

As We Gather

There are many different opinions in our world about who the Lord is, and many of those opinions are based on who people want the Lord to be. What a privilege and joy it is that as we gather we don't need to try to seek and find the Lord and His attributes on our own. Instead, He reveals Himself as who He was, is, and ever shall be, in and throughout Scripture. We hear this today in our Old Testament Reading as God, through Isaiah, calls His people to look and listen to Him as He seeks and makes us His redeemed children (*Isaiah 51:1-6*). As His children, we are part of His Body and blessed to complement one other in faith and fellowship (Romans 11:33-12:8) and in the confession of who our Savior Jesus Christ truly is (*Matthew 16:13-20*). As He continues to seek and to find, and by the calling, gathering, and enlightening by His Holy Spirit through His Word, we worship in that promised grace giving certain hope now and in the future.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN:

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

Hymn #904

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.

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 Lord be with you.

And also with you.

(Please be seated)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

"Luther's Morning Prayer"

Sanctuary Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 51:1–6 *(Listen, look, and give attention to the salvation of the Lord.)*

¹ "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.

³ For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴ "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM:

"Oh, The Depth"

Sanctuary Choir

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 11:33-12:8 (*Bound together in faith as one body*)

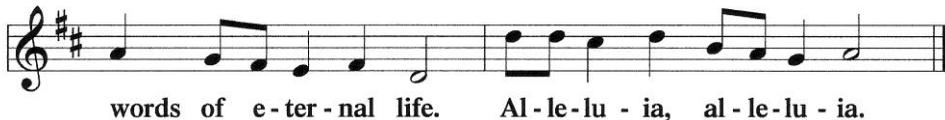
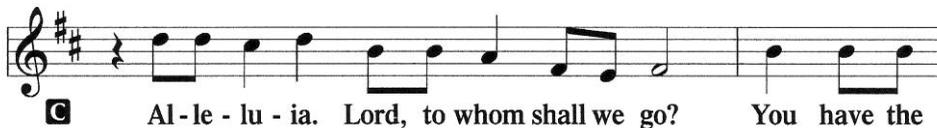
³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

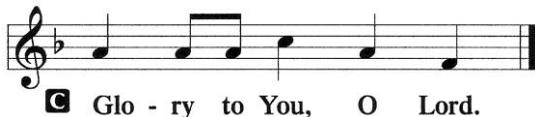
Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the sixteenth chapter.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13–20: (*Confession of Jesus as the Christ*)

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE:

Mt Calvary Puppet Ministry

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Built on the Rock"

stanzas 1-4

Hymn #645

THE MESSAGE:

Vicar Brad Wellik

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:

"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 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:

"Built on the Rock"

stanza 5

Hymn #645

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Suzanne O'Daniel, in loving memory of Rich and their wedding anniversary, by Jacque Bohm in honor of Bill's birthday, and by Toby & Lorraine Jenson in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary.

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 29th 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.

Recognition of Evangelism Callers: The weekend of September 9 & 10 those who have successfully completed our spring evangelism training will receive their pins and certificates at the worship services.

Attention All Men: The first Men's Breakfast for 2017-2018 will be held on Saturday, September 16 at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. So, put your name on the Sign-Up Sheet at the Information Desk and join us for food, fellowship and a devotion. We might even have a Men's Chorus piece to practice. It's a Guy Thing!

Thank you everyone for your prayers as I underwent my heart cath. My doctor even said that God did his job for him. My body created a detour around my blockage. Follow up on Friday to see what medicines will be added. - Allen (& Pat) Hickman

Evangelism Explosion Kickoff Lunch - This lunch is for those who are interested in learning more about our evangelism training on Monday evenings. Lunch is free. There will be a video, and our evangelism callers will share their experiences in this training ministry. There is no commitment made or expected by those attending this lunch. **We will meet Sunday, September 10, 12:00 – 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Our Ushers for September: Early – Don Parrott, Darron Counselman, Dale Hawkins & Roger Foss. Late – Sam Culpepper, Dale Channell, Champ Aldredge & Mark Burnette.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Carolyn Rumage, for healing.

Jeanne Crawford, for good results from her thoracic surgeon.

Crawford Hicks, who is expecting to be taken to the VA Hospital in Dublin for therapy. His attitude has been consistently positive.

Layne Kesler, Dick Kesler's granddaughter, who is at home and undergoing therapy. She is able to get around with a walker.

Keep In Your Prayers

Caleb Nelson, 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 Oswalt (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. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Eric Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Roger Moeller (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Tucker Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Zoe Babcock (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:** Cindy Branham, Anita McIntyre, JoAnn Smith & Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Steve Soisson (Sun 8 am) and Marilu Cowan (Sun 10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Tanner Gossman (8 am) & D. J. Nelson (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Open (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Don Netzinger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Open (Sat 6 pm), Open (Sun 8 am) and Open (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, Anita McIntyre, JoAnn Smith & Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Bill Bohm (Sat 6 pm), Bob Yeager (Sun 8 am) and Adam Beecher (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Eileen Mittuch (8 am) and Lois & Dave Harter (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Jeremiah 15:15-21 and Romans 12:9-21

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday 6 pm – 39 Sunday 8 am – 95 Sunday 10:45 am – 144 Total – 278
Karenni Worship - 103

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	Day 32: DTNT (John 13-15) 11:00 am Karenni Worship Service (Annex) 6:30 pm SLDT Meeting
Monday	Day 33: DTNT (John 16-18) 6:20 pm Evangelism Callers 6:30 pm Women’s Small Group
Tuesday	Day 34: DTNT (John 19-21)
Wednesday	Day 35: DTNT (Acts 1-2) 9:30 am Craft & Chat 5:30 pm Christian Fellowship & Education 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	Day 36: DTNT (Acts 3-5) 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
Friday	Day 37: DTNT (Acts 6-7) 6 – 9 pm Middle School Party
Saturday	Day 38: DTNT (Acts 8-10) 3:00 pm Karenni Bible Study (Annex) 5:00 pm Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	Day 39: DTNT (Acts 11-13) 11:00 am Karenni Worship Service (Annex) 6:30 pm TAG Night

