

**As We Gather**

You are not alone—never have been, never will be! In His faithfulness to you, your heavenly Father has promised to never leave you nor forsake you. As you gather in His name for this All Saints celebration, the triune God fills you with His presence through His Word and through the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion. In a mysterious way, this fellowship you have with God also unites you to all believers of every time and place. That's what you confess when you say you believe "in the communion of saints." You are not alone! You are a member of the Body of Christ! You are part of a community that is eternally blessed by Jesus and lives to confess His name before the world!

**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. Children are always welcome at the Communion rail to receive a blessing.

**PRELUDE****ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING****OPENING HYMN:***"For All the Saints"***Hymn #677 st. 1-3, 7****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**

We are made saints by the blood of Jesus. We acknowledge, however, that we remain sinners in thought, word, and deed. Let us then confess our sins with the saints around us and before our forgiving God.

*(please kneel)*

Holy God,

**You have called us to obey You in all things and to live according to Your commands. We have failed to be obedient, even though You have set us apart to be holy. We have been sinful in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess our faults and seek Your cleansing forgiveness. Hear us for the sake of Jesus, who died for us and rose again to glory! Amen.**

Saints of God, know that even as you confess your sins, you are forgiven by our God, the Holy One who has called you to be holy. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by the command of our 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:**     *"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"*

**Respond, Ye souls in endless rest,  
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:**

**"Alleluia!, alleluia!"**

**Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,  
All saints triumphant, raise the song:**

**"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
Supernal anthems echoing:**

**"Alleluia!, alleluia!"**

**To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit Three in one:**

**"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us the grace to live as those who have been made holy by the blood of the Lamb, that we may come to the unspeakable joys of heaven, where every tear shall be wiped away; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**THE FIRST READING: Revelation 7: 9–17** *(The white-robed multitude of saints worship before the throne of God.)*

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:**

***"There Is a Higher Throne"***

Sanctuary Choir

**THE EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:1–3** (*The purified saints are God's beloved children.*)

<sup>1</sup> See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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 fifth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1–12** (*Jesus blesses His saints as they come to Him.*)

<sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:**

Tim Jacobsmeyer, Director of Music

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY:**

*"Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"*

**Hymn #676**

**THE MESSAGE:**

**"Saints of Old and Present"**

Vicar Brad Wellik

**ALL SAINTS DAY LITANY** (See insert)

**THE THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES CREED AND DR. LUTHER'S EXPLANATION:**

**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.**

What does this mean?

**I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**



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.**

**☐** 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:**            *"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"*            **Hymn #680**  
   *"What Is this Bread"*    **Hymn #629**  
   *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*            **Hymn #411**

**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:**    *"For All the Saints"*    **Hymn #677 st. 4-6, 8**

**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 Dave & Lois Harter, to the glory of God and another birthday.

**Last Week's Altar Flowers** were from Carl & Barbara Mabee, in honor of the birthday of their son Chris. Due to a very busy week (Reformation) yours truly (Jack) failed to update the altar flower information.

**Thank You** to everyone who helped with Oktoberfest last weekend. Whether you made a dessert, helped setup, tear down, served, helped with Walk Through Reformation, helped at Registration, ID check or beer sales, sold soda, Luther's Table Talk, band setup, played for the band, sold stained glass, made food, grilled . . . and anything else we may have missed. THANK YOU for serving! It was great to see everyone work together to put this fun event together. To God be the Glory!  
- Reformation Committee

**Mount Calvary has received a gift in memory of Carolyn Rumage** from John & Marie White.

**Meet New Member – Norma Davenport** - Norma was welcomed into the church recently, and she credits Betty Cummings and Joan Steese for bringing her to Mt. Calvary. Norma grew up in Ironwood, Michigan (which makes her a “Yoooper” – Upper peninsula of Michigan). She still has that lovely accent. She attended St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in her hometown. She graduated from Northern Minnesota University, majoring in English. She taught high school English for 18 years before moving to Warner Robins, where she worked in civil service at Robins Air Force Base. She has a daughter and 3 grandchildren whom she enjoys very much. She stays busy in retirement, enjoying crocheting and “reading and reading and reading” – English teacher that she is. One of her favorite pastimes is playing trivia games with her friends. She shares her home with a calico cat and a “multi-poo” dog, both of whom were rescue animals. She has a lively, enthusiastic demeanor, and we are blessed to have her joy in our church. Welcome, Norma!

**Crawford wishes to thank all** who sent him love and prayers along with so many joyful get well cards. It has been a long painful two months – throughout, he has never lost faith or his effervescent humour. - Thank you so much – Edna Hicks.

**PrimeTimers (50 & older) Christmas Party** - We now have a menu and price for the party at Southern Landings at 309 Statham's Way on Thursday, December 21 at 6 PM. Dinner is \$22.50 including tax and gratuity. Chicken Piccata, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, tea and coffee. Edna and Marie will bring some kind of cake and sweets. If a couple of you can help with some sweets, please let us know. The meal has been streamlined so we could have a low cost. Chuck Mollenkopf will do our White Elephant Gift Exchange and Tim Jacobsmeyer will do some wonderful Christmas music for us. Checks MUST be made out to Edna Hicks and given to us **no later than Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**. You may bring a guest, but their name must be written on the sign-up sheet. We look forward to seeing you there. In case you didn't know we have had this dinner party for 20 plus years now. - Contact Marie White, Edna Hicks or Don Netzinger if you have any questions.

