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## **WORSHIP**

*Saturday*  
*Praise & Worship*  
6:00 p.m.

*Sunday*  
8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Classes for all ages  
9:30 a.m.

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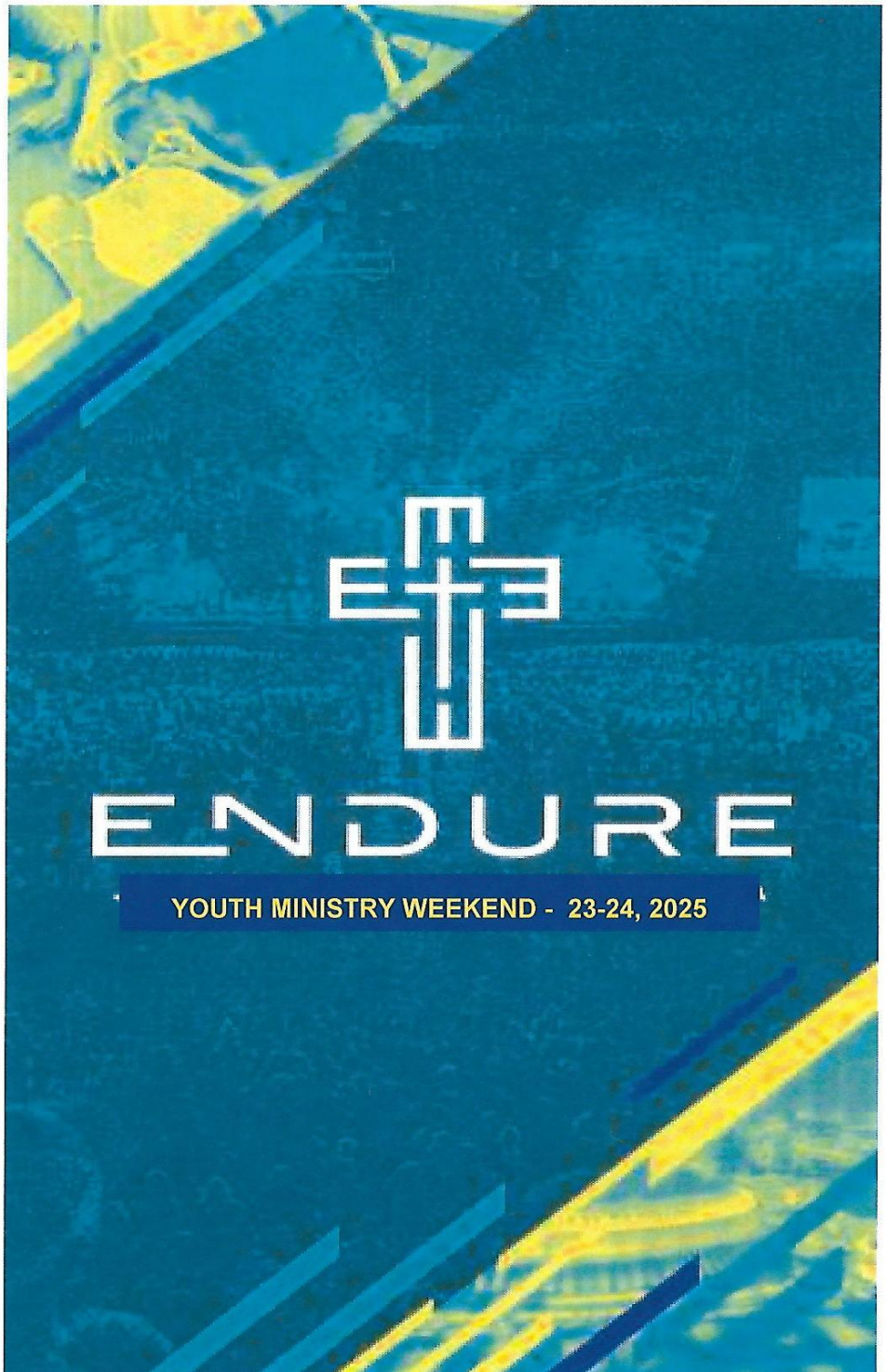
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**As We Gather**

Today, our National Youth Gathering high school students will lead worship. Since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering has brought together thousands to encourage one another in faith and explore our Lutheran identity. The event's preparation connects youth and adults, fostering support and a sense of baptismal identity. This year's gathering was hosted in New Orleans. The Gathering focused on the theme of "Endure," from Hebrews 12:1-3. "Endure" will be the theme of our worship this weekend. We pray that God continues to bless our youth ministries, as we live out "Connecting people to Jesus."

