

As We Gather

We are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Today we consider the importance of faith in our lives. Without faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior, the once-for-all sacrifice for our sins, our eternal destiny would be bleak, indeed! But because we read in Scripture that all who put their faith in Jesus Christ will be saved, our eternal destiny is bright, indeed! "Faith alone!" This Reformation cry is still ours today!

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:

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

Hymn #906

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.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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: *"All Depends on Our Possessing"*

**All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
By their God are not forsaken
And will keep a dauntless heart.**

**He who to this day has fed me
And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me,
He who daily guides and rules me
Will remain my help divine.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation and You send the Holy Spirit into our hearts to create saving faith as You claim us as Your own. Confirm our faith as we walk with You each day, with our eyes ever fixed on future glory; 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 25:6–9 *(There is only rejoicing at the heavenly banquet.)*

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

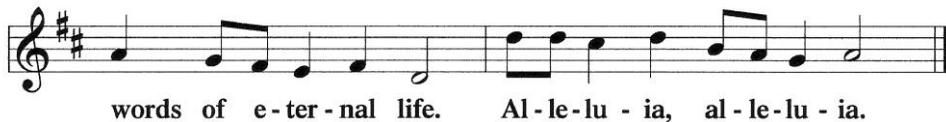
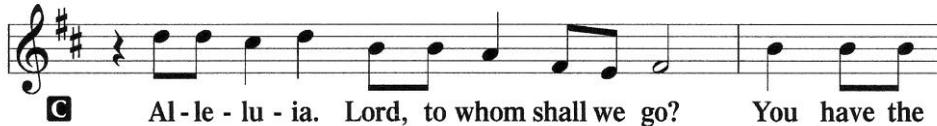
THE EPISTLE READING: Jude 3 (*Jude calls on God's people to contend for the faith!*)

³ Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

This is the Word of the Lord.

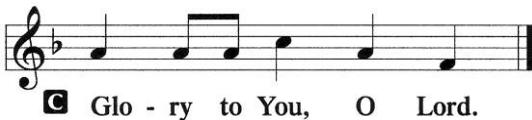
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THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

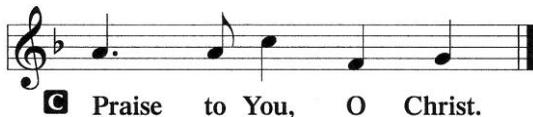
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-second chapter.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1–14 (*The parable of the wedding feast*)

¹ And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'" ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pete LeBorious
Director of Christian Education

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Hymn #702

THE MESSAGE:

"Faith Alone"

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:

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

**Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Every power as Thou shalt chose.**

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

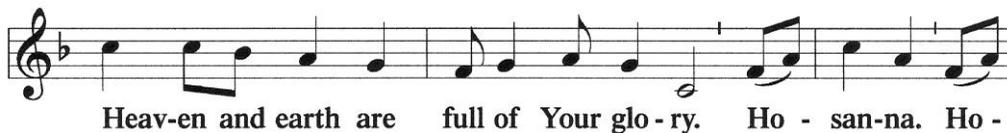
Lift up your hearts.

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:



