

As We Gather

In verse 2 of Genesis, chapter 1, it states that in the beginning, "darkness was over the face of the deep." The first recorded words spoken by God are "Let there be light." And there was light, created as part of God's good creation. There is another darkness in the world now—the darkness of sin. But again we hear of God bringing light through Jesus, the Son of God, who says, "I am the light of the world." As those who reflect the light of Christ, we have a clear vision not only of this darkened world but, as children of the true light, we can look forward to the brightness of the new heaven and the new earth promised by our Lord.

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:***"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"***Hymn #873****THE INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES FROM REVELATION 19**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, small and great.

For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory.

Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

For His judgments are true and just.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

As children of the light and well beloved by our gracious God, let us come with confidence before the throne of grace to confess our sins and to receive His forgiveness.

(please kneel)

Almighty God, whose compassion never fails,

We come before You in penitence. We know that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Grant us Your mercy, and spare us from the just punishment of our sins, which our Lord Jesus Christ has borne for us on the cross. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may walk in the light of Your love, now and forever. Amen.

God has promised to grant His forgiveness to all who repent of their sins and turn to Him for mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May our God keep you in His grace, lead you in the ways of faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me. Shine on me.**

Refrain:

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory;
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;
Shine on me. Shine on me. *(refrain)***

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You graciously forgive our sins and lead us from darkness into light. By the working of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives that we may bring that light of Your grace to our world that, as Your beloved children, we may fulfill Your fatherly will. This we ask in the name of Jesus, 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: Zephaniah 1:7–16 *(The Day of the Lord is coming near.)*

⁷ Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸ And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹ On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. ¹⁰ "On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.

¹¹ Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹² At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' ¹³ Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." ¹⁴ The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵ A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶ a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

"You Are the Light of the World"

Men's Chorus

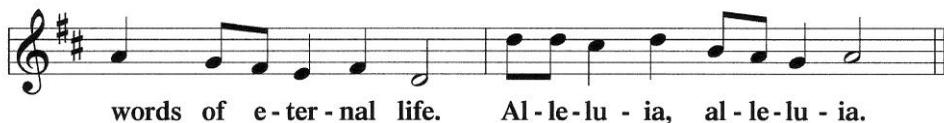
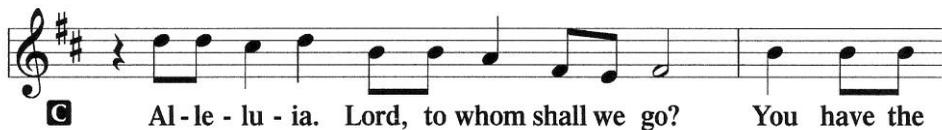
THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 (*Encouragement at the coming of the Lord*)

¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵ For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



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 25:14–30 (*The parable of the use of the talents*)

¹⁴ "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Brighton

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Hymn #411

THE MESSAGE:

"Are You Prepared?"

Pastor 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 lives 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for You have called us from darkness into light. Grant that we may find security in trusting the graciousness of Your plan for our lives and walk daily as children of the light. 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
 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:	<i>"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"</i>	Hymn #623
	<i>"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"</i>	Hymn #704
	<i>"The Lamb"</i>	Hymn #547

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we may confidently await His coming to judge all people, sharing the light of the Gospel and awaiting the perfection that is to be in Your eternal kingdom of light and joy, where darkness is no more. This we ask through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

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:	<i>"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"</i>	Hymn #918
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A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You to everyone for all your help in making 2017 Bazaar a success & looking forward to next year as we show our love in the wonderful items that make shopping a pleasure for all. May God Bless and a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

This week's altar flowers are provided by Liz Wilson, in loving memory of her mother, Monika Reynolds, and by Caroline Martin, in memory of Ken's birthday (November 23).

Newsletter Deadline: Please have all items for the December Newsletter in to the office by November 24th.

Progressive Dinner is Coming Soon! In only 3 weeks, we'll get to enjoy all the fun of the Progressive Dinner. It will begin at 5 pm in the MFH with appetizers, then we'll dine on a delicious dinner of ham, potato casserole, beans, salad and rolls. During that time, we can listen to the sweet sounds of "live" music presented by some former members of Mt. Calvary. Then you can choose one (or both) of the dessert homes to drive to, (Val & Darron Counselman or Molly & Jeff Townsend). Each family needs to sign up on the sheet in the narthex, indicating if you will bring an appetizer OR dessert. The cost for the entire evening is \$7.50 per person. Tickets will be on sale next weekend. This event is one where you can "dress up!" and there will be babysitting provided by the youth, as this is a "big people" function. It will be a WONDERFUL evening! Fellowship - Ruthie, Becky, Quentin, Hannah, Suzanne, Heather, Keith, Mike and Darron

Red Cross Blood Drive: MCLC is hosting a blood drive this Monday, November 20, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. You can schedule a time using the sign-up sheet on the information counter in the narthex or come without an appointment. To help advertise, there are small posters on the information counter. General eligibility requirements are age 17, 110 pounds, and good health. We are hoping for at least 20 donated pints of blood. For more information, go to the website, "redcrossblood.org," call 1-800-REDCROSS, or talk to Bruce Bauman.

