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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.

Andrew Howe
Senior Pastor

Pete LeBorious
Associate Pastor

Jamie Dick
Music Director

Katie Simmons
Director of
Contemporary Worship

Zachary Boeyink
Vicar

Jerry Bisping
Director of Christian
Outreach, Emeritus



*The poor man died
and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side*

Luke 16:22

As We Gather

"Walking with Jesus"—Today, we begin a Sermon Series around the theme of "walking with Jesus." Over the next few weeks we will unpack this great theme from Scripture to give us encouragement that God walks with us. Today, we explore the theme of "Walking with Jesus: Walking with Contentment." The temptation of earthly wealth infects all people throughout history to this day, regardless of outward circumstances, rich and poor alike. Paul sums up the challenge for faith as he contrasts the "great gain" (or profit) of godly faithfulness and the temptations (or pitfalls) of temporary riches. We all know the sentence of Paul, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10), which is so often misquoted as only "money is the root of all evil." Money is not the problem. There's no sin in possessing earthly riches. The deeper question is what or who is the object of our love and trust. The Christian's true riches are in Christ Jesus, namely, the new life we have been given through our baptismal faith.

PRELUDE**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING****OPENING HYMN:*****"God of Grace and God of Glory"*****Hymn #850****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.

(Please Stand)

THE ENTRANCE PSALM (*Psalm 146*)

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**When this breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.**

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

**The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

Hymn #715

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord God, King of kings and Lord of lords, You give Your people strength to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness. Support us in the good fight of the faith that we may take hold of the eternal life to which You have called us; through Jesus Christ, the blessed and only sovereign, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Amos 6:1-7 (*Woe to those at ease in Zion.*)

¹ "Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ² Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³ O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? ⁴ "Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶ who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Timothy 6:6–19 (*True contentment of faith.*)

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

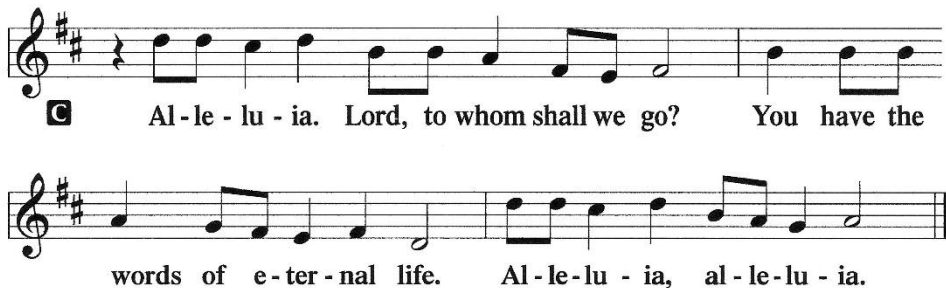
¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(*Please Stand*)

THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:19–31 (*The rich man and Lazarus.*)

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷ And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G 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.

(Please be seated.)

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE:

Mr. Jamie Dick

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"Give Me Oil In My Lamp"

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Jesus Loves Me"

Hymn #588

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.

"What Shall I Render"

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

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 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:

"Son of God Eternal Savior"

Hymn #842

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers are provided this week by The Nelson family in honor of Caleb Nelson's baptismal anniversary, and by Rodney & Bonnie Hood, in remembrance of Ron Duke (Bonnie's father).

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Joseph Bellinger Jr., Lois Harter's son, from Don & Judy Parrott.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Jeffrey Harter, Dave's son, from Don & Judy Parrott.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Daniel Adams, Daniel Jr's father, from Bill & Jacque Bohm.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Rebekah Guilford, Sylvia's granddaughter, from Bill & Jacque Bohm.

Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Judy Nicholas, Michelle Crawford's mother, from Vivian Stilley, Maggie Monahan, Don & Judy Parrott, Rhoda Reilly and Bob & Nancy Gerstenberger.

We know it is early but Social Ministry begins planning for our annual Thanksgiving Basket project in October. Times are tough now for many people and if that includes you or anyone you know, we would love to provide a bag filled with food that includes a turkey. Give names with phone numbers to Maggie Monahan by Oct. 25th of anyone that we could share this Thanksgiving blessing with. All recipient information will be kept confidential.

