

**As We Gather**

"Ready, Set, Go!"

"Set!" Everyone has to know where they fit in on the team. Building community is every bit as important for us as Christians as it is for any football team or any other human endeavor, for that matter. Finding our place to serve "on the team" plays a big role in our community here at Mt. Calvary as we all learn our strengths and weaknesses, and where we fit in the body of Christ. Such community-building is essential for the teamwork that is necessary for any football team to win a big game, and for any group of Christians to make a difference for Christ.

**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:**

*"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"*

**Hymn #651**

**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.**

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: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad,  
The honors of Thy name.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav'n.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, our righteousness, strengthen the bonds of Christian unity in Your family and provide reconciliation and peace where Satan has sown division and discord, that Your Church may march forward in conquering array; 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: Micah 4:1-10** *(Micah prophecies that on the mountain of the Lord all peoples will cherish the Word of the Lord.)*

<sup>1</sup> It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, <sup>2</sup> and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; <sup>4</sup> but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

<sup>5</sup> For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever. <sup>6</sup> In that day, declares the LORD, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have afflicted; <sup>7</sup> and the lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forevermore. <sup>8</sup> And you, O tower of the flock, hill of the daughter of Zion, to you shall it come, the former dominion shall come, kingship for the daughter of Jerusalem.

<sup>9</sup> Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no king in you? Has your counselor perished, that pain seized you like a woman in labor? <sup>10</sup> Writhe and groan, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in labor, for now you shall go out from the city and dwell in the open country; you shall go to Babylon. There you shall be rescued; there the LORD will redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:** *"Beloved, Let Us Love One Another"*

Men's Chorus

**THE EPISTLE READING: Colossians 3:12-17** *(As brothers and sisters in Christ we are bound together by love, giving thanks to God in all things.)*

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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**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 John the thirteenth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:1-20 *(Jesus washes the disciples' feet, setting an enduring example for servant leadership in the Church.)*

<sup>1</sup> Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup> During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup> rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."

<sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. <sup>18</sup> I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' <sup>19</sup> I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pete LeBorious  
Director of Christian Education

## THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

*"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"*

**Hymn #649**

**THE MESSAGE:**

**"Get Set"**

Vicar Brad Wellik

**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:**

**"Make Me a Servant"**

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be;  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant today.**

*(repeat stanza)*

## THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

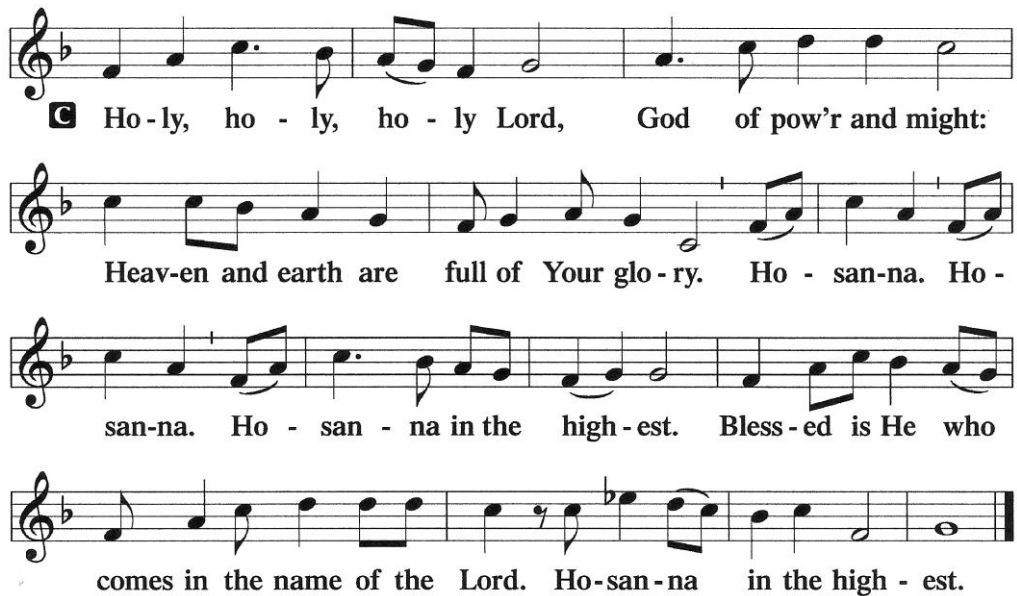
Lift up your hearts.

**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 by the blood of His precious cross has brought peace and forgiveness to all the earth. 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.**

**C** 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:**

<b>"Your Table I Approach"</b>	<b>Hymn #628</b>
<b>"O Living Bread from Heaven"</b>	<b>Hymn #642</b>
<i>(Hymn tune: "Come Unto Me, Ye Weary")</i>	
<b>"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"</b>	<b>Hymn #632</b>

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

We give thanks to You, almighty God, for the benefits of forgiveness, peace, and unity You have given us in this Sacrament. Strengthen us to forgive others as we have been forgiven in this Meal, 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.**

**THE CLOSING HYMN:**

<b>"We Are Called to Stand Together"</b>	<b>Hymn #828</b>
<i>(Hymn tune: "Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing")</i>	

**A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**THE POSTLUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our Altar Flowers were provided this week** by Carolyn Burnam in loving memory of Burt, and by Regina Ragan, in loving memory of her husband, Bill Lacefield, and her mother, Betty Ragan.

