

As We Gather

How often might you feel lost—lost among the confusion and details and busyness of life? When someone is lost, they forget or do not know where they should be going. When someone loses money, their health, or a loved one to death, everything from anger to despair to fear take over, and we are tempted to think there is no hope. That's why Jesus' statement "whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it" sounds so strange, so backward. We lose our life by daily contrition and repentance as the old Adam is drowned. We find ourselves given the gift of eternal life as the new man daily arises, and we escape death forever!

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:*****"Come, Thou Almighty King"*****Hymn #905****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

Jesus said, "Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." Let us empty ourselves of our fears and failures, confessing our sins and asking God to fill us with His peace.

(please kneel)

We pray,

Far be it, O Lord, that I should not deny myself, take up my cross, and follow You. But sin consumes me, for I am sinful from birth. By Your cross and resurrection give to me Your forgiveness and assurance of new life by Your grace. Take away my selfish desires and fill me with Your love. Help me proclaim Your love in loving service to others. Amen.

Thus says the Lord, "If you return, I will restore you." Upon this your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

**I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

Chorus:

**In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. (chorus)**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. (chorus)**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, 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: Jeremiah 15:15–21 *(Jeremiah's complaint)*

¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

"If Any Man Come After Me"

Sanctuary Choir

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 12:9–21 (*Marks of the true Christian*)

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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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 sixteenth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21–28 (*Take up your cross and follow Jesus.*)

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor David Brighton

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"*

Hymn #688

THE MESSAGE:

"For Our Soul's Health"

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: *"Lord of All Good"*

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now.
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to Your will.**

**Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.**

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who walked the way of suffering, took up His cross, and gave Himself as the ransom for the entire world, bringing forgiveness and life to all who believe. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

C 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.

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hurricane Harvey. The destruction left behind by Harvey, especially the historic amounts of rainfall, have put many parts of the state of Texas in a state of emergency and much help is needed to enable our fellow Americans to get back on their feet. Our Synod has put together various ways to contribute to the relief and rebuilding efforts (please see the insert in today's worship folder). Contributions to our Synod will go toward the massive relief efforts that are just starting, especially to St. John Lutheran Church in Cypress, TX and Memorial Lutheran Church in Katy, TX.

Pastor Lee Hopf, a son of this congregation, serves at Trinity Klein Lutheran Church in Spring, TX, just north of Houston. Lee and his congregation are on high ground and were spared the flooding. They have been busy sheltering people who were forced out of their homes, including a group of 150 older adults who were forced out of their living quarters and have now been relocated to another facility. Pastor Hopf said their efforts are now focused on the massive clean-up that is just beginning and six groups went out from his church on Thursday. If you would like to give a contribution directly to Pastor Hopf and his congregation's relief efforts, please make out a check or designate through Vanco that your contribution is to go to "Hurricane Relief" and we will send one check from Mt. Calvary to help with the relief efforts in Houston through Trinity.

September Sermon Series: Faith and Football. This is a chance to worship our God, celebrate our Christian community together and have some fun during football season! Here's the schedule:

Sept. 9/10 – "Ready!" Every Christian community, like a football team must prepare for the game.

*** * * Wear your favorite local high school football team's colors! * * ***

Sept. 16/17 – "Set!" Everyone must know where they fit in on the team.

*** * * Wear your favorite college football team's colors! * * ***

Sept. 23/24 – "Go!" All the preparation is so we can play the game/live as Christians in the world.

*** * * Wear your favorite professional football team's colors! * * ***

ANY/EVERY WEEK: Bring a snack to share after worship (sweets, veggies, fruit), that highlights your football team's colors. Prizes awarded for most creative, best use of color and best tasting!

Mount Calvary has received a gift in memory of Susan Kesler from Marjorie Hogan.

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.

Our Rebecca's Garden of Hope Program needs volunteers to prepare simple meals on Tuesdays for the children in the program. Please contact Jan Clark for more info (987-6555).

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.

