

**As We Gather**

"God never gives you more than you can handle." These words are often used to try to comfort someone who is suffering. These words are often spoken as if this is what the Scriptures teach about suffering. However, these words are not found in the Scriptures. Nor is the idea that you never face more than you can handle. This not-so-helpful idea is loosely based on today's Epistle, "all things work together for good," and 1 Corinthians 10:13, that God "will not let you be tempted beyond your ability." While it's a well-intended comment, "God never gives you more than you can handle" is simply not true. Life does sometimes give us more than we can handle. If we could handle these things and more, then why would we even need God? Instead of protecting us from more than we can handle, God handles what we can't handle. Joseph couldn't handle it when his brothers sold him into slavery. But God handled it as He guided Joseph toward leadership in Egypt. What amazing news it is that no matter what might happen to you in this life, even when you can't handle it at all and you feel like your life is crumbling to pieces, God can handle it!

**PRELUDE****ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING****OPENING HYMN:***"This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"***Hymn #903****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**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

*(Please kneel)*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

**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.**

### THE KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

### **And also with you.**

Let us pray. You treasure us, O Lord, and You steadfastly love Your chosen people. In the midst of even the worst things that can happen to us, we are more than conquerors through the love of Jesus. Help us to know the peace that Your presence brings in the midst of our troubles, and guide us toward the kingdom You promised; 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 7:6–9** *(Chosen to be a treasured possession)*

<sup>6</sup> "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup> It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup> but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:28–39** *(Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus.)*

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

<sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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. Luke the thirteenth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44–52** (*Parables describing the kingdom of God*)

<sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Vicar Brad Wellik

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY:** "If God Himself Be For Me" Stz 1, 2, 8, 10 **Hymn #724**  
(hymn tune: "All Glory Laud and Honor")

**THE MESSAGE:**

**"The Greatest Treasure"**

Pastor David Brighton

**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**

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE MITE-Y NOISY CAN COLLECTION**

(The "noisy" offering of coins is received on months when there is a fifth Sunday. This offering makes a lot of "noise" in the mission work of our Lutheran Women's Missionary League that it helps to support!)

**++ 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:**

***"Create In Me"***

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir - it with  
in me. Cast me not a-way from Your pres-ence and take not Your

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir - it with in me. Cast me not a-way from Your pres-ence and take not Your".



**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.**

### THE CLOSING HYMN:

*"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

**Hymn #725**

### A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

### THE POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our Altar Flowers were provided this week** by Doug & Deb Fingles in honor of Jenny & Patrick's birthdays, and by Bonnie Hudlin in honor of Talan's birthday.

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

**Wednesday Night Bible study will be starting again on August 9<sup>th</sup>. at 6 pm** in Classroom 2, next to the Michael Fellowship Hall. Roger Moeller will be resuming the class on the study of "Timothy, Titus and Philemon."

**Back 2 School Bash Project** – The Back 2 School Bash was a big success! Various organization came together to provide 2500 book bags and supplies to families in our community. Mount Calvary was the second largest supporter and I would like to thank our Outreach and Education Boards, as well as numerous members of the congregation for their donations. I also would like to thank the following individuals for their hard work to make this a success: Jan Clark, Arnie & Selena Reule, Regina Ragan, Vicar Brad, Vivian Stilley, Cynthia & Seth Nelson, Alyce Quillin, Maggie Monahan and her grandsons (Logon & Sean).

**A Big Thank You** to our summer Sunday School volunteers. I appreciate your assistance with our Kids for Christ. Thank you for giving of your time and talents to share the love of Jesus with our elementary children!! Thank you to the following volunteers: Barb Bauman, Sue Glaser, Larissa Beecher, Gina Peterson, Pat Hickman, Mike Hopf, DJ Nelson, Carrie Wurdeman, Jan Kirchoff, Laura Parsons, Caleb Nelson, Rhoda Reilly, Ruth Miller, Beth Rockwell, Wilma Rockwell, and Julie Reynolds.

**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.

**Our Ushers for August:** Early – Brian Harper, David Rossman, Bob Yeager, Richard Uitto & Fred Tamer. Late – Mike Hopf, Bruce Bauman, Dave Harter, Ed Bodony, Earl Bogardus & Joshua Johnson.

**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 Carl & Barbara Mabee.

**Orientation and training for all new and returning Rebecca's Garden volunteers** will be held on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> **from 6 to 8pm** in the fellowship hall at Mt. Calvary. RG@MC gets underway for the 2017/18 school year on Tuesday, September 5. A maximum of 35 students will attend each Tuesday from 4 to 6:30 pm (with the exception of school holidays). Volunteers with varied skills are always needed and welcome. For more information contact Karen Harmon at 918-3685 or Pete LeBorious at 919-3723.

**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**

**Tom Guilford**, who fell and fractured his pelvis.

**Jan Fingles**, Doug's mom, who is hospitalized with double pneumonia in Venice, Florida.

**Lois Meyer**, wife of one of our former pastors, who is being treated for back pain.

**Bill Marks**, former member, recently diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and will be starting treatment soon.

**Bill Bohm**, who is recovering from hernia repair surgery.

**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:** Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Brad Wellik. **ELDERS:** Brian Harper (8 am) and Don Netzinger (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Sara Van Lannen (8 am) and Lynn 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:** Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Deb Fingles (8 am) and Barbara Mabee (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), Eric Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Don Netzinger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Taitum Gossman (Sat 6 pm), Sway Cronin (Sun 8 am) and Carlee Toler (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Becky McVay (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and John Hunter (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Ned & Linda Watson (8 am) and Frank & Donna Burkhardt (10:45 am).

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-5 and Romans 9:1-13

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday 6 pm – 37    Sunday 8 am – 96    Sunday 10:45 am – 132    Total – 265**  
**Karenni Worship - 107**

### THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	Day 4: DTNT 11:00 am	Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
Monday	Day 5: DTNT 6:20 pm 6:30 pm	Evangelism Callers Women's Small Group
Tuesday	Day 6: DTNT 6:30 am 7:30 pm	Boards Elders
Wednesday	Day 7: DTNT 9:30 am 5:30 – 8 pm	Morning Glories TAG Family Fun Night Kick-Off Cookout
Thursday	Day 8: DTNT 10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	Day 9: DTNT 6 – 9 pm	Middle School Party
Saturday	Day 10: DTNT 3:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:00 pm	Karenni Bible Study (Annex) Adult Bible Study Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	Day 11: DTNT	
	<b>Sunday School Rally Day</b> 11:00 am 6:30 pm	Karenni Worship Service (Annex) TAG Night

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