**Voters Meeting!** Our next Voters meeting will be on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm. A light lunch will be served at noon. Items on the agenda include a report from the Reformation 500 Committee regarding our Oktoberfest celebration on October 28<sup>th</sup>, reports from boards and staff, introduction of the 2018 budget (to be voted on at the January Voters' meeting), the selection of the Audit Committee and the selection of the Nominating Committee for the election of board members and church officers in January. All members of the congregation who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to be voting members at Mt. Calvary.

**The LCMS is standing with the Texas District** to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey and flooding. Please pray for all involved. To give online, visit [lcms.org/harvey](http://lcms.org/harvey). Text "LCMSHARVEY" to 41444 to give by text. Call the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at 888-930-4438.

**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. Pastor Hopf said their efforts are 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. 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!

**Car Wash!** Youth Annex , September 23, 2017 from 11 am-6 pm. Please join with us as we enjoy fellowship and play volleyball together, learn about Karenni culture, and raise funds for youth summer camp with a car wash. Questions, please call Glen Megran at 478-258-5765.

**Want to prepare for the Oktoberfest dancing?** We will be teaching the Polka, Chicken Dance and Schottische after the Voters Meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> in the Michael Fellowship Hall.



**Summer Picnic and Concert on the Lawn!** Mark your calendar for Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 for a really nice, end-of-the-summer evening together. On the grassy area between the church and annex, we will be having a local band, War Town Heroes, come and play for us. They will be doing a large variety of music, including Christian, country, oldies, and a few others! Bring your dinner, a friend, and a lawn chair or blanket for this FREE concert! See you there! Board of Fellowship.

**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 TAG Night:** The next High School TAG Night is this Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:30-8 pm in the Annex.

**Middle School Sky Zone Trip:** This Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9 am – 1 pm. The cost is \$20/person plus money for lunch. Emergency Release Form required for all participants.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Suzanne O'Daniel**, who was injured in a fall.

**Lena Grube**, who was injured in a fall and is now at Warner Robins Rehab facility.

**Miriam Crawford**, Rob's mom, who is very ill.

**Mike Longbine**, who will have eye surgery on September 18.

**Arlene Zeuner**, who is battling shoulder problems.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Pat Wolfe, Chet Branscom, Cheryl Stafford, John Harmon, Karen Harmon, Annamarie vonDebschitz, Jeannie Hawkins, Jeanene Crawford, Crawford Hicks, Carolyn Ramage, Layne Kesler (Dick's granddaughter), Marilyn Schultz, Bill Bohm, Jan Fingles (Doug's mom), Tom Guilford, John White, 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. **LITURGIST:** Pastor Dave Brighton. **ELDERS:** Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Don Netzinger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Tucker Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Carlee Toler (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:** Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin & Kathy Robinson. **LAY READERS:** Carrie Wurdeman (Sun 8 am) and Pat Aldredge (Sun 10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Open (8 am) & Open (10:45 am).

## SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Kenn Keyes (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Open (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Sara Van Lannen (Sun 8 am) and Colton Wurdeman (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Angleen Trasmer, Barbara Locke & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** John Harmon (Sat 6 pm), Kathy Robinson (Sun 8 am) and Jim Morey (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Dale & Jeannie Hawkins (8 am) and Jan Clark (10:45 am).

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:6-9 and Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday 6 pm – 50    Sunday 8 am – 97    Sunday 10:45 am – 146    Total – 293**  
**Karenni Worship - 95**

## THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	<b>Day 53: DTNT (1 Cor. 6-7)</b> 11:00 am    Karenni Worship Service (Annex) 12:00 pm    8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Workshop 12:00 pm    Youth Board 6:30 pm    TAG Night
Monday	<b>Day 54: DTNT (1 Cor. 8-10)</b> 6:20 pm    Evangelism Callers (New Class) 6:30 pm    Women's Small Group
Tuesday	<b>Day 55: DTNT (1 Cor. 11-13)</b> 4-6:30 pm    RG@MC Tutoring
Wednesday	<b>Day 56: DTNT (1 Cor. 14-16)</b> 5:30 pm    Christian Fellowship & Education 7:00 pm    Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	<b>Day 57: DTNT (Rom. 15-16)</b> 10:00 am    Ladies Bible Study 11:00 am    Senior Fellowship 7 – 8 pm    Prayer Group
Friday	<b>Day 58: DTNT (2 Cor. 1-3)</b>
Saturday	<b>Day 59: DTNT (2 Cor. 4-6)</b> 9 am-1 pm    Middle School Sky Zone 3:00 pm    Karenni Bible Study (Annex) 5:00 pm    Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm    Praise Team Rehearsal