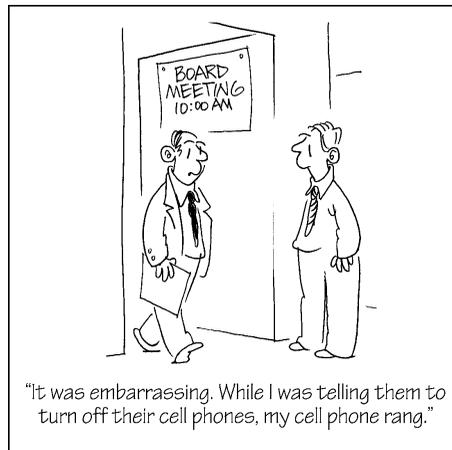
Attention All Men: The first Men's Breakfast for 2017-2018 will be held on Saturday, September 16 at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. So, put your name on the Sign-Up Sheet at the Information Desk and join us for food, fellowship and a devotion. We might even have a Men's Chorus piece to practice. It's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

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.**

Facebook Group: If you are a person who goes on Facebook, keep in mind that there are a couple of groups for you to check out / join. Besides the main "Mount Calvary Lutheran Church" with general church information, there is also the "Teens About God" group that contains information about upcoming events, release forms, and even TAG's picture archives! This past week we have also added the group "Family Ministry at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church." This group will include children's ministry information, family devotional ideas, tips for parents in the pews, and pictures from our Children's Ministry events. These groups are a great way to stay connected to what is happening at church but should never become a replacement for the people of God gathering in Fellowship, Study, and Worship!

High School TAG Night: The next High School TAG Night is tonight from 6:30-8 pm in the Annex. TAG Nights are a time for our High School youth to gather for fun, food, and a Bible-centered discussion of living out our Christian faith! This fall we are using the movie "Cool Runnings" to introduce our Bible Study theme. Friends are always welcome.

Student Leadership Development Team (SLDT): The SLDT Meeting will meet next Sunday, September 10th, from 6:30-8:00 in the Annex. We will continue our planning for this school-year, evaluate the fall retreat, and discuss effective tools for being a servant leader in the world today.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Annamarie vonDebschitz, pray for getting her strength back so she can help her family.

John Harmon, for healing of his broken leg.

Karen Harmon, who is battling pneumonia.

Carolyn Rumage, for healing.

Jeanne Crawford, for good results from her thoracic surgeon.

Crawford Hicks, who is in the VA Hospital in Dublin and may be coming home soon.

Keep In Your Prayers

Layne Kesler (Dick's granddaughter), 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), 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 Dave Brighton. **LITURGISTS:** Pastor Dave Brighton/Vicar Brad Wellik. **ELDERS:** Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Don Netzinger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Taitum Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Zoe Babcock (Sun 10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Don Parrott, Darron Counselman, Dale Hawkins & Roger Foss. Late – Sam Culpepper, Dale Channell, Champ Aldredge & Mark Burnette. **ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, Anita McIntyre, JoAnn Smith & Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Bob Yeager (Sun 8 am) and Adam Beecher (Sun 10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Open (8 am) & Open (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Mark Burnette (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Open (Sat 6 pm), Abigail Halsell (Sun 8 am) and Morgan Hagemann (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin & Kathy Robinson. **LAY READERS:** Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Doug Fingles (Sun 8 am) and Carolyn Burnam (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Nora Crofutt (8 am) and Bill & Arlene Zeuner (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ezekiel 33:7-9 and Romans 13:1-10

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday 6 pm – 53 Sunday 8 am – 95 Sunday 10:45 am – 127 Total – 275
Karenni Worship - 94

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	Day 39: DTNT (Acts 11-13) 11:00 am Karenni Worship Service (Annex) 6:30 pm TAG Night
Monday	Day 40: DTNT (Acts 14-16) Office Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday	Day 41: DTNT (Acts 17-19) 4–6:30 pm RG@MC Tutoring 6:30 pm Boards 7:30 pm Elders
Wednesday	Day 42: DTNT (Acts 20-22) 9:30 am Morning Glories 5:30 pm Christian Fellowship & Education 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	Day 43: DTNT (Acts 23-25) 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study 6:00 pm Reformation 500 Committee
Friday	Day 44: DTNT (Acts 26-28) 6:00 pm High School Fall Retreat (thru Saturday, 7 pm)
Saturday	Day 45: DTNT (Rom. 1-3) 3:00 pm Karenni Bible Study (Annex) 5:00 pm Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

