

**As We Gather**

This day ends the Epiphany season and prepares us for Lent. Jesus has been revealing His true nature through His words and actions, and on the Mount of Transfiguration three disciples see His glory revealed as transfiguring light. Moses and Elijah appear with Him, talking about His departure in Jerusalem. But our Lord then commands the disciples not to tell about the event until after Easter. Because we live after His resurrection, Paul writes in the Epistle, we recognize Jesus' true glory in going to the cross for us, for God has "shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (*2 Corinthians 4:6*).

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**OPENING HYMN:**

*"'Tis Good, Lord to Be Here"*

**Hymn #414**

**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**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

*(Please kneel.)*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we often forget Your gracious presence and guiding. We are by nature sinful and unclean and, relying on ourselves, have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. By action and inaction, thoughtless words, and failure to profess the faith within us, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For Jesus' sake, forgive us, open our eyes to Your glorious presence with us each day and especially as we gather to receive His body and blood, and lead us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy sent His Son, who revealed the true nature of His glory by dying for us and rising to give us new life. 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: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

**I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.**

**Chorus:**

**In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. (chorus)**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. (chorus)**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; 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: Exodus 34:29–35** *(Moses' face shines after being in God's presence.)*

<sup>29</sup> When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

<sup>34</sup> Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, <sup>35</sup> the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE ANTHEM:**                    *"We Are Singing for the Lord Is Our Light"*                    Sanctuary Choir

**THE EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12–13; 4:1-6** (*We need not fear being near God as Israel did at Mount Sinai.*)

<sup>12</sup> Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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 ninth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:2–9** (*Jesus is transfigured in the presence of three disciples.*)

<sup>2</sup> And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup> And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." <sup>8</sup> And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup> And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

Tim Jacobsmeyer  
Director of Music

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

*"Beautiful Savior"*

**Hymn #537**

**THE MESSAGE**

Vicar Brad Wellik

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

**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 ++**

On this day we celebrate Jesus' transfiguration – literally His "metamorphosis" – in front of Peter, James and John high on a mountain top. What a sight that must have been! And what a sight it will be when we see our Lord Jesus in all His heavenly glory when we arrive there one day!

**"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another!" (2 Corinthians 3:18)**



An easy way to make your weekly contribution to Mount Calvary is to use the QR Code on the left to access the Vanco online giving option.

**OFFERTORY:**

**"Give Thanks"**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**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.  
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.  
(repeat from beginning)**

**Give thanks.**

by Henry Smith © 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music/ASCAP CCLI # 1629398

**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:**

***"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"***  
(Hymn tune: "*Lord of Glory, Who Has Bought Us*")

**Hymn #416**

**A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**THE POSTLUDE**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our Altar Flowers are provided this week** by Rodney & Bonnie Hood, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

**Ash Wednesday** will be observed this Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Yes, it's on Valentine's Day – and what better way to celebrate "love" than to begin the Lenten journey in God's House. Our theme for the Midweek Lenten services (7:00 pm each Wednesday during Lent) will be "The Penitential Psalms." These psalms point us to our sins that continually threaten our physical and spiritual lives – and to the cross, where Jesus died to redeem us! Pastor Brighton and Vicar Brad will be available from 10:00 – 11:00 am on Ash Wednesday for those who would like the imposition of ashes in the morning. DCE Pete and Vicar Brad will be available in the Narthex about 20 minutes before the start of our Ash Wednesday service for the imposition of ashes for those who so desire them. Don't forget our fellowship meal at 6:00 pm each Wednesday before the 7:00 pm service. See the insert for this week's menu.

**Midweek Lenten Series** This year our Midweek Lenten and Holy Week series will focus on the seven Penitential Psalms (Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143 – given the name "Penitential Psalms" already in the sixth century AD!) and the Passion Psalm, Psalm 22, which will be our focus on Good Friday. The season of Lent is a penitential season, when we admit that we "daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment," as Luther says in his explanation of the Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer in his *Small Catechism*. May our Wednesdays this Lent be a time of honest reflection on our sinfulness as well as a time to hear God's gracious words of forgiveness and encouragement!

**The Christus Chorus from Concordia University in St. Paul, MN** is touring Georgia and Florida over their Spring break and they will be at Mt. Calvary IN CONCERT at 7:15 pm on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>! Their tour has the theme, "Saved by Grace." Don't miss this opportunity to hear this beautiful chorus as they "sing us into Holy Week!" Following the concert, we will need volunteers to house the Chorus members on Saturday night and take them to Christ Lutheran in Perry on Palm Sunday morning, where they will also be performing. If you would like to help house two young ladies or two young men, please sign up at the Information Desk or talk to Ruth Lange to get more details. **Please note: We will still have our regular Saturday "Praise and Worship" service at 6:00 pm to celebrate Palm Sunday.**

**Thank you from the Gideons.** During our recent visit, the Gideons collected \$1,213 from members of Mount Calvary. This is enough for the Gideons to purchase 970 New Testaments or 240 Gideon Hotel Bibles. Thank you again for your generosity and helping us to share God's word.