THE LORD'S PRAYER

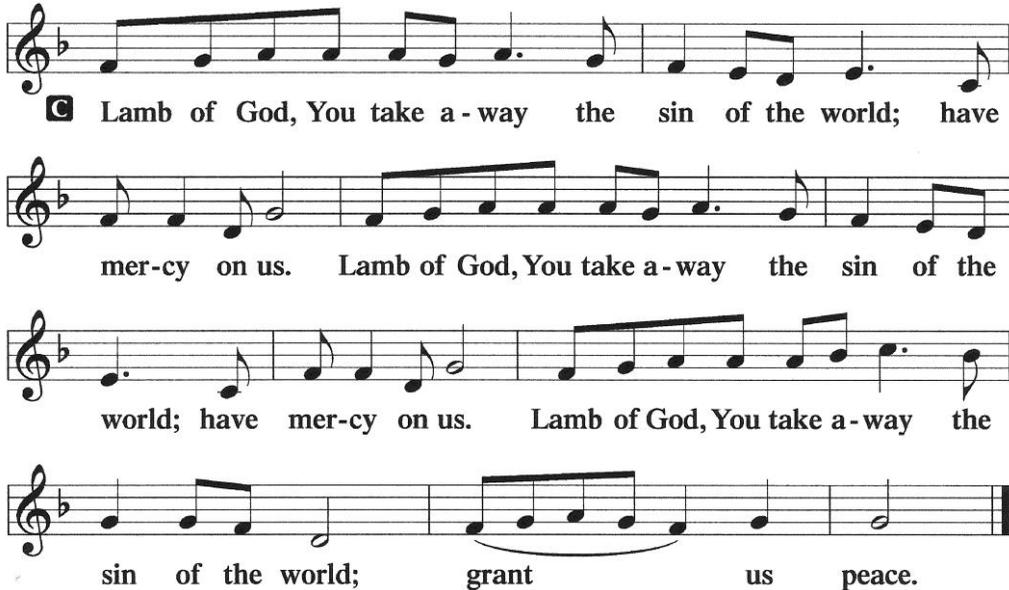
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the 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: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" Hymn #633, st 1-7
"The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord" Hymn #634, st 1-4,8
"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" Hymn #643

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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:

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hymn #700

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Dave & Linna Nielsen to the glory of God, and by Gene & Lucia Brantley, in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary and Gene's 90th birthday.

Luther Movie. We are down to the final 8 tickets left for the Luther movie/documentary on Monday, October 16th at 7:00 pm at the Houston Lakes Cinema. They are available first come, first served at the Information Desk.

Thank you members and friends at Mt. Calvary for your prayers, cards and greetings during my illness. Our Lord has heard those prayers and helped my body heal. On Friday, September 29th, my doctors gave me the clearance to again start walking and doing as I have in the past months and years. The Lord healed my heart surgery, then the stroke, and finally, my broken hip. I can ask for nothing more – God has given me all I need. I have Jesus Christ as my savior and thank Mt. Calvary, Pastor, Vicar, and all my friends for their spiritual help. May God continue to bless all of you as we all work to lead more people to Him. - Helen Giese

Mount Calvary has received a memorial donation in memory of Susan Kesler from John & Karen Harmon.

Oktoberfest T-Shirts Are Here! Pick up your shirt orders in the narthex. We also have extra shirts if you did not place an order.

Attention All Men: The next installment of the Men's Breakfast for 2017-2018 will be held next Saturday, October 21 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. It's a Guy Thing!

Come Out and Support the Mt. Calvary Volleyball Team. Games are played at Warner Robins Recreation Department Gym, 800 Watson Blvd. This week's game is against Messengers Monday at 8:50 pm.

The Corn Hole Tournament at Counselmans has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.

The Linus Blanket year is coming to an end. The blankets will be blessed on LWML Weekend, October 21st & 22nd. Since there is a wedding that Saturday, the blankets will be put out late that afternoon before worship service. Please bring your blankets to the church by Thursday, October 19th. Blankets can be given to Diane Doyle or put under the Linus Project display table. Thank you everyone for making blankets and for your prayers.

Christ Lutheran Church's Casserole Sale has begun. Order forms are available at the information Desk.

Veteran's Day Brunch – Calling all Vets! Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 12th for the annual Veteran's Day Brunch. This year, we are making it a "potluck" for the side dishes and desserts. There will be a sign up sheet- on the information desk, to let us know how many we should expect to attend. We are also looking for speakers for a few minutes, to share a memory or two from when you were in the Armed Forces, or the USO. If you would like to speak with the group, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet, or speak with one of the members of the Board of Fellowship. Thank you! Ruthie, Becky, Quentin, Suzanne, Hannah, Heather, Keith, Mike and Darron.

Senior Fellowship - Come join us for Senior Fellowship **Thursday, October 19th, 11:00 am**, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a brief Bible study, a game or two, recognition of birthdays and anniversaries, a great time, and a delicious pot luck lunch. If, for some reason you cannot make a dish, bring yourself, there is always plenty of really delicious food.