**PRELUDE**                    **"Panis Angelicus" – C. Frank**                    Emma Beecher–Trombone/Ruth Lange-Piano

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**OPENING HYMN:**                    **"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**                    **Hymn #657**

**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 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.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(The prayer will be responsive)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; **for His steadfast love endures forever.**  
To Him who endured like no other; **for His steadfast love endures forever.**  
To Him who is faithful to His promises; **for His steadfast love endures forever.**  
To Him who gathers an enduring people; **for His steadfast love endures forever.**  
To Him who strengthens His people in their weariness; **for His steadfast love endures forever.**  
To Him whose return is soon; **for His steadfast love endures forever.**  
And to Him whose kingdom will have no end; **for His steadfast love endures forever. Amen.**

**SONG:**

***"This is Our God"***

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame?  
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape  
But He came, and He died, and He rose Those walls are rubble now  
Remember those giants we called death and grave?  
They were like mountains that stood in our way  
But He came, and He died, and He rose Those giants are dead now

**Chorus**

**This is our God This is who He is, He loves us  
This is our God This is what He does, He saves us  
He bore the cross, beat the grave, Let Heaven and Earth proclaim  
This is our God, King Jesus**

Remember that fear that took our breath away?  
Faith so weak that we could barely pray  
But He heard every word, every whisper  
Now those altars in the wilderness  
Tell the story of His faithfulness  
Never once did He fail, and He never will (Chorus)

**Bridge**

Who pulled me out of that pit  
He did He did  
Who paid for all of our sin  
Nobody but Jesus  
Who rescued me from that grave  
Yahweh Yahweh  
Who gets the glory and praise  
Nobody but Him **(Chorus)**

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*(Please be seated.)*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Daniel 3:16-29** (*The prophet brings words of warning from God.*)

<sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. <sup>17</sup> If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

<sup>19</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. <sup>20</sup> And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. <sup>21</sup> Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. <sup>22</sup> Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. <sup>23</sup> And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.

<sup>24</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." <sup>25</sup> He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

<sup>26</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. <sup>27</sup> And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them. <sup>28</sup> Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. <sup>29</sup> Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 11:1-2, 29-12:3** (*Running the Christian race.*)

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the people of old received their commendation.

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,<sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.<sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.<sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.<sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—<sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

<sup>39</sup> And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,<sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,<sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 16:16-22, 32-33** *(Your sorrow will turn to joy.)*

<sup>16</sup> "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me."<sup>17</sup> So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?"<sup>18</sup> So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about."<sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup> When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

<sup>32</sup> Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**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 CHILDRENS MESSAGE** *(Sunday)*

Pastor Pete LeBorious

**SONG OF THE DAY:**

***"I Believe"***

**I believe there is one salvation  
One doorway that leads to life  
One redemption, one confession  
I believe in the name of Jesus Christ**

**I believe in the crucifixion  
By His blood I have been set free  
I believe in the resurrection  
Hallelujah His life is death's defeat**

**Chorus**

**All praise to God the Father  
All praise to Christ the Son  
All praise to the Holy Spirit  
Our God has overcome  
The King who was and is  
And evermore will be  
In Jesus mighty name I believe**

**I believe in the hope of heaven  
He's preparing a place for me  
Far beyond what hearts imagine  
Ears have heard or eyes have seen**

**I believe that a day is coming  
He's returning to claim His bride  
Light the altar, keep it burning  
See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion**

