

**As We Gather**

Pet dogs know the right place to be at mealtime: under the table. They know you don't need a special seat; these dogs are happy to get crumbs of "people food." And we rejoice to receive what we don't deserve: whatever blessings God bestows on us, disobedient sinners that we are. In the Old Testament Reading, God promises that He would call us foreigners to His table, and here we are. Even the disobedience of God's Old Testament people has proven good for us, as we see everyone receiving mercy from a gracious God. The Canaanite woman in the Gospel saw herself in the position of a dog, trusting she would receive crumbs from the family table. But the bread crumb falling to earth she and we have received is none other than the Son of God, the Bread of Life. The crumb each of us receives is priceless! As we gather around Word and Sacrament, we get no stale food, but the nourishment we need for abundant life each day until we join saints and angels at the eternal feast in heaven.

**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:***"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"***Hymn #901****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**

Our gracious God has promised to hear and forgive for Jesus' sake. Let us therefore go to Him, confessing our sins.

*(please kneel)*

Creator God,

**We confess our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds, as well as our sinful condition. We are not the creatures You intend us to be. Forgive us and rescue us from our unrighteousness that we may reflect Your righteousness and holiness.**

Promised Savior,

**We confess that we are not only in the world, but too often act as part of it. We are as aliens in Your kingdom of grace. Forgive us and graciously treat us as Your own people for Your own name's sake.**

Holy Spirit, Comforter,

**We confess that we have wandered from the truth and sought to fulfill our own wants and desires. Forgive us, renew in us pure hearts, and guide us to walk in Your ways each day as long as we live. Amen.**

Our heavenly Father sent His Son into the world to bear the sins of all. He has opened the kingdom of heaven to all who trust in Him for salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE:**

*"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

**Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,  
God of Glory, Lord of Love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day.**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine!**

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, although we do not deserve to be heard, You invite us to call out to You in every circumstance. Grant us confident faith that You hear us and peace in our hearts that Your answers will meet our deepest needs; 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 56:1, 6–8** *(God promises to listen to the prayers of Gentiles.)*

<sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.

<sup>6</sup> "And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."<sup>8</sup> The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32** *(God's mercy extends to all people.)*

<sup>1</sup> I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>13</sup> Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup> in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup> For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

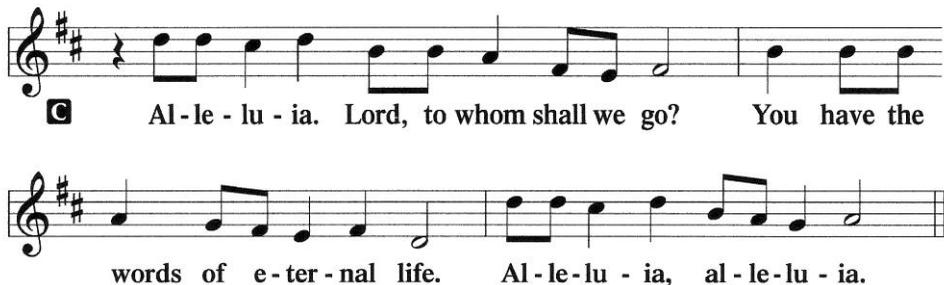
<sup>28</sup> As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. <sup>29</sup> For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

<sup>30</sup> For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

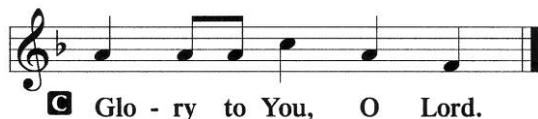
## THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



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 fifteenth chapter.



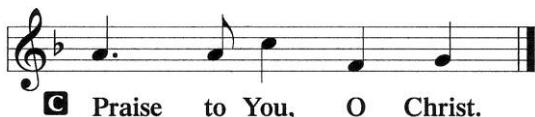
Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21–28 *(A Canaanite woman begs Jesus for help and He grants her request.)*

<sup>21</sup> And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."

<sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup> And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Tim Jacobsmeyer  
Director of Music

## THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

**"In Christ There Is No East or West"**  
*(Hymn tune: "O Jesus, King Most wonderful")*

**Hymn #653**

**THE MESSAGE:**

**"A House of Prayer for All Peoples"**

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:**

***"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 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



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.**

**G** 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.)*

<b>DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:</b>	<b>"Lord Jesus Christ, Life Giving Bread"</b>	<b>Hymn #625</b>
	<b>"O Christ, Our True and Only Light"</b>	<b>Hymn #839</b>
	<b>"O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee"</b>	<b>Hymn #632</b>

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us more than crumbs from Your Table; we have received a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith, and strengthen us to share with friends and strangers Your gracious invitation, that we may together celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through 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.**

<b>THE CLOSING HYMN:</b>	<b>"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"</b>	<b>Hymn #700</b>
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## A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

