



Mount Calvary Connected

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Mount Calvary Connected is a weekly newsletter sent out at the end of each week. Our goal is to keep you connected to your church and your faith with messages from our pastors, information about upcoming activities at Mt. Calvary and more!

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"Why Your Church Needs Advent This Year"

By Robin Ham, Pastor of St. Paul's Church in Cumbria, United Kingdom

"Do you feel the world is broken? We do."

So begins "Is He Worthy?" by Andrew Peterson, which has become a much-loved classic in Christian homes around the world (including ours).

That tangible sense of brokenness, of things not being as they should be, is something we all rub up against daily. Sin, sickness, death. Whether we are facing an instance of the mundane and annoying or the harrowing and horrific, my wife and I are likely to ask one another, "Do you feel the world is broken?"

And given the last 18 months especially, no one can escape that reality. For most of us these have been the strangest years in living memory. We have been through collective trauma, and nobody has come out unscathed.

Of course, we're arriving at that time of year when every shop and website is counting down to Christmas. Commercials with sleigh-bell soundtracks blare out from the TV and radio. Coffee chains start to push overpriced sugar-laced drinks in supposedly festive cups. But deep down, for many the idea of celebrating at Christmas will feel like a complete gear-shift.

That's not to say we don't buy into it. Self-distraction has always been a pretty effective coping strategy. Author Tish Harrison Warren puts it like this: "We suffer from a collective consumerist mania that demands we remain optimistic, shiny, happy and having fun, fun, fun."

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But after the most unsettling of years, this is why I think the season of Advent is such a gift to us. And it's why I've been grateful to find Advent hope in a surprising place.

But let's back up a bit. What's the deal with Advent anyway? It's thought that the rhythm of marking this season began as fourth-century European Christians put their spin on the early church's tradition of encouraging new converts to spend time preparing for baptism. Taking its name from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival" (itself derived from the Greek *parousia*), this preparation season matched that of the traditional time of Lent, which led to Easter baptisms. It was an opportunity for new Christians to both look back to the long-foretold first coming of the Messiah, and in turn to learn to look forward to his coming again.

Today many mark Advent from the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, after which the celebration of the Incarnation, the "12 days of Christmas," occurs. We hunger and then we feast. Of course, the concept of marking a "Christian year," weaving Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost into an annual calendar, isn't commanded in the Bible. Yet many churches and denominations have found it a helpful way to engage in the various theological emphases of those historical events, and to see them as part of one narrative that shapes our collective lives.

So why bother with Advent? That's like asking why we need to long for Christ's return. Harrison Warren again expresses it perfectly: "To practice Advent is to lean into an almost cosmic ache: our deep, wordless desire for things to be made right and the incompleteness we find in the meantime."

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Rather than distracting ourselves with consumeristic denial strategies, we can face up to this brokenness. The world might try to dull the pain of our suffering, but the refreshing news is that Scripture never does.

So where might we go this Advent? Typically Advent devotionals walk us through the birth narratives in the gospels, or the classic Old Testament prophecies of Christ's coming. But a couple of years ago at our church we spent the season moving slowly through a seemingly surprising portion of Scripture: the book of Ruth.

The book of Ruth doesn't hold back from the reality of suffering. It begins with death, grief and a famine. Shockingly the cupboards are bare in Bethlehem, tragic for a town whose very name meant "house of bread." The central character, Naomi, has to face the brokenness of our world—a world that, just like Israel in her day, has rejected its Creator. God's people were on a downward spiral of

disobedience and idolatry (Ruth 1:1; Judges 21:25), and these events were a warning that not everything was well in their relationship with God.

But into the dark streets of Bethlehem, an everlasting light shines. Embodied in the dazzling yet surprising characters of Ruth and Boaz, we discovered afresh the steadfast kindness of God. In a world that aches with sin, this story liberates us from the exhausting deception that all was endless cheer.

I became convinced that Ruth's message was a precious and refreshing gift for Advent, and now those reflections have been published as a daily devotional, *Finding Hope Under Bethlehem Skies*. As the 20th-century Christian martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer put it, "The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come." If anyone fits that category, it's Naomi.