## (Chorus)

**No I'll never be ashamed  
Of the gospel of Jesus Christ  
How could I ever walk away  
From the One who saved my life  
Chorus (x2)**

**In Jesus mighty name I believe**

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## THE MESSAGE

Pastor Pete LeBorious

**TIME OF RESPONSE:** *Welcome to worship, we are so glad you are here! You are encouraged to fill out an Attendance Card (There is a side for both our guests and members to fill out, and If you will be coming forward for Holy Communion, please read and sign the "Announcement for Communion" portion of the Attendance Card.), place it in the offering plates, which are located at each entrance of the Sanctuary. If you have an offering, your offering may be placed in these plates, preferably before Worship begins. This helps our usher gather our offerings to bring forward and return them before God.*



If you would like to make your offering at Mount Calvary electronically, an easy way is to use the QR Code on the left to access the Vanco online giving option.

## ANTHEM:

**"Endure"**

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**THE PRAYERS:** After each petition, the Worship Leader will say, *"Give thanks to the Lord,"* and the congregation will respond, **"His love endures forever."**

## 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 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.**

**A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER****THE POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our Altar Flowers this week are provided by** Suzanne O'Daniel in memory of Richard O'Daniel, D.J. & Cynthia Nelson in celebration of their 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Aug 20<sup>th</sup>), Kathy & Danny Grube celebrating their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary (Aug 28<sup>th</sup>), and Jo Drinkhahn in honor of her wedding anniversary with Marc Drinkhahn (Aug 28<sup>th</sup>).

**Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Jeffrey Harter,** Dave's son, from Bruce & Barbara Bauman and Vivian Stilley.

**Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Joseph Bellinger Jr.,** Lois Harter's son, from Jan & Steve Kirchoff, Bruce & Barbara Bauman, Don & Monelle Netzing and Vivian Stilley.

**Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Martha Ann Carter,** Shiela Grube's mother, from Vivian Stilley.

**The Noisy Can Collection will be next weekend (August 30/31).** We thank everyone for their donations to help make the noise.

**September Newsletter Deadline:** Please have all items for the September Newsletter in to the office by Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Weekend: August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship:** Our worship's readings and message will reflect on God's work through the gathering experience as well as including some music from the National Youth Gathering (Both hymns and contemporary) with the youth singing from the balcony.

**Youth Gathering Thank-You Dinner – Sponsors, Parents, & Youth Who Attended ENDURE:** Join us for dinner, highlights from the trip, and lots of laughter this Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

**Ronald McDonald House Shopping – High School Youth:** We are trying something new on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Annex at 10:00 and go grocery shopping for the Ronald McDonald House in Macon. After we deliver the groceries, we will stop for lunch on the way home. There is no cost for this event but youth are asked to bring money for lunch.



**Young Adult Small Group:** Our Young Adults (23+) will kick off the new year with a cook out at Pastor Pete and Sonja's home (413 Erin Way) on Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5:30-8 pm. We will resume meeting for Bible Study the following week (September 7<sup>th</sup>) at 8:30.

**College Midweek Bible Study:** We've made the switch for our college Bible Study. This group meets online every Wednesday at 8:30. If you (or a college student you know) are interested in joining us, e-mail Pastor Pete ([DCEPete@gmail.com](mailto:DCEPete@gmail.com)) to receive a link.

**Outreach Party – High School Youth:** Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 7-10 pm in the Annex. These events are designed for our youth to bring friends and introduce them to out fellowship at Mount Calvary. The cost is \$5/person to cover snacks, pizza, and drinks BUT, friends get in free with a Party Pass.

**Did you hear?** Mount Calvary is celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Please mark Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and watch for announcements with more details.

**Friday Night Party – Middle School Youth:** Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 pm in the Annex. These parties are a time for our youth to gather and grow as the body of Christ as we play together and have a Gospel-centered devotion. The cost is \$5/person to cover snacks, pizza, and drinks.

**Fall Follies Ladies' Tea Party:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, for the Fall Follies Tea Party. This event is sponsored by the Student Leadership Development Team. Tickets will go on sale next weekend (August 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>) for \$10/person.