## THE POSTLUDE

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our Altar Flowers were provided this week** by Earl & Dot Bogardus, in honor of their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and by D. J. & Cynthia Nelson, in honor of their 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Newsletter Deadline:** Please have all items for the September Newsletter in to the office by Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Georgia Right to Life (GRTL)** Come and help make a difference! GRTL is committed to speaking up for those who cannot speak up for themselves. On Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm, our Houston County Chapter of GRTL will meet at Gottwall's Warehouse in Byron. The address is 660 Peavy Road, just before you get on the interstate. FREE meal at 6:30 pm and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

**Coffee Anyone?** Just a reminder that although we receive our donuts and muffins free of charge from Publix, the coffee supplies (coffee, tea bags, multiple creamers, sugars, stirrers, napkins and cups) all come out of the Fellowship budget. There is a small jar on the counter for donations when you get your cup of java on Sundays, so if you have a spare quarter or two, please help us to pay for those supplies. That way, Fellowship can offer other fun events for a low price. Thanks for your help!  
- Board of Fellowship

**Anyone Interested in Playing Fall Volleyball:** Please sign up at the information desk no later than August 13<sup>th</sup>. Practices will begin the week of August 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.

**High School Outreach Party!** The next Outreach Party will be Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, from 7-10 pm in the Annex. High School Outreach Parties are a great place for TAG youth to bring their friends to our church and get introduced to the group and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The cost is \$5/person to cover snacks, pop, & burgers, but first time visitors can use a "Party Pass" and get in free!

**High School Fall Retreat:** Our High School youth will be having their annual Fall Retreat on Friday/Saturday, September 8-9. This is an on-site retreat to allow youth involved in football/cheerleading/band to join us after their Friday activities. This retreat will include Bible studies, team building, and service projects within our community! The cost will be \$25/person to cover meals and program expenses.

**Bingo & Trivia night!!** Everyone is invited to join in the fun on Friday, August 25 in the MFH from 6:30-8:30. We'll have a few rousing games of Bingo, followed by Trivia, where entire tables can have great fun trying to figure out answers to history, sports, Bible, pop culture, and general knowledge. During that time, while the adults are whooping it up, there will be babysitters with crafts and movies in the adjacent classrooms for the kids. Please sign up for this fun evening, and bring along a friend, and a snack to share! - Board of Fellowship

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Crawford Hicks**, who is hospitalized in Augusta after he was injured in a fall in his driveway.

**Caleb Nelson**, who is battling a severe case of pneumonia.

**Layne Kesler**, Dick Kesler's granddaughter, who is still hospitalized after being injured in a serious car accident.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Marilyn Schultz, Steve Kaestner, Bill Bohm, Jan Fingles (Doug's mom), Tom Guilford, John White, Shirley Ermi, Gene Brantley, Susan Bridwell (Barbara Jernigan's sister), Kim Rekau, Diane McCall, Cynthia Trichinotis, 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:** Vicar Brad Wellik. **LITURGISTS:** Vicar Brad Wellik/Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Glen Thompson (Sun 8 am) and Don Netzinger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Taitum Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Colton Wurdeman (Sun 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:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O’Daniel & Maureen Young. **LAY READERS:** Glen Thompson (Sun 8 am) and Roger Moeller (Sun 10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONIST:** D. J. Nelson.

## SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Open (Sun 8 am) and Roger Moeller (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Libby Parsons (Sat 6 pm), Tucker Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Zoe Babcock (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, Anita McIntyre, JoAnn Smith & Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Megan Schafer (Sat 6 pm), Steve Soisson (Sun 8 am) and Marilu Cowan (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Alyce Quillin & Margaret McLaughlin (8 am) and Betty Cummings & Nancy Hoar (10:45 am).

## NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Isaiah 51:1-6 and Romans 11:33-12:8

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday 6 pm – 59    Sunday 8 am – 83    Sunday 10:45 am – 203    Total – 345**

## THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	<b>Day 25: DTNT (Luke 18-20)</b> 11:00 am    Karenni Worship Service (Annex) 6:30 pm    TAG Night
Monday	<b>Day 26: DTNT (Luke 21-22)</b> 6:20 pm    Evangelism Callers 6:30 pm    Women’s Small Group
Tuesday	<b>Day 27: DTNT (Luke 23-24)</b>
Wednesday	<b>Day 28: DTNT (John 1-3)</b> 5:30 pm    Christian Fellowship & Education 7:00 pm    Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	<b>Day 29: DTNT (John 4-6)</b> 10:00 am    Ladies Bible Study
Friday	<b>Day 30: DTNT (John 7-9)</b>
Saturday	<b>Day 31: DTNT (John 10-12)</b> 3:00 pm    Karenni Bible Study (Annex) 5:00 pm    Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm    Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	<b>Day 32: DTNT (John 13-15)</b> 11:00 am    Karenni Worship Service (Annex) 6:30 pm    SLDT Meeting