And as she and Ruth and Boaz anticipate, the narrative looks beyond its own story. Centuries later, under those same Bethlehem skies, hope bursts into the darkness in the birth of Jesus Christ (Matt. 1:5). We all know the Christmas story, but Ruth gives us the story behind the Christmas story.

Marking Advent might not have been part of your personal or church tradition. But ultimately it's not about us needing Advent. What we all need is Christ. As the old carol puts it, "Yet in the dark streets shineth, an everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." This Advent, open the book of Ruth and find hope in the darkest of nights.

Robin Ham serves as pastor of St. Paul's Church in Cumbria, United Kingdom. He is married to Zoe and they have five kids.

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School is ongoing! We were happy to see some new faces and hope that even more join us! We meet in the conference room/library each Sunday after worship.

Upcoming Meetings

Evangelism Committee: Thursday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Social Ministry Committee: Thursday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Property Committee: Tuesday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m.

WELCA: Monday, December 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Council: Tuesday, December 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Help Wanted

The Property Committee is looking to recruit a number of small job volunteers. Tasks might include replacing light bulbs, changing hardware on a commode, getting a lawnmower or snowblower ready for use, etc. The Committee believes we have a lot of talent in the congregation and wants to make greater use of it. Every small job handled by a member equals one less call that needs to be made to a vendor who may have a minimum visit charge or an hourly rate of \$50 or more.

Interested parties should contact Mark Rychak or one of the pastors. A message could also be left with the church office at 814-266-4859. Thank you!

Scheduled Worship Help

Saturday, December 4:

Greeters/Ushers: Dick & Anita Brodt - **Communion Assistants:** Bill & Jan Layton

Sunday, December 5:

Greeters/Ushers: Jim & Cathy Prisk - **Communion Assistants:** Volunteers needed!

Saturday, December 11:

Greeters/Ushers: Pat Bittner & Linda Barnhart - **Communion Assistants:** Joan Bunnell & Noelle Berkey

Sunday, December 12:

Greeters/Ushers: Chris & Jim Koshute - **Communion Assistants:** Chris Koshute

There are sign up sheets in the Narthex for Greeters/Ushers and Communion Assistants. Please sign up for the dates that would suit you best. We appreciate you volunteering. If you have questions about these roles, please contact Christine Koshute at [814-421-4921](tel:814-421-4921) or Chris Oleksa at [814-244-9851](tel:814-244-9851).



Youth News

Sunday School is ongoing for Pre-K through 8th grade: "Mount Calvary Kid's Crew" is our program for Pre-K and up that gathers at 8:30am in Sander Hall with Pastor Jonathan. Students focus on a bible story and have an activity or craft before rejoining their parents during the worship service.

Childcare is now available during Sunday morning worship: Hannah Salamon is a Richland Learning Center staff member who will be joining us each Sunday along with Pastor Jonathan and other volunteers to provide childcare for infants through age 5. For the time being, drop-off for this service will take place in Sander Hall. Speak with Pastor Jonathan for more information.

Jr. High & Sr. High School Student Activity - Saturday, December 4th. After the 5:30 p.m. worship service, there will be a youth activity for junior high and senior high students. We'll have dinner, a few activities, and a service project and come up with ideas for more activities in the new year. RSVP to Pastor Jonathan!

Christmas Pageant – December 19th: Mount Calvary's Youth Christmas Pageant will take place Sunday, December 19th during the regular 8:45 a.m. worship service. Preschool and elementary-aged youth will learn their parts the preceding two weeks (December 5th & 12th) during the Mount Calvary Kid's Crew Sunday School time. If you would like your child to participate, please make sure to bring them to Sander Hall by 8:30 a.m. on the 5th, 12th, & 19th!

Pastor Jonathan LOVES to get out and see our Mount Calvary youth in action doing the things they enjoy! Be sure to share your schedules for sports, concerts, recitals, etc. You never know where he might show up!