- Houston North Gideon Camp.

**Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Chet Branscom** from Bob & Glenda Day, Erv & Kathy Robinson and Dwight & Marlene Miller.

**Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Charles Smith**, Joan's husband, from Dwight & Marlene Miller.

**Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of LaDonna Dykes**, Cindy Branham's sister, from Bruce & Barbara Bauman.

**I cannot thank my church family enough** for your loving thoughts, prayers, food and condolences during my husband's recent sickness and death. It warms my heart to know people do love and care for you. - Nancy Branscom

**Warner Robins Food Bank** - The following items are needed by our local food bank for the month of February. Please help support this project by donating the following items on the various weekends:

- Feb (10, 11) – Dish soap, Cleanser, Canned Vegetables, Cake Mixes and Frosting
- Feb (17, 18) – Hand Soap, Sanitizer, Body Soap, Jelly, Condiments (mustard, mayo, ketchup)
- Feb (25, 26) – Detergent, Bleach, Pasta, Rice
- Mar (3, 4) – Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Dental Floss, Canned "Kids" meals, Cookies, Cakes

**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.

**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, February 12<sup>th</sup>, in the church conference room at 11:00 am.**

**Senior Fellowship** - Come join us for Senior Fellowship Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 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, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm 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.

**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**

**Bill Quednow**, who was hospitalized with the flu.

**Lora Rook**, Nora Croffut's sister, who is hospitalized in ICU

**Dwight Miller**, who has a bad heart valve.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Linda Watson, Shirley Ermi, Tim Cronin (Alyce Quillin's son), Carol Quednow, Donna Burkhardt, JoAnn Burge, David Snow (son of Ray & Doris Snow), Richard Uitto, JoAnn Smith, Susan Wallace, 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.



# A Love Letter

In the New Testament, John writes a letter about God's love and the love we should show to other people.

**DIRECTIONS:** Working from left to right, write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's. Then read about love, from 1 John 4:11-12, NIV.

lives 3	in 3	us 3	Since 1	and 3	God 1	so 1	loved 1	his 3
us 1	love 3	we 1	If 2	also 1	is 3	made 3	we 2	ought 1
to 1	love 2	love 1	one 1	complete 3	one 2	another 1	in 3	us 3
another 2	God 2							

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

1 John 4:11-12, NIV

Answers: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. If love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

### SERVING US TODAY

**PREACHER:** Vicar Brad Wellik. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Darron Counselman (8 am) and Don Netzinger (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Tucker Gossman (8 am) and Sara Van Lannen (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early - Erv Robinson, Paul Keister, Fred Hursey, Steve Kirchoff & Lloyd Rauch. Late – Roger Moeller, John Hunter, Jim Morey & Cameron Mastenbrook. **ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, Amanda Huffman & Maureen Young. **LAY READERS:** Doug Fingles (8 am) and Jim Morey (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Open (8 am) & Open (10:45 am).

### SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Rob Crawford (Wed 7 pm), Kenn Keyes (Sat 6 pm), Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Roger Moeller (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Taitum Gossman (Wed 7 pm), Seth Nelson (Sat 6 pm), Carlee Toler (Sun 8 am) and Zoe Babcock (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Tian Foss, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin & Kathy Robinson. **LAY READERS:** Barb Mabee (Wed 7 pm), John Harmon (Sat 6 pm), Kathy Robinson (Sun 8 am) and Jeff Townsend (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Caroline Martin (8 am) and Pat & Champ Aldredge (Sun 10:45 am).

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Genesis 22:1-18 and James 1:12-18

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday - 47 Early - 87 Late - 96 Total -230**

### THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	12 – 3 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Workshop
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Sweetheart Dinner</b>
	6:30 pm	TAG Night
Monday	11:00 am	Daytime Callers
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	4 – 6 pm	RG@MC
	7:00 pm	Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	
	6:00 pm	Dinner
	7:00 pm	Worship
	7:45 pm	Choir after Worship
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	11:00 am	Senior Fellowship
	7 – 8 pm	Prayer Group
Friday	5:00 pm	Middle School Winter Retreat (thru Sat 7 pm)
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting