

As We Gather

Today we dedicate our pledges for 2018. Our monetary pledges represent our desire to move forward the work of the Gospel here at Mt. Calvary and through our offerings, the work of our District and Synod in our state, country, and around the world! At the same time we remember that our stewardship of finances is only part of the picture as we also dedicate ourselves and all we have to the cause of winning people for Jesus who will one day stand with us before His throne in heaven. May God bless our desire to serve Him and give Him glory through our finances, time and energy!

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN:

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Hymn #940

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

Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

(Please kneel)

Merciful Father,

We bring before You our confession, imploring Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. We are sinful from birth and daily add to that burden. Our actions have been thoughtless and have resulted in evil. Our words have been hurtful, and we have not always honored Your name in our speaking. We have left undone many things that could have brought glory and praise to You. O Lord, grant us Your grace and the blessing of forgiveness. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to amend our sinful lives, that we may grow daily in righteousness and serve You faithfully in our use of time, talent and treasure. 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.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Give Thanks"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
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**And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say,
"I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us.
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"I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us.**

(repeat from beginning)

Give thanks.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His Bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; 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: Proverbs 3:5-10 *(Trust in the Lord and honor Him with your wealth.)*

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. ⁷ Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. ⁸ It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. ⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 *(Paul urges us to excel in faith, speech, knowledge, earnestness and giving.)*

¹ We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

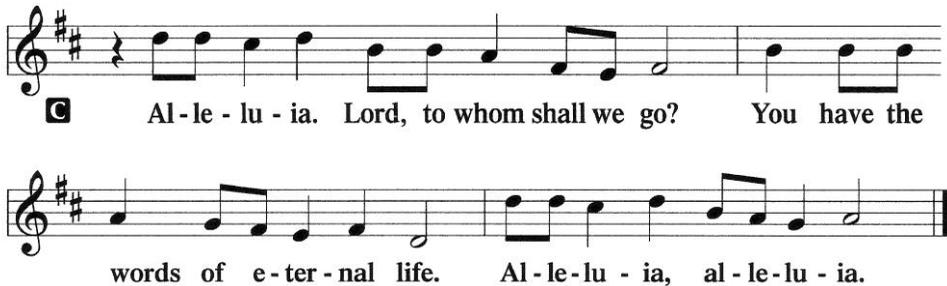
⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷ But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

⁸ I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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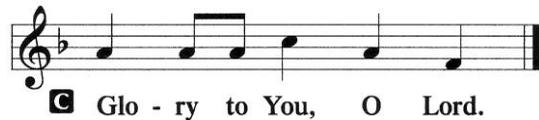
THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



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. Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1–13 (*The parable of the wise and foolish virgins.*)

¹ "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps.

⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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: *"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"* **Hymn #782**
(Hymn Tune: *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*)

THE MESSAGE:

Pastor David Brighton

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:

"For the Fruits of His Creation"

**For the fruits of His creation, thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping. Thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our world wide task of caring,
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

DEDICATION OF 2018 PLEDGES

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:

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Hymn #851

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention All Men: The last installment of the Men's Breakfast for 2017 will be held on Saturday, November 18 at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will not meet during December. 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!

New Members – Cody, Michelle and Allie Sargent - Cody and Michelle and their very outgoing daughter, Allie, are from Wisconsin, and were introduced to Mt. Calvary by Tyler and Tasha Hudlin. Cody works at Robins Air Force Base as an engineer, and Michelle teaches second grade. Their family will soon expand as there is another little Sargent on the way. In addition to the wonderful people they encountered at Mt. Calvary, it is possible that the deal to join the church was sealed by the plethora of Green Bay Packers fans on our member roster! That guarantees a "fit" right away. They enjoy playing golf, watching football, and traveling to visit family in Wisconsin and Dallas, Texas. Somehow I think their interest in Monkey Joe's is spurred by Allie, but Cody sounded pretty excited when he talked about it, too. Please give Cody and Michelle a warm welcome as new members, and Allie will give all of us a warm welcome, too.

New Adult Bible Classes TODAY! Two new adult Bible classes begin today. They will run for six weeks, from Sunday, November 12th through Sunday, December 17th. There will be NO ADULT BIBLE CLASS on Sunday December 24th and 31st. All of these classes meet at 9:30 am on Sundays: **Vicar Brad will lead a class on "The Other Catechism,"** examining Luther's *Large Catechism*, which covers the same things covered in his *Small Catechism*, but dealing with questions that we as adults face in our faith life. Baptism, Communion, the Apostles' Creed, Prayer, the Ten Commandments and Confession will be covered, so if you're a life-long Lutheran or a new Christian, this class will focus on some of the essentials of our faith. This class will meet in Classroom #1 in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Brighton will lead a class on the movie, "Luther: The Idea that Changed the World." Many of us saw this movie and it raises some interesting questions. We'll tackle those questions as we look at clips of the movie. Come and enjoy this last "Luther" class of the 500th anniversary year! This class will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Don Netzinger leads the Men's Class and they will continue their study on "The Measure of a Man," meeting in the Cry Room.

Liz Hunter leads the Women's Class and they will continue their study on "The Wisdom of God," meeting in Classroom #2 in the Fellowship Hall.

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 10th**. 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.

Ladies, have you baked your favorite cake or pies for the Bazaar? Our men are busy making items that are a big seller, also. If you are not certain of the price, we will help. Setup will be Friday, November 17th in the Annex.

Community Survey (Please Note Day Change): Our semi-annual community survey is scheduled for this afternoon, November 12th, 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.

