

As We Gather

Peter, Andrew, James, and John were fishermen by trade. Jesus invited them to follow Him, promising He would make them fishers of men. What could this possibly mean? The prophet Jonah may provide a clue. Swallowed, and then regurgitated by a great fish after running from God, Jonah was given another chance to cast a Gospel net for the people of Nineveh. With only the lure of Jonah's brief, Law-heavy sermon, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown," God reeled in a bountiful Kingdom-catch, saving more than 120,000 people and animals in that city. Jesus' own preaching announces the fullness of time, the presence of God's reign, and invites repentance and faith in the Good News from God, which He embodies and enacts. This message—proclaimed and sacramentally enacted—is the net by which Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies people under God's gracious reign.

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:***"When Morning Gilds the Skies"***Hymn #807****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 now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

(please kneel)

O God, whose Word establishes reality,

We admit that we have turned from the face-to-face relationship of love with You for which we have been created. Sin infects us through and through. Yet, we trust in Jesus alone whose life, death, and resurrection bring Your healing power to bear on our grave condition. Hear us, and heal us by Your love for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The psalmist says, "The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made." Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus 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.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"O God, My Faithful God"

**O God, my faithful God,
True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is,
All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame,
And may I have within
A conscience free from blame,
A soul unstained by sin.**

**Grant me the strength to do
With ready heart and willing
Whatever You command,
My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should
While trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good,
For You must give success.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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: Jonah 3:1–5, 10 *(The people of Nineveh repent at the preaching of Jonah.)*

¹ Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Father Welcomes"

Men's Choir

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29–31 (*Time is short. Jesus claims our attention.*)

²⁹ This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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. Mark the first chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:14–20 (*Jesus invites His followers to become fishers of men.*)

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Pete LeBorious
Director of Christian Education

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

Hymn #839

THE MESSAGE

Vicar Brad Wellik

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 ++

Epiphany="manifestation" or "revealing" and it refers to Jesus being revealed
As the Savior of the nations! In our joy, we tell others this great Good News!

"We have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people."

(1 Timothy 4:10)

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 voice and let me sing
Always only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages From Thee**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

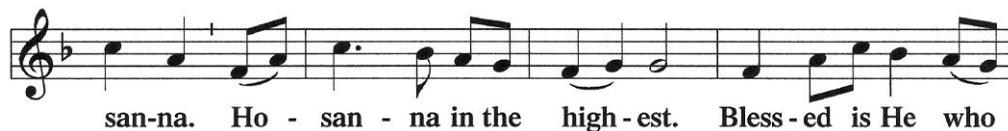
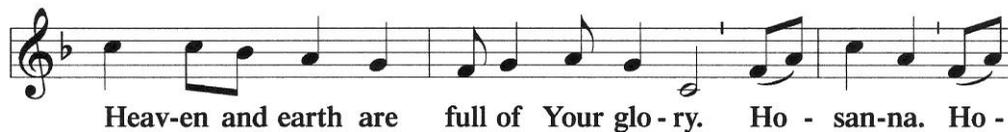
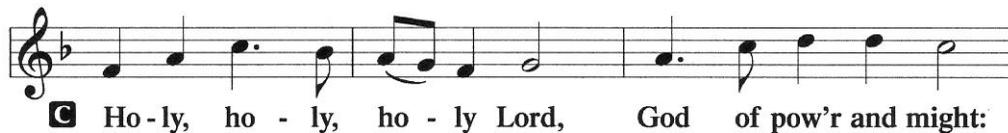
Lift up your hearts.

