Despair theme returns, this time played louder, stronger, and more aggressively. But just as it sound as if Hope is lost, the Despair theme is interrupted. Not allowing Despair to even finish, Hope takes over and plays triumphantly to the end of the piece.

This song is dedicated to the glory of God and the memory of a friend who never gave in to despair and whose hope was in a God greater than any adversary in this world.

THE OFFERTORY:

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

**Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, created good:
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**Father, providing food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding teach us to share
One with another, so that, rejoicing
With us, all others may know Your care.**

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

Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Gary & Lexie Hadley, in honor of the birthday of their daughter, Tyson.

Vicar Brad Wellik's personal phone number is 520-256-4783. Please write it down.

LWML Mite-y Noisy Can Collection will be next weekend, so bring your coins/bills. Thank you.

Newsletter Deadline: Please have all items for the August Newsletter in to the office no later than Monday, July 24th.

What is a "Designated Fund"? When the Church Council agrees that we should collect money for a specific purpose (Back-to-School Bash, Roof Repair, Building Fund, etc.), a designated fund is created. Donations for these funds should be above and beyond normal offerings. If you feel a new service or item is needed by the church, you should submit a request to the Church Council asking that they consider establishing a fund for that purpose. The project could then be explained to the congregation and folks given the opportunity to contribute. Occasionally, we find that a project which seems like a good idea has already been considered before and found to be something that is not feasible.

When making a contribution to the church by credit card, you have the option to give an additional percent to help offset the processing fee. There is a box on the Vanco form and online for this purpose. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Mabee, Chair of the Board of Stewardship.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Glenda Hetes, Steve's mom, from Don & Monelle Netzing.

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.

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

Bill Bohm, who will have hernia repair surgery on July 26th.

Sallie Brinkley, for healing of a broken bone in her foot.

Marlene Miller, who is recovering from gastric hernia surgery.

Steve Kaestner, who is recovering from back surgery.

Keep In Your Prayers

Shirley Ermi, Gene Brantley, Susan Bridwell (Barbara Jernigan's sister), 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, 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

Joe Hill (Cynthia Nelson's dad), 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

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: Jerry Bisping. **LITURGIST:** Jerry Bisping. **ELDERS:** Eric Jenkins (8 am) and Roger Moeller (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Abby Soisson (8 am) and Koda Cook (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:** Debbie Fingles, Kathy Grube, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Steve Kirchoff (8 am) and Bonnie Hudlin (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Lyle Wurdeman (8 am) & Josh Johnson (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Open (Sat 6 pm), Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Don Netzinger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Colton Wurdeman (Sat 6 pm), Sara Van Lannen (Sun 8 am) and Lynn Cook (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Keith Dierking (Sat 6 pm), Deb Fingles (Sun 8 am) and Barbara Mabee (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Deb Fingles (8 am) and Bill & Arlene Zeuner (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 7:6-9 and Romans 8:28-39

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday 6 pm – 47 Sunday 8 am – 80 Sunday 10:45 am – 119 Total – 246
Karenni Worship - 79

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	11:00 am	Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Wednesday	9:30 am	Craft & Chat
	12 – 3 pm	WAM – Rigby's
Thursday	Day 1 of 95	Days Through the New Testament (DTNT)
	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	Day 2: DTNT	
	7:15 pm	Luther Movie (2003 Version)
Saturday	Day 3: DTNT	
	3:00 pm	Karenni Bible Study (Annex)
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	Day 4: DTNT	
	11:00 am	Karenni Worship Service (Annex)

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