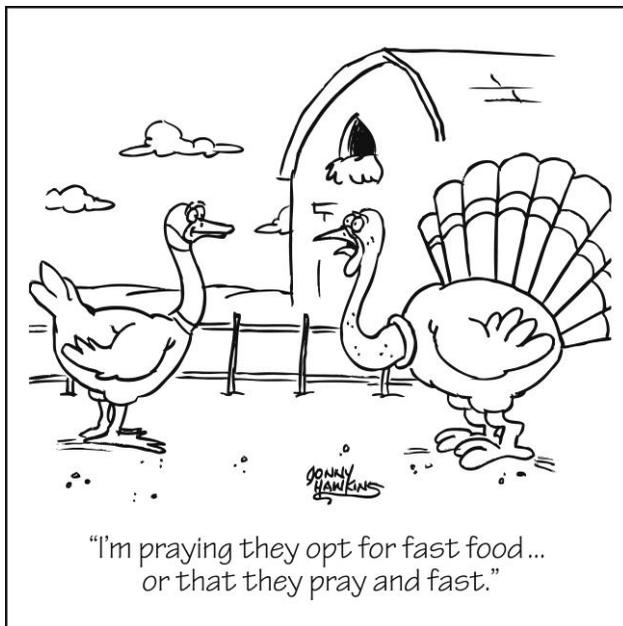
Interesting Facts About Blood Donors: 1) About 40% of the population has type A blood. Type A donations are needed because 85% of the population can receive type A platelets. Platelets support patients undergoing cancer treatment. 2) Type AB blood makes up only 4% of the population. Type AB is the universal plasma which can be given to patients of all blood types. Plasma is essential for many kinds of patients including burn victims. 3) People with type O blood make up 45% of the population and are often called universal donors. Type O-positive blood can be given to patients with positive blood types—about 80 out of 100 people. O-negative blood, 7% of the population, can be given to patients with any blood type. 4) Type B blood makes up just 11% of the population. Type B patients can only receive type B and type O red blood cells.

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The Hanging of the Greens – Join in the fun Sunday, December 3 after late service, as we decorate our Christmas tree, hang wreaths and put up all the decorations that point us to the celebration of Jesus' birth! A light lunch will be served and we'll enjoy Christmas music as we do the decorating!

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.

Wheelchairs & Walkers to loan: Over the years, people have donated wheelchairs & walkers and even a shower bath stool to the church. If you need any of these for visiting relatives or post-surgery or whatever, they are available at no charge with no time limit. Just ask Jack or Pastor for their location.



PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Opal Key, Diane Damron's mother, who died on November 13th.

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.

Patti Griswold, who is recovering from knee surgery.

Jeanne Day, Bob's mother, who is battling pancreatic cancer.

Keep In Your Prayers

Joe Hill (Cynthia Nelson's dad), 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, Nancy Vormelker (Kathy Eubank's sister), 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 Oswalt (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: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton/Vicar Brad Wellik. **ELDERS:** Eric Gossman (8 am) and Mark Burnette (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Sara Van Lannen (8 am) and Carlee Toler (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:** Cindy Branham, JoAnn Smith & Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Carol Yeager (8 am) and D.J. Nelson (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Tanner Gossman (8 am) & Josh Johnson (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Don Netzinger (Wed 7 pm), Kenn Keyes (Sat 6 pm), Open (Sun 8 am) and Don Netzinger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Tucker Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Seth Nelson (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, JoAnn Smith & Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Barb Mabee (Wed 7 pm), Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Glen Thompson (Sun 8 am) and David Miller (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Eileen Mittuch (8 am) and Barbara Mabee (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ezekiel 34:1-16, 20-24 and 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday 6 pm – 46 Sunday 8 am – 85 Sunday 10:45 am – 146 Total – 277

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	Dedication Sunday
	11:00 am Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
	12:00 pm 8 th Grade Workshop
	12:00 pm RWRN Rehearsal
	6:30 pm TAG Night
Monday	10 am–2 pm Annex Carpet Cleaning
	3 – 7 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
	6:20 pm Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm Women's Small Group
Tuesday	10 am–2 pm Annex Carpet Cleaning
Wednesday	8 am–4 pm TAG to Mid-GA Food Bank
	7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Thursday	Church Closed for Thanksgiving
Friday	Church Closed for Thanksgiving
Saturday	3:00 pm Karenni Bible Study (Annex)
	5:00 pm Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	11:00 am Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
	6:30 pm TAG Annex Decorating

