

As We Gather

The theme of the Last Sunday of the Church Year is one of continuation. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, continues to guard and guide His flock. His sheep, who have traveled with Him through earthly pastures, now await the new heaven and new earth He has prepared. And how amazing it will be! Paul shares a glimpse of the eternal life that is to come in these words: "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard . . . God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). Joyfully awaiting what is yet to be, we say, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN:

"Beautiful Savior"

Hymn #537

THE INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES (verses from Revelation 4)

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

Amen.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,

Who was and is and is to come!

Worthy are You, our Lord and God,

To receive glory and honor and power,

For You created all things,

And by Your will they existed and were created.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved in the Lord, sheep of the Good Shepherd, we know of His abiding goodness and mercy. With confidence, let us come before our Lord to confess our sins and to find the forgiveness we seek.

(please kneel)

Almighty God,

We admit our sinfulness, both that which is within us from the beginning and that which continues to occur in our lives through our transgressions in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, renew us, and create in us clean hearts so that we may serve You as Your redeemed people, now and forever. Amen.

God hears our cries for mercy, and because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, He grants forgiveness. 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. May you live confidently in this life as you await the joy of life everlasting. Be at peace!

Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Thy tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures lead us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.**

**We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the Kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; 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: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24 *(The Lord will search for His sheep.)*

¹¹ "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

²⁰ "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²² I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20–28 (*All will be made alive in Christ.*)

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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 twenty-fifth chapter

Glo-ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31–46 (*The sheep and the goats are separated.*)

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Vicar Brad Wellik

ANTHEM: (10:45)

"What Was the Donkey's Name"

Sunday School Kids

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Hymn #842

THE MESSAGE:

Vicar Brad Wellik

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: ***"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 with hold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

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: ***"Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment"*** **Hymn #511**
(Hymn tune: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing")

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week's altar flowers are provided by Doug & Cindy Braham in honor of the birthdays of James & Douglas III.

Mount Calvary has received a gift in memory of Carolyn Rumage from the Heather's Homeowners Association.

Progressive Dinner – Sunday Dec. 10 @ 5:00 p.m. Sign up and get your tickets today for the Progressive Dinner. The cost is \$7.50 per person, and tickets are on sale at the Information Desk. Please indicate if you will need babysitting (this is an "Adults Only" activity). We'll meet in the MFH at 5:00 for appetizers, then enjoy a delicious meal, as well as live entertainment, and then choose one of two homes to feast on fabulous desserts! Sign up today! Attire is semi-formal to formal . . . your choice!

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!

Community Survey Results: With 7 people and 4 teams (we thought Jerry B. could handle the visits by himself!), we visited 70 homes Sunday afternoon, Nov 12. Not home were 37 families. We talked to 33 families and 26 completed the survey. Of these 26 families, 11 did not have a church home or had not attended church recently. We identified 6 families for follow-up by Evangelism Explosion callers. About 68 Rough Wood and Rusty Nails flyers were given out. A big *thank you* from the Outreach Board is given to Valerie and Darron Counselman, Bruce Bauman, Vicar Brad Wellik, Pastor and Marcia Brighton, and Jerry Bisping for making these 70 visits.

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.

Our Ushers for December: Early – Brian Harper, David Rossman, Bob Yeager, Richard Uitto & Fred Tamer. Late – Mike Hopf, Bruce Bauman, Dave Harter, Ed Bodony, Earl Bogardus & Joshua Johnson.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bill Gragg, who is having knee replacement surgery on November 28th.

Mike Hopf, who is having rotator cuff surgery on November 27th.

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

Keep In Your Prayers

Merlin Schumann (Joan Steese's brother), Patti Griswold), Regina Ragan, 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

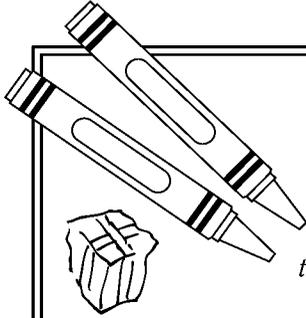
Joe Hill (Cynthia Nelson's dad), Jeanne Day (Bob's mom), Chet Branscom, Jace Cumbie (Amanda McVay's boyfriend's son), Diana Iverson (Bonnie Hudlin's sister-in-law), Barry Rice (Becky McVay's brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt), Kathy Grube, Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom) and Bruce 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



Psalm 107:1

Fill in the blanks with words that match the descriptions. Transfer the letters to the boxes below. Read the verse from Psalms.

Shape that symbolizes "love" _____
31 15 7 18 5

Part of a stove used for baking _____
12 3 24 39

Color made by red and yellow _____
28 42 7 8 27 37

A present _____ Something a girl wears _____
1 32 20 11 19 22 43 44 33

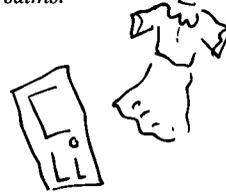
Something you open to go into a room _____
40 29 17 47

Opposite of soft (sound) _____ To take a long walk _____
34 17 41 30 14 2 9 38

A high body temperature _____
45 50 49 48 42

Equipment used to build or fix things _____
13 35 21 16 26

Edge of the sea _____ Home for a bee _____
10 23 46 51 4 6 25 36 4



1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
9	10		11	12		13	14	15
	16	17	18	19		20	21	22
	23	24		25	26		27	28
29	30		31	32	33		34	35
36	37		38	39	40	41	42	43
44		45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Answers: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Vicar Brad Wellik. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Open (8 am) and Don Netzinger (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Tucker Gossman (8 am) and Seth Nelson (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:** Glen Thompson (8 am) and David Miller (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Tanner Gossman (8 am) & Josh Johnson (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Mark Burnette (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Morgan Hagemann (Sat 6 pm), Taitum Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Zoe Babcock (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Tian Foss, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin & Kathy Robinson. **LAY READERS:** Sue Glaser (Sat 6 pm), Steve Soisson (Sun 8 am) and John Hunter (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Open (8 am) and Open (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 64:1-9 and 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday 6 pm – 42 Sunday 8 am – 101 Sunday 10:45 am – 144 Total – 287

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	11:00 am	Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
	6:30 pm	TAG Annex Decorating
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	4-6:30 pm	RG@MC Tutoring
Wednesday	9:30 am	Craft & Chat
	5:30 pm	Christian Fellowship & Education
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	6 – 8 pm	Middle School Christmas Party
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)
	12:00 pm	Hanging of the Greens
	6:30 pm	TAG Night