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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

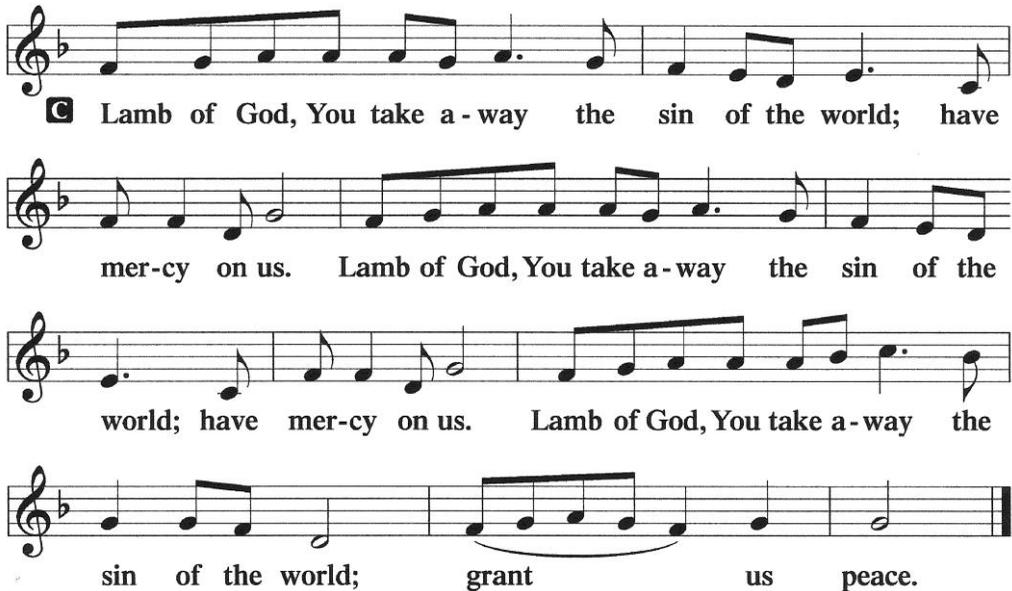
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the 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.



G 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:	"Come, Follow Me, ' the Savior Spake"	Hymn #688
	"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"	Hymn #618
	"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"	Hymn #685

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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:

"The People that in Darkness Sat"

Hymn #412

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers are provided this week by Jackie & Steve Kaestner in honor of their grandson Bryson's birthday, and by Kenn & Evy Keyes in loving memory of Laura Haas.

Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Ann Gossman, Eric's mom, from Eric & Tammy Jenkins and Doug & Deb Fingles.

Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Charles Smith, Joan's husband, from Eileen Mittuch, Judy & Don Parrott, Joan Steese, Louise Cox, John & Liz Hunter, Bruce & Barbara Bauman, Doug & Deb Fingles, JoAnn Smith and the Ladies Guild.

Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Chet Branscom from Eileen Mittuch, Keith & Gina Kuehn, Judy & Don Parrott, Joan Steese, Don & Monelle Netzinger, John & Liz Hunter and Bruce & Barbara Bauman.

Wanted! Do you have the ability to have fun with others? Do you like to help set up tables, put a room together, or work in the kitchen? Or maybe you are a person that has lots of good creative ideas to pass on to other people? Perhaps your forte is running errands and picking up supplies? If ANY of these attributes are ones that YOU possess . . . we'd LOVE to have you on The Board of Fellowship! If you've ever had a big party at your home, you KNOW that "many hands make light work!" So . . . we're looking for MANY HANDS! If you are interested in being on a board that has lots of fun, please contact any board member (Keith, Suzanne, Val, Denise, Michelle, Ruthie or Darron). All are welcome to join us at any time of the year. But January is a great place to start!

The Gideons will be giving a short updated report on their worldwide ministry efforts at the **Saturday, 1/27 and Sunday 1/28/2018 services**. Mt Calvary has four men who are members of the Gideons and we have generously supported the Gideons in the past. Please prayerfully consider supporting this international ministry with your prayers and financial support.

Newsletter Deadline: Please have all items for the February Newsletter in to the office by January 22nd.