**Please help our ladies with the bazaar coming up November 18<sup>th</sup>**. Sign-up sheets are on the Information Desk in the Narthex. Please let us know what you are making for the Bazaar. Also, pick up & distribute flyers inviting everyone to come out & enjoy good food & items made by members of Mt. Calvary.

**Today is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.** In countries around the world there are some 200 million Christians facing persecution on a regular basis. Every month, 322 Christians are killed for their faith in Jesus and 214 Christian churches and properties are destroyed. The number one request from persecuted Christians? PRAYER! Today we pause to recognize the plight of these persecuted brothers and sisters in the faith and to pray for them.

**Community Survey (Please Note Day Change):** Our semi-annual community survey is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. We want to identify people who do not have a church home and will hand out flyers that provide information about our Thanksgiving service, our Christmas services, and our *Rough Wood and Rusty Nails* Christmas program. A sign-up sheet will be located on the information counter in the Narthex. The survey form attached to the sign-up sheet is short and simple. We go in teams of two or three to assigned church neighborhood homes after a short training session at church. If you have any questions, please talk to Bruce Bauman.

**Veteran's Brunch NEXT Sunday** - Come on down to the MFH next Sunday and enjoy a nice potluck lunch as we honor our Vets! Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Babysitting will be available. Please sign up TODAY on the sheet in the Narthex, so we will know how much chicken to purchase. If you have a picture of yourself from your military days, that you would like to have as part of our PowerPoint presentation, please get it to Keith Dierking, by this Tuesday. - Board of Fellowship

**This Christmas, the women of the church will be sending boxes** of goodies to our military men and women all over the world. If your child or grandchild is in the military and you would like us to send them a Christmas Box, please contact Liz Hunter at [lizzyjane@cox.net](mailto:lizzyjane@cox.net) with their name, your name, their address and any food allergies. There are also forms on the Information Desk that can be filled out and placed in the **Hunter's** church mailbox. All information is needed by Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**The family of Wilbur Huffman**, Jacob Huffman's grandfather, who died on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**The family of Margaret Jennings**, Beverly Webb's mom, who died last Saturday night.

**Regina Ragan**, who is recovering from a broken wrist and injured knee, suffered in a fall.

**Merlin Schumann**, Joan Steese's brother, who is participating in a clinical train as he battles cancer and is very ill.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Joe Hill, Michelle Jones (Leo & Joann Ladzinske's daughter), Dick Kesler, Glen Mabee, Heather Mabee, Don Engle, Anita McIntyre, 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, 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**

Christopher Dierking, 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:** Vicar Brad Wellik. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Eric Jenkins (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Colton Wurdeman (Sun 8 am) and Seth Nelson (Sun 10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Dick Kesler, Doug Fingles, Doug Branham & Eric Gossman. Late – Bob Day, Don Netzinger, Adam Beecher, Dave Miller & Larry Ellgass. **ALTAR GUILD:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O’Daniel & Maureen Young. **LAY READERS:** Lexie Hadley (Sun 8 am) and Dave Radcliff (Sun 10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Tanner Gossman (8 am) & Josh Johnson (10:45 am).

## SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Kenn Keyes (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Don Netzinger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Taitum Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Morgan Hagemann (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O’Daniel & Maureen Young. **LAY READER:** Megan Schafer (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Bonnie Hudlin (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Eric & Dina Gossman (8 am) and Betty Cummings & Nancy Hoar (10:45 am).

## NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Proverbs 3:5-10 and 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday 6 pm – 55    Sunday 8 am – 93    Sunday 10:45 am – 188    Total – 336**

## THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

<b>Today</b>	<b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>
	<b>Pledge Sunday</b>
	11:00 am    Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
	<b>12:00 pm    Rough Wood &amp; Rusty Nails Meeting</b>
	12 – 4 pm    HS Yard Work for the Elderly
	6:30 pm    TAG Night
Monday	6:20 pm    Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm    Women’s Small Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm    Boards
	7:30 pm    Elders
Wednesday	5:30 pm    Christian Fellowship & Education
	7:00 pm    Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am    Ladies Bible Study
Friday	9 am–12 pm    ESL Class
	6 – 9 pm    Middle School Party
Saturday	3:00 pm    Karenni Bible Study (Annex)
	5:00 pm    Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm    Praise Team Rehearsal
	7 – 10 pm    High School Outreach Party
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Dedication Sunday</b>
	11:00 am    Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
	6:30 pm    SLDT Meeting

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## ALL SAINTS DAY LITANY

Today we remember all those members of our church family who died this past year and went to be with the Lord. We pause to remember each of them by name and to recite verses from Scripture which remind us of our God's eternal love!

Monika Reynolds

**"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." (Colossians 3:12)**

Laura Haas

**"Then I heard a voice from heaven say, 'Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.'" (Revelation 14:13)**

Richard Hollinger

**"Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Revelation 2:10)**

Ruth Fitzgerald

**"In that day they will say, 'Surely this is our God; we trusted in Him, and He saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in Him; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.'" (Isaiah 25:9)**

Susan Kesler

**"Death has been swallowed up in victory . . . Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:54, 57)**

Peggy Rodriguez

**"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." (Romans 8:18)**

Linda Hartman

**"I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has eternal life." (John 5:24)**

Carolyn Rumage

**"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy." (Philippians 1:3-4)**

Margaret Jennings

**"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God." (Job 19:25)**

Let us pray: Almighty God, we thank You that Your Holy Spirit kept these, our loved ones, in the true faith, and that they died holding on to the promise of the resurrection through Jesus Christ. For all the saints who have found their rest in You, we praise Your name with great rejoicing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**