Daytime Callers share Christ's love and concern with shut-ins and others who need to know that we at Mt. Calvary care for them. We meet this Monday, November 13th, in the church conference room at 11:00 am.

Senior Fellowship - Come join us for Senior Fellowship Thursday, November 16th, 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, November 17th, 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.

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 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 no later than Sunday November 12th.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Opal Key, Diane Damron's mother, who is in hospice care and very ill.

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 trial 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, Jeannie Hawkins, Deloris Denzine and Karen Johnson.

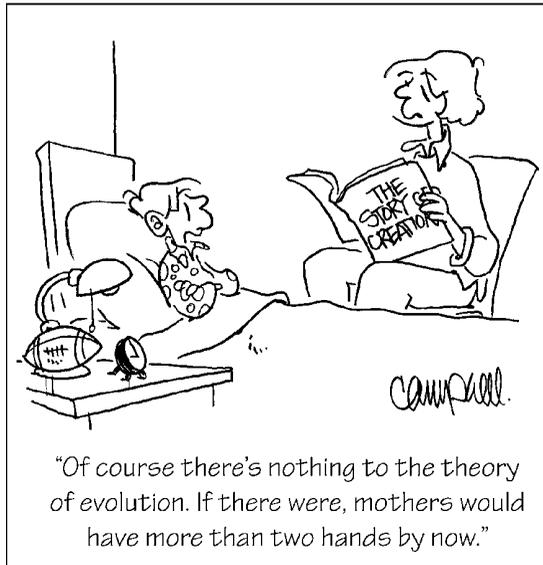
(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)

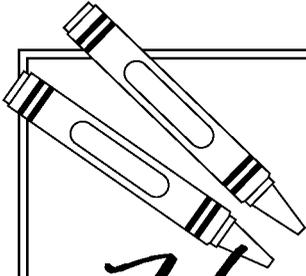
Those Battling Cancer

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.





Just for **KIDS**

He gave thanks

This Thanks giving, you may share a special meal with family and friends. Do you remember the time when Jesus shared a meal with thousands of people and gave thanks?

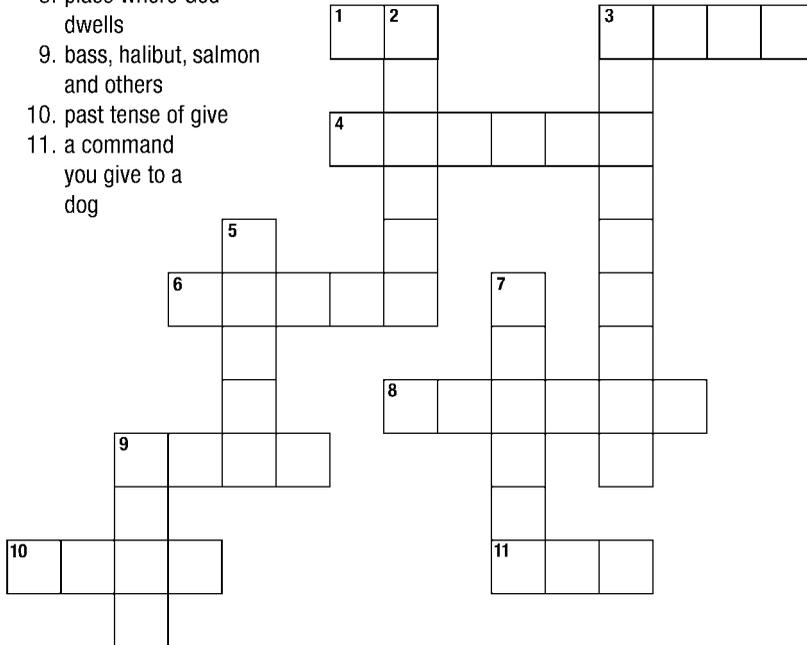
Use the clues to find important words from Matthew 14:19 (NIV).

Across

1. opposite of down
3. opposite of up
4. more than one loaf
6. penniless
8. place where God dwells
9. bass, halibut, salmon and others
10. past tense of give
11. a command you give to a dog

Down

2. another name for humans
3. twelve of Jesus' closest friends
5. what a lawnmower cuts
7. _____ giving
9. odd number after 4



Across: 1. up, 3. down, 4. loaves, 6. broke, 8. heaven, 9. fish, 10. gave, 11. sit
 Down: 2. people, 3. disciples, 5. grass, 7. thanks, 9. five

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** 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). **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:** Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Bonnie Hudlin (Sun 10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Tanner Gossman (8 am) & Josh Johnson (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Eric Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Mark Burnette (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Abigail Halsell (Sat 6 pm), Sara Van Lannen (Sun 8 am) and Carlee Toler (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, JoAnn Smith & Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Bill Bohm (Sat 6 pm), Carol Yeager (Sun 8 am) and D. J. Nelson (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Nora Crofutt & Lora Rook (8 am) and Bill & Arlene Zeuner (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Zephaniah 1:7-16 and 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday 6 pm – 38 Sunday 8 am – 107 Sunday 10:45 am – 144 Total – 289

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	Dedication Sunday	
	11:00 am	Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting
Monday	10:00 am	Ladies Guild
	11:00 am	Daytime Callers
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women’s Small Group
Tuesday	4-6:30 pm	RG@MC Tutoring
	7:00 pm	Council
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Christian Fellowship & Education
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	11:00 am	Senior Fellowship
	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Friday	9 am–12 pm	ESL Class
Saturday	8:00 am	Men’s Breakfast
	8 am-1 pm	Annual Holiday Bazaar
	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