Attention All Men: We are experiencing a shortage of Ushers for all services. This service to God and Mt. Calvary does not take up any of your free time. The Ushers provide the Elders with a support team to pass out bulletins, greet people at sanctuary door, assist with communion, ensure we have an accurate attendance count, and following services check sanctuary to ensure all is in order for the following service. Each Ushers team is scheduled for three (3) months each year in addition to the requirements of special services during our church year. This may seem like a lot of effort but in reality is very easy to accomplish. If you are interested or have further questions please contact Don Parrott at cell number 478-335-3684 or email at parrottd1@cox.net.

Special Opportunity to Serve: We are in need of volunteers - All are welcome to join the **Altar Guild**. Whether you can give a little time or a lot, your hands and heart can make a difference. No prior experience is needed—just a willing spirit! If you feel called to serve, please reach out to **Toli Van Buskirk / 478-396-1395 / altarguildmclc@gmail.com**.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Peter 4:10

Spruce it Up! Spruce it up! Spruce it Up! October 12 after the late service a group of us will meet in the Fellowship Hall after late service. We will be cleaning up tables, and steam cleaning chairs. If you would like to help, we would love to have you join us! A light lunch will be provided. If you have a steam cleaner to help with the chairs, please feel free to bring it.

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) to receive a link.

Anniversary Celebration Announcement: With great joy we announce the celebration of Mount Calvary's 45th Anniversary. Join us @ 5:30 pm on October 26th, 2025 for a special celebratory dinner in the Fellowship Hall. We are "fixing our eyes on Jesus" as we honor our past and move forward in God's faithfulness. Invitations with RSVP information will be sent out soon. Please RSVP when that comes available. There is no cost for this celebration event. If you would like to support the cost of this event then you can make a donation marked "45th Anniversary."

Voters' Assembly: The Voters' Assembly will be today following late service. Lunch will be served at Noon with the meeting beginning no later than 12:30. We hope to see you there.

Change of Plans – Middle School Youth: Keep the date, change the name. We have replaced the FL/GA District Middle School Gathering with a retreat. The weekend is still the same (November 7th-9th) but we won't be leaving until 5:00 Friday afternoon. In addition the cost for the weekend is only \$75 (financial assistance is available).

TAG Night – High School: High School Youth are encouraged to join us THIS SUNDAY, September 21st, from 6:30-8:00 in the Annex for games, snacks, movie clips, and a Bible-centered discussion of life. Friends are always welcome!

Trunk-Or-Treat – Church Outreach Event: Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 29th! In addition to Trunk-Or-Treating that evening, there will also be the Pumpkin Patch, Inflatables, A Pumpkin Decorating Contest, A Costume Parade & Contest, and a Hot Dog Dinner. Sign-Ups will be out next weekend for Trunks and helpers.

Confirmation Workshop – 8th Grade Youth: This is the first of three workshops required for 8th grade youth planning on being confirmed in the spring. Due to the Voters Assembly this workshop was moved to Sunday, October 5th, from noon-1:30. Lunch will be provided for the youth. While I know this is the beginning of Fall Break, it is important for your child to be there!

Pumpkin Patch

Open daily (October 9th – 31st) Noon-7:00 pm

Invite family, friends, and neighbors to come for some fun and buy a pumpkin

WAGONS NEEDED! We need a few garden wagons for the pumpkin patch. If you can help us out in this area, you can drop the off in Pastor Pete's office anytime after October 1st.

Pumpkin Patch Set-Up – TAG Families: Saturday, October 4th, from 10-Noon. The more helpers we have helping, the quicker we will be done with setting up.

Pumpkin Unloading – TAG Families & Anyone else who wants to help: Thursday, October 9th. We should find out the exact time the truck will arrive the day before and Pastor Pete will let you know when to show up and help unload. There will be pizza and drinks for workers.

In Partnership with Jambos, LWML Ladies Guild is Hosting a Pajama Drive

When: The month of September

Where: Here at Mount Calvary

You ask, what is Jambos? Jambos is a nonprofit organization on a mission to bring comfort to children in foster care system by providing them with brand new pajamas. It is important that you participate by giving the gift of comfort to children in Foster Care and sharing light with countless families. You will be spreading joy across Georgia when you donate NEW, with tags still on them, pajamas in sizes from preemie/newborn all the way up to adult XXL. Thank you in advance for your generosity in giving pajamas. – Sharing God's Love – Jacque Bohm (coordinator)

Volunteer Tutors Needed for Rebecca's Garden

Since 2016, Rebecca's Garden Tutoring and Mentoring Program (RG@MC) has been Mount Calvary's ongoing ministry to our "neighborhood" in partnership with Shirley Hills Elementary School. This year, we have received an increased number of student referrals who are performing below grade level. As a result, we are in need of additional volunteer tutors to teach basic reading and math, once a week, for about an hour on most Tuesdays (except holidays) from September 2025 through April 2026. No teaching or tutoring experience is necessary, and we have plenty of resources and human helpers available to guide you through each step.

