

As We Gather

God's Word regarding salvation is clear and sure. He spoke through Moses and the prophets who followed him. And finally, He spoke most clearly in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But false prophets and unclean spirits can seem convincing and powerful. So, in today's Epistle, Paul urges us to be concerned for "the brother for whom Christ died." Jesus' once-for-all sacrifice gives us freedom. But it also calls us to sacrifice our rights for the sake of others in the weakness of their faith or conscience.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN:

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Hymn #809

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 make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

(please kneel)

Almighty God,

We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ,
The King of Creation!
O my soul praise Him, for He is your
Health and salvation! Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is
In me adore Him.
All that has life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, You know that as we face so many dangers, one person is strong and another is weak. Grant us loving concern for our brothers and sisters as Your instruments to support one another in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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: Deuteronomy 18:15–20 *(God promises a prophet to follow Moses.)*

¹⁵ "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Sanctuary Choir

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1–13 *(Paul warns against hurting the faith of a weak brother.)*

¹ Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— ⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

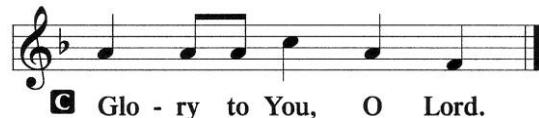
THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



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 1:21–28 (*People are amazed at Jesus' authority over unclean spirits.*)

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Mt. Calvary Puppet Ministry

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"God Has Spoken by His Prophets"
(Hymn tune: "Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying")

Hymn #583

THE MESSAGE:

"Jesus: Our Teacher/Healer"

Pastor 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 ++

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:

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

**Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from Your holy face.**

**Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire,
And with new life my soul inspire.**

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: "*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*" **Hymn #849**

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers are provided this week by Bill & Arlene Zeuner in honor of their 61st wedding anniversary.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Ann Gossman, Eric's mom, from Don & Judy Parrott.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of LaDonna Dykes, Cindy Branham's sister, from Vivian Stilley.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Opal Key, Dianne Damron's mom, from Betty Cummings.

Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Chet Branscom from Joe & Barbara Batchelor, Jimmy & Ginger Martin, Vivian Stilley, Jim & Ruth Aden, Bill & Carol Quednow, Samie & Hiltraud Culpepper, Dave & Lois Harter, Bob & Nancy Gerstenberger, Mike & Marsha Longbine, Tim & Heather Yarbrough, Carl & Barb Mabee, Caroline Martin, Elizabeth Natale, Tim & Hazel Stockelman, Charles & Vivian Stahl, Jan & Steve Kirchoff, Jane Gresham, Ross Plasterer and Donald & Sandra Edwards.

Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Charles Smith, Joan's husband, from Bob & Nancy Gerstenberger, Don & Monelle Netzing and Nancy Branscom.

Sweetheart Dinner is on the way! Sunday, February 11 at 6:00 we will have our traditional Sweetheart Dinner in the MFH. The price is \$7.50 per person and a delicious homemade meal of lasagna, garlic bread, salad, dessert and drinks will be served. As always, we invite everyone to join in the CHOCOLATE DESSERT CONTEST, where prizes will be awarded afterwards. If you'd like to be a judge, and taste all the fantastic creations, please let us know on the sign-up sheet. If you indicate you need a babysitter on that same sheet, we'll have several sitters in the nursery that evening! And again this year, we'll have a game or two for 3 couples to participate in, and each can win an exciting basket filled with prizes! So put on your good duds, and sign up at the Information Desk today for a delicious and fun-filled evening. Board of Fellowship (Suzanne, Keith, Denise F., Val and Darron, Michelle C., and Ruthie)

Mount Calvary's softball team is just about ready to start practicing for the Spring season! Whether you're an All-Star or just looking to be more active in the new year, we'd love to have you! If you're not sure if it's for you, come out for a practice and see how you like it. All males 15 years of age and over are welcome. Please contact Quentin Harris (478-960-6612) prior to February 15 if you're interested. Practices will begin in the next couple of weeks! A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Our Ushers for February: Early - Erv Robinson, Paul Keister, Fred Hursey, Steve Kirchoff & Lloyd Rauch. Late – Roger Moeller, John Hunter, Jim Morey & Cameron Mastenbrook.

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.