Altar Flower Dedications: The flowers on the altar are there for the glory of God and to beautify the church. They represent sacrifice and therefore must be live flowers. It is a privilege to be able to glorify God, remember loved ones and honor birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Please consider signing up for altar flowers for the glory of God and to beautify the church. There is a very large number of empty slots on our flower chart and we rely on the congregation to provide most of the funds to purchase the flowers. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

We will be resuming our food donations to the Christian Service Center on South David Rd on February 3rd. Any non-perishable food item is welcome but an even bigger need is for the following: Laundry detergent & fabric softeners – shampoo & conditioner – toothbrushes & toothpaste – bath soap – hand soap – dish soap/cleansers – baby wipes – feminine products – Depends for adults. They also need canned pasta meals for kids (Spaghetti-os, Ravioli, etc.) and jelly. Place items in the large plastic bins located in the Narthex and Hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall. Items will be taken to the Sacred Heart Christian Service Center on a weekly basis. They are always grateful for our donations and we have received several Thank You letters for our generous monetary and food/toiletry donations. We will try to inform you weekly of items which are currently needed most.

- Maggie Monahan

Lutheran Night Tickets & Sub Sale Orders! You can pick up your tickets (\$5) for Lutheran Night (January 28th) and order your Subs for the Super Bowl (February 4th) beginning this Sunday following either service at the Information Center. Both of these are Fund-Raisers for our Youth Ministry here at Mount Calvary and go to help lower the cost of Retreats, Gatherings, and Mission Trips.

High School TAG Night: Join us for TAG Night next Sunday, January 21st, from 6:30-8 pm in the Annex. There will be games, snacks, and a Bible Centered discussion on dealing with friendship.

High School Winter Service Retreat: The retreat is scheduled for January 26th (6:00 pm) - 27th (6:30 pm). We will be doing some projects here at church on Friday and helping out at the food bank on Saturday. The cost for the retreat is \$25/person to cover meals. Our Bible Study & Devotional theme is "New Year! New Life!"

Mark Your Calendars! Here are some dates for upcoming Youth Ministry activities your teen won't want to miss!

- ❖ February 4th: High School (Sub Assembly, Breakfast Bible Study, & Super Bowl Outreach Party!)
- ❖ February 16th & 17th: Middle School Winter Service Retreat
- ❖ March 16th-18th: High School Spring Retreat (Note the change of date!)
- ❖ April 1st Easter Breakfast (Fund-Raiser)
- ❖ April 22nd: Youth Ministry Golf Tournament (Fund-Raiser)
- ❖ June 3rd-10th: High School Mission Trip to Jacksonville, FL

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Chet Branscom, who died on January 12th.

Carol Quednow, who is in Regency Hospital in Macon.

Donna Burkhardt, who is recovering from surgery.

JoAnn Burge, who still has a touch of pneumonia.

Dwight Miller, who has a bad heart valve.

Keep In Your Prayers

David Snow (son of Ray & Doris Snow), Richard Uitto, JoAnn Smith, Susan Wallace, Libby McCarty, Paul Brown, Tracie Frey, Anita McIntyre, Bill Gragg, Mike Hopf, Patti Griswold, 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), Chet Branscom, Barry Rice (Becky McVay's brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom) and Bruce Oswalt (Krystal Ferguson's father).

Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas

Chris Walker (Karen Johnson's son), 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:** Darron Counselman (8 am) and Roger Moeller (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Abigail Halsell (Sun 8 am) and Carlee Toler (Sun 10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Don Parrott, Darron Counselman, Dale Hawkins & Roger Foss. Late – Sam Culpepper, Dale Channell, Champ Aldredge & Mark Burnette. **ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie Fingles and Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Darron Counselman (8 am) and Adam Beecher (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Open (8 am) & Open (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Eric Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Glen Thompson (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Tucker Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Zoe Babcock (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Jan Clark, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Bill Bohm (Sat 6 pm), Steve Soisson (Sun 8 am) and Carolyn Burnam (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Erv & Kathy Robinson (8 am) and Jane & Mike Faga (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 and 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday - 38 Early - 78 Late - 151 Total - 267

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	12:15 pm	Voters Meeting
	6:30 pm	TAG Night
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	4 – 6 pm	RG@MC
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	6:00 pm	High School Winter Retreat (Thru 6:30 pm Sat)
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	5 – 7 pm	Lutheran Night
		Circuit Pastors Retreat through Tuesday

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