Prayer Group - This coming Thursday, October 19th, 7:00 to 8:00, pm our prayer group will meet in the cry room. Anyone is welcome to join us as we pray for our church, our community, and our own concerns.

High School TAG Night: The next High School TAG Night is this Sunday, October 15th, from 6:30-8 pm in the Annex.

Middle School Party: There will be a Middle School Party this Friday, October 22nd, from 6-9 pm in the Annex. The cost is \$5/person to cover snacks, pop, and pizza.

Trunk Or Treating: Wednesday, October 25th, 6:00-7:30 in the Fellowship Hall. This event is for family and friends of Mount Calvary! From 6-7 pm there will be Trunk-Or Treating, Fall Carnival Games, A Diner for dinner, & Pumpkin Painting. At 6:45 we will show the Charlie Brown Halloween special. And at 7:10 we will have a costume parade and judging.

We need adults who are willing to decorate their cars for Trunk-Or Treat time. There will be a sign-up sheet at the information desk in the Narthex.

Yard Work For The Elderly! The High School Youth will be doing yard work for elderly members Sunday, October 29th, from Noon – 3 pm. They are ready and willing to come and help with fall projects our older members need assistance with. Please contact Pete at (478) 919-3723 or e-mail him at DCEPete91@gmail.com if you have any work that needs to be done.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Linda Hartman, who died October 6th.

Carolyn Rumage, who was taken to the hospital for tests.

Heather Mabee, who is experiencing a fluctuating heart rate.

Courage Trasmer, who swallowed a penny (which has been removed!) that may have been the cause of her eating difficulties.

Don Engle, who is battling problems with his blood thinner medication.

Anita McIntyre, who is recovering from neck surgery.

Keep In Your Prayers

Annamarie vonDebschitz, Jeanene Crawford, Crawford Hicks, JoAnn Leininger, Mike Longbine, Paul Brown, Lena Grube, Nancy Vormelker (Kathy Eubank's sister), Miriam Crawford, Suzanne O'Daniel, Arlene Zeuner, Pat Wolfe, Chet Branscom, Cheryl Stafford, John Harmon, Karen Harmon, Jeannie Hawkins, Carolyn Rumage, Layne Kesler (Dick's granddaughter), Marilyn Schultz, 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

Chris Mittuch, Darrin Landis, 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: Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Roger Moeller (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Abigail Halsell (Sun 8 am) and Morgan Hagemann (Sun 10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Paul Keister, Fred Hursey, Steve Kirchoff & Eric Gossman. Late – Roger Moeller, John Hunter, Jim Morey, Cameron Mastenbrook.
ALTAR GUILD: Debbie Fingles, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Bruce Bauman (Sun 10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Lyle Wurdeman (8 am) & Trevor Hudlin (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Open (Sat 6 pm), Eric Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Don Netzinger (Sun 10:45 am).
ACOLYTES: Tucker Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Colton Wurdeman (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Jan Clark, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Rhoda Reilly (Sat 6 pm), Deb Fingles (Sun 8 am) and Carolyn Burnam (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Steve & Jackie Kaestner (8 am) and Earl & Dot Bogardus (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:6-12 and 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday 6 pm – 33 Sunday 8 am – 68 Sunday 10:45 am – 114 Total – 215
Karenni Worship - ?

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	Day 81: DTNT (James 4-5) 11:00 am Karenni Worship Service (Annex) 6:30 pm TAG Night
Monday	Day 82: DTNT (1 Peter 1-3) 6:30 pm Women's Small Group 7:00 pm Luther Movie at Houston Lake Stadium Cinema
Tuesday	Day 83: DTNT (1 Peter 4-5) 4 – 6:30 pm RG@MC
Wednesday	Day 84: DTNT (2 Peter 1-3) 5:30 pm Christian Fellowship & Education 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	Day 85: DTNT (1 John 1-3) 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study 11:00 am Senior Fellowship 7 – 8 pm Prayer Group
Friday	Day 86: DTNT (1 John 4-5) 9 am–12 pm ESL Class
Saturday	Day 87: DTNT (2 John, 3 John & Jude) 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 3:00 pm Karenni Bible Study (Annex) 5:00 pm Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