Finally, if you have ever read a story book to or played a counting/numbers game with a young friend, sibling, your child or grandchild, then you are more than qualified to be a tutor for Rebecca's Garden. Oh, and the pay is incredible! You will experience a heartwarming and priceless reward by helping an elementary student, who simply needs a warm smile and support, to learn and reinforce the basic skills for succeeding academically. If you are able to make a difference by tutoring a student, please contact **Karen Harmon at (478) 918-3685**.

The Mount Calvary 45th Anniversary Directory pictures will be taken October 2-5. Deadline for reserving your photo shoot is September 28, 2025. As current, new, or joining members, you are an important part of this history. Do not miss out on the chance to be represented. You may use the QR code below, sign up at the Information Desk or call Debby Miller (316-573-6565)



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Frank McVay, Tony's father, who is having complications from a hiatal hernia and seeking treatment options.

Isaiah Matthew LeBorious, Pastor Pete and Sonja's newborn grandson, we praise God for a healthy arrival.

Walt Seefeld, who is having some issues with his leg and hip.

Nick Kesler, Liz Hunter's brother, who is recovering from an illness.

Pauline Stadler, Joan Smith's sister-in-law, who is recovering at a rehab center.

Grayson Adams, who is recovering from double eye surgery.

Beth Strickland, who is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Linda Phillips, who is recovering from a heart procedure.

(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

Mollie Keister, Lisalee Starkman, Bobby Platt (Joan Smith's son-in-law), Pastor Craig Michaelson (an LCMS pastor in Las Vegas, Liz Hunter, Jennifer Boeyink, Vicar Zachary's stepmother, Pastor Gerhard Michael, George Schulz, Debbie Hardy, Richard Uitto, Jimmy Eschke (Alyce Quillin's cousin), Susan McEachern, Andy Doute (Elizabeth and Lonny Walker's son-in-law), Marie White, Allen Hickman, Barbara Bauman, Gerry Mabee (Carl's brother) and Dave Nielsen.

Those Battling Cancer

Pastor Aaron Sterlling, 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), Jeff Grube, John Hanrahan (Mark Dieckmann's brother-in-law), 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: Pastor Pete LeBorious. **LITURGIST:** Pastor Andrew Howe. **ELDERS:** Don Barnes (8 am) and Dave Yingling (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Jude Van Buskirk (8 am) and Alyssa Curenton (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Don Parrott, Darron Counselman & Mark Dieckmann. Late – Paul Ferguson, Sam Culpepper & Chuck Mollenkopf. **LAY READERS:** Eric Gossman (8 am) and Jim Morey (10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Linda Busha, Deb Fingles, Lexie Hadley & Pat Sperry. **GREETERS:** Gary & Lexie Hadley (8 am) and Roger & Gina Peterson (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Bill Bohm (Sat 6 pm), John Van Buskirk (Sun 8 am) and Walt Seefeld (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Andrew Fischer (Sun 8 am) and Erik Butts (Sun 10:45 am). **LAY READERS:** Pruett Burge (Sat 6 pm), Dave Yingling (Sun 8 am) and Bruce Bauman (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Toli Van Buskirk & Carrie Wurdeman. **GREETERS:** Keith & Linda Busha (Sun 8 am) and Kevin & Paula Babcock (10:45 am).

Last Week's Attendance

Saturday – 36 Early – 68 Late – 107 Total – 211

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	12:00 pm	Voters Meeting
	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting
	8:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Monday	1:00 pm	Women's Small Group
	6:00 pm	GriefShare Support Group
	7:15 pm	Bell Choir
Tuesday	3:45 pm	RG&MC Tutoring
Wednesday	10:00 am	Morning Glories
	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:15 pm	Christian Education
	7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
	8:30 pm	College Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	4:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	6-9 pm	Middle School Party
Friday		
Saturday	10am-12pm	Pumpkin Patch Set-Up (TAG families)
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	6:30 pm	TAG Night
	8:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study