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

Mount Calvary collects aluminum cans for recycling. Profits from this go to the Social Ministry Board to help pay for holiday food baskets. Single cans may be placed in containers in the old kitchen (by the back door), in the Fellowship Hall, and in the Annex (by the soda machine). Bundles of cans may be deposited at the collection point near the dumpster in the back parking lot.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Linda Watson, who is recovering from a severe eye injury.

Shirley Ermi, who fell and broke her shoulder.

Tim Cronin, Alyce Quillin's son, who has a brain tumor.

Lora Rook, Nora Croffut's sister, who is hospitalized.

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), 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, Darrin Landis, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.

RESULTS OF VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING

This past Sunday, the Voters Assembly passed a resolution to call an Associate Pastor to Mt. Calvary. In the coming weeks a Call Committee for the Associate Pastor will be formed and anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to submit your name to me if you would like to be considered to serve on that committee. I will endeavor to ensure we have a good mix of people from various generations, worship services, etc. as we form the committee.

In addition, a Call Committee is being formed for the Director of Music position. If you would like to be considered to serve on this committee, please submit your name to me. Again, I will endeavor to ensure we have a good mix of ages, worship style preferences, etc. as we form the committee.

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President Bill Bohm

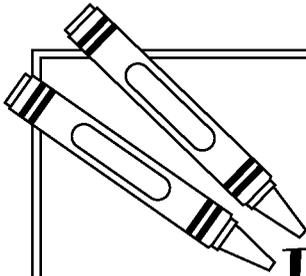
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

As per our congregation's By-Laws, I am asking for nominations for pastors to be considered to be called as our Associate Pastor. The church Council has proposed that we call a pastor who has served at his first call from two to six years (mid-20's to early 30's) and is ready for a new challenge. Please submit names by February 28th. President Bill Bohm

SIX-WEEK SERMON SERIES AND BIBLE STUDY CLASSES DURING LENT

It's that time again! Time for a special 6-week sermon series and Bible study series during the season of Lent. This year, the theme will be: "Being Christian" and we will reexamine who we are in Christ – what "being" a Christian means in today's world. Each week a different aspect of our faith and God's gracious actions in our lives will be discussed: Being Christian in the home, at work, at church, in the community and what it means for the Christian to bear the cross.

At the same time, our annual 6-week Bible study to which ALL adults at Mt. Calvary are invited, will cover the same topic more in-depth. This will allow for more discussion on topics that really hit home for us as we think about what it really means to be a Christian in today's world. Don't miss this opportunity to engage in study and conversation on this most important topic with your brothers and sisters in Christ! Everyone will receive a letter in the mail the first week in February that will announce which group they will be part of. This is our biggest turnout for Bible study every year and this year should be no exception as we address this important topic!



Just for **KIDS**

Unique Creations

It is the New Year and in many places it is cold enough to snow. God created snowflakes that are so unique that no two are alike! It is the same way with people – we are all one-of-a-kind. If God cares so much about how each snowflake is made, imagine how much God cares about you!

Directions: Draw lines to match the two halves of the snowflakes. Write the letters on the numbered blanks to form the words and to complete the verse.

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“I _____ I _____
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Psalm 139:14, NIV

Answer: “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful....”

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Brad Wellik. **ELDERS:** Eric Gossman (8 am) and Glen Thompson (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Tucker Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Zoe Babcock (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:** Marcia Brighton, Jan Clark, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Steve Soisson (8 am) and Carolyn Burnam (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Open (8 am) & Open (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Mark Burnette (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Open (Sat 6 pm), Open (Sun 8 am) and Open (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, Amanda Huffman & Maureen Young. **LAY READERS:** Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Bob Yeager (Sun 8 am) and Pat Aldredge (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Jeannie & Dale Hawkins (8 am) and Betty Cummings & Nancy Hoar (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 40:21-31 and 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday - 58 Early - 93 Late - 158 Total - 309

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	5 – 7 pm	Lutheran Night
		Circuit Pastors Retreat through Tuesday
Monday		Church Office Will Be Closed
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	4 – 6 pm	RG@MC
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Christian Fellowship & Education
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	6 – 9 pm	Middle School Party
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday		Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday
	7:00 am	Sub Assembly
	6 – 10 pm	High School Outreach Sunday

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