**Join Us for a Danube River Tour!** You're invited to join Pastor John and Renee Lehenbauer for an unforgettable Danube River tour, September 29 – October 9, 2026. Experience the beauty, history, and culture of Europe from the comfort of a river cruise, with inspiring fellowship and daily opportunities to reflect on God's hand in world events. For more information, please contact Renee Lehenbauer at 478-397-5905. Spots are limited. Reserve early!

**The Annual Gulf Shores Family Servant Event** takes place on October 5-8. On these dates, we do some service projects for Camp Dixie LCMS in Elberta, Alabama in the mornings. In return, the camp allows us to stay for free and have afternoons for free time. Adults, youth, and children accompanied by their parents are welcome. For further information, sign up online at [tinyurl.com/55ayyaty](http://tinyurl.com/55ayyaty).

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Andy Doute**, Elizabeth and Lonny Walker's son-in-law, who is recovering from shoulder surgery.

**Marie White**, who is recovering from a fall.

**Susan McEachern**, who is recovering from Covid.

**Debbie Hardy**, who is recovering from skin cancer surgery.

*(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.)*

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Allen Hickman, Barbara Bauman, Bob Yeager, Gerry Mabee (Carl's brother), Don Parrott, Dave Nielsen, Cynthia Trichinotis, Sue Glaser, Beverly Bachmeier (Katherine Eubanks and Richard Uitto's sister), Eugene O'Neal, Jean Clark (Judy Parrott's sister), Marie White, Karen Harmon and Ned Watson.

### **Those Battling Cancer**

Dawna Dugan (Dina Gossman's sister), Bob Yeager, Marie White, Chris Mabee, Michael Deskin (Walt & Cheryl Stafford's son-in-law), Andy Doute (Elizabeth and Lonny Walker's son-in-law), Diane Adair (Joan Smith's sister), Lori Stadler (Joan Smith's niece), Jeff Grube, John Hanrahan (Mark Dieckmann's brother-in-law), Judy Nicholas (Michelle Crawford's mother), Jenny Tillery (Ed and Kim Rekau's daughter), Walt Stafford, Erika Swaim (Marcia Brighton's mother), Scott Ramsey (Amanda McVay's uncle), Allison Brewer (Jan and Steve Kirchoff's daughter), Marcia Copeland (Maggie Monahan's sister), Jenny Hursey (Fred & Nancy's daughter-in-law), Wilson Baughman, Tom Guilford (Sylvia's oldest son), Matt Voskuil (Debi Cole's son), Jamey Sillence and Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt).

## **SERVING US TODAY**

**PREACHER:** Vicar Zachary Boeyink. **LITURGIST:** Pastor Andrew Howe. **ELDERS:** Don Barnes (8 am) and Walt Seefeld (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Andrew Fischer (8 am) and Izzy Davis (10:45 am). **LAY READERS:** Darron Counselman (8 am) and Chuck Mollenkopf (10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand, Nancy Hoar & Kim Leslie. **GREETERS:** Eric & Dina Gossman (8 am) and Don Netzing (10:45 am).

## **SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**ELDERS:** Jimmy Martin (Sat 6 pm), Walt Seefeld (Sun 8 am) and Dave Yingling (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Jude Van Buskirk (Sun 8 am) and Lily Johnson (Sun 10:45 am). **LAY READERS:** Pruett Burge (Sat 6 pm), Lexie Hadley (Sun 8 am) and Roger Moeller (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand, Nancy Hoar & Kim Leslie. **GREETERS:** Erv & Kathy Robinson (Sun 8 am) and Marcia Brighton and Debby Miller (10:45 am).

## **Last Week's Attendance**

**Saturday – 41 Early – 88 Late – 102 Total – 231**

## **THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY**

Today	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting
Monday	6:00 pm	GriefShare Support Group
Wednesday	9:30 am	Stitch N Chat
	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:15 pm	Christian Education
	8:30 pm	College Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	11:00 am	Senior Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study