

As We Gather

We face so many arguments about food these days. Go organic. Go gluten free. Go low carb. Go vegan. Go GMO free. Our culture is deeply concerned about what sort of food we put in our bodies, because the old saying "you are what you eat" is fairly accurate. While what sort of food we put into our bodies is an important concern, Jesus compels us to make another kind of food an even higher priority than the food we chew and digest. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Jesus feeds five thousand people, thereby revealing that He is the Word of God Incarnate, the food that feeds more than our stomachs. Jesus feeds our souls. This was foreseen by the prophet Isaiah who wrote, "Come, everyone who thirsts . . . incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live." The food we put into our bodies is important. Even more important is to gather in church for food that feeds the soul!

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****OPENING HYMN:***"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"***Hymn #902****THE INVOCATION**

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

Amen.

Through Christ we are heirs of the gifts given long ago to the Israelites.

For the gift of our adoption into the household of God,

We thank You, O Lord!

For the covenants God made with us, especially the covenant of forgiveness in Christ,

We praise You, O Lord!

For the Law of God, which guides us and points us to Christ,

We worship You, O Lord!

For the gracious promises of God, fulfilled in Jesus,

We adore You, O Lord!

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Too often, thanks, praise, worship, and adoration are not our responses to our loving God. We sin daily. With heavy hearts, let us confess our sin to God our father.

(please kneel)

Merciful God,

We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

When we have been more concerned with the food that feeds our stomachs than we are with the food that nurtures our souls,

We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

When we live as if the gifts You provide are less important than some of the trivialities with which we use up our time,

We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

When we fill our ears with all sorts of things that cannot give us the life You give,

We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Bring us to repentance, Lord.

Forgive our sins, those of which we are aware and those we do unwittingly. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us. Amen.

"Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good," says the Lord, "and delight yourselves in rich food." Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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: *"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"*

**Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray. Lord of creation, You open wide Your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature. You feed our souls with the true bread from heaven, Jesus, our Savior. Help us to receive the Bread of Life with joy, so that we may participate in Your providing bread for the world, both body and soul; 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 55:1–5 (*Come, eat and drink without cost.*)

¹ "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"In My Heart There Rings a Melody"

Men's Chorus

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 9:1–5 (*Paul anguishes over the people of Israel.*)

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. 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:

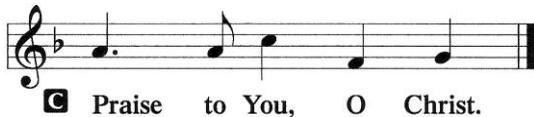
The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the fourteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13–21 (*The Bread of Life feeds five thousand.*)

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Brighton

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Seek Ye First"

Hymn #712

THE MESSAGE:

"Our Generous God"

Pastor David Brighton

THE NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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: *"We Praise You, O God"*

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us,
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

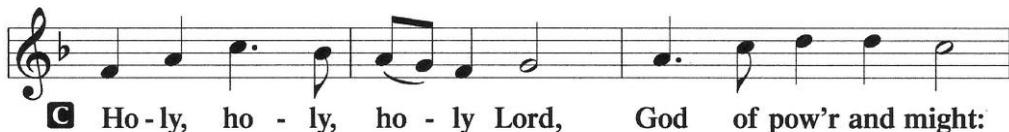
Lift up your hearts.

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave His life for us on the tree of the cross and by His glorious resurrection has poured out an abundance of gifts of grace to us and to all people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



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.

☐ 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: ***"Lord Jesus Christ, Life Giving Bread"*** **Hymn #625**
 "O Savior, Precious Savior" **Hymn #527**
 "Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy" **Hymn #774**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

You, O Lord, bless us with all the gifts we need to thrive as Your people in the world. For the abundance of Your gifts to us, we give You thanks. Especially we do thank You for Christ's body and blood, the Living Bread of Heaven, by which our sins are forgiven and we are made one in the Body of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy 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: ***"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"*** **Hymn #924**

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Cheryl Hernandez in loving memory of Dennis Hernandez, and by Dick Kesler in loving memory of Susan Kesler.

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 9th. 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."

Anyone Interested in Playing Fall Volleyball: Please sign up at the information desk no later than August 13th. Practices will begin the week of August 21st. Must be 18 years old to play. Games typically are Monday, Tuesday or Thursday evenings. For more information, contact Tian Foss at 478-973-2622 or fosst@csp.edu.

Updated Church Directories have been prepared and are available on the Information Desk.

IBALZ will be here to do an electronic sign demo this Tuesday, August 8th, from 1 – 1:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

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.

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 Gene Mittuch, from Joan Smith.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Susan Kesler, from Ed & Jacqueline Fritz.

Orientation and training for all new and returning Rebecca's Garden volunteers will be held on Tuesday, August 15th **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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

John White, who is recovering from cataract surgery.

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's lymphoma for the 3rd time and will be starting treatment soon.

Bill Bohm, who is recovering from hernia repair 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), Jean Dimeler, Kathy Clark (Barb Jernigan's sister), 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:** Pastor David Brighton/Vicar Brad Wellik. **ELDERS:** Eric Gossman (8 am) and Don Netzinger (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Sway Cronin (8 am) and Carlee Toler (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Brian Harper, David Rossman, Bob Yeager, Richard Uitto & Fred Tamer. Late – Mike Hopf, Bruce Bauman, Dave Harter, Ed Bodony, Earl Bogardus & Joshua Johnson. **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Deb Fingles (8 am) and Barbara Mabee (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Tanner Gossman (8 am) & D. J. Nelson (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Gary Hadley (Sun 8 am) and Bill Gragg (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Sway Cronin (Sat 6 pm), Caleb Durbin (Sun 8 am) and Libby Parsons (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O'Daniel & Maureen Young. **LAY READERS:** Rhoda Reilly (Sat 6 pm), Carol Yeager (Sun 8 am) and Ruthie Radcliff (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Paul & Mollie Keister (8 am) and Dottie & Paul Brown (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Job 38:4-18 and Romans 10:5-17

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday 6 pm – 42 Sunday 8 am – 82 Sunday 10:45 am – 145 Total – 269
Karenni Worship - 104

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

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| Today | Day 11: DTNT (Matt. 27-28) Sunday School Rally Day 11:00 am Karenni Worship Service (Annex) 6:30 pm TAG Night |
| Monday | Day 12: DTNT (Mark 1-3) 6:20 pm Evangelism Callers 6:30 pm Women's Small Group |
| Tuesday | Day 13: DTNT (Mark 4-5) 7:00 pm Council |
| Wednesday | Day 14: DTNT (Mark 6-8) 5:30 pm Wednesday Nights Resume! 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir |
| Thursday | Day 15: DTNT (Mark 9-10) 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study |
| Friday | Day 16: DTNT (Mark 11-13) 6:00 pm Middle School Fall Retreat (thru Sat 7 pm) |
| Saturday | Day 17: DTNT (Mark 14-16) 3:00 pm Karenni Bible Study (Annex) 5:00 pm Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal |
| Next Sunday | Day 18: DTNT (Luke 1-2) 11:00 am Karenni Worship Service (Annex) 12:00 pm Elementary @ Monkey Joe's 6:30 pm SLDT Meeting |

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