Pastor Jonathan's office hours at Mount Calvary are Mondays & Wednesdays, 10am-3pm. He is available outside of those hours via email (RevJonoAdams@gmail.com), cellphone (412-817-6704), or Facebook.

“Songs of the Season” Advent Devotional

“Songs of the Season” is an Advent Devotional organized by Mt. Calvary member, Kadiya Lingenfelter, including devotions written based on popular Christmas and Advent hymns for every day of December. It is available to download as a PDF in two formats: one pre-organized into a booklet for those who are able to do double-sided printing with their home computers and one with the devotions on single pages for those who wish to view it on a computer or print with a less-advanced computer.

Booklet Format: <https://www.mt-calvarylutheran.org/download/18/newsletters/2804/2021-advent-devotional-booklet-format.pdf>

Single Page Format: <https://www.mt-calvarylutheran.org/download/18/newsletters/2806/2021-advent-devotional-single-page-format.pdf>

Mt. Calvary Website Link: <https://www.mt-calvarylutheran.org/songs-of-the-season-advent-devotional/>

Giving Tree

The December donations will be given to The Helping Hands Mission in Portage.

Thank you for your continued support!

Family Kitchen

Mt. Calvary will be volunteering at the Family Kitchen on Sunday, December 5th from 11-1. It will be take-out only, so the responsibilities only include packaging food, distributing the food out the door, and assisting with cleaning the dishes. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mike Kozak at 244-6880. Thank you!

Salvation Army Red Kettle Collection

Mt. Calvary will be assisting The Salvation Army with their Red Kettle Collection again this year. We are scheduled to be at Market Basket on Saturday, December 11th from 10-6. If you would like to sign up for an hour block of time, a sign-up sheet will be in the narthex. Thank you!

Backyard Ministries’ Socks and Toy Collection

We will be collecting socks and toys again this Christmas for the children of Coopersdale. There are more bags than we had for the hat and glove collection because one of their providers was not able to assist this year. Mt. Calvary, along with another congregation, offered to take the extra bags. Please take a labeled bag or bags in the narthex and return it filled with a pack of socks and a \$1 toy to the bin before December 22nd. All items will be picked up on Thursday, December 23rd.

Thank you for your continued support!

Christmas Poinsettias

We are taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias. Each medium-sized plant is \$17.00. Envelopes will be available in the church or call Terrie at the church office at 814-266-4859. Orders must be in by the week of December 6th. Please call Terrie if you have any questions.

Committee News

In anticipation of our annual meeting on February 5th, the council appointed a Nominating Committee at its August meeting. The Mutual Ministry Committee will once again fulfill this function with the advice and counsel of Ray Leverknight, who is our only outgoing council person this year. The Nominating Committee has met and identified a number of candidates for our one council vacancy and one vacancy on the Mutual Ministry Committee. Once contacts have been made, the Nominating Committee will eventually announce the results of its efforts. Current members of the Mutual Ministry Committee are Harold Ashcraft, Shirley Sholtis-Glova, Mark Williams, Debbie Thomas, Tom Rohrabough, and Joan Bunnell who will be rotating off the committee in 2022.

Annual Report

In anticipation of our annual meeting on February 5th, Erin Powell will be compiling and editing this year's annual report. If you are a council officer, committee chair, or ministry leader, please email your written report to Erin no later than Friday, January 14th. Erin's email address is epowell@mt-calvarylutheran.org.

ELCA Good Gifts

ELCA Good Gifts is a great opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs of the ELCA in nearly 80 countries around the world.

How it works:

- Choose a gift (food, medical care costs, school supplies, etc.)
- Receive a card to share the news of your gift
- Make a difference in someone's life!

Visit goodgifts.elca.org for more information on how to donate!

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Week: December 5 – December 11, 2021

Dec. 5 - Betty Weaver

Dec. 6 - Joan Hunter, James Popovnak, Adam Pozun, & Shannon Presser

Dec. 7 - Rebecca Daly, James Mangus, & Carrie Wasnick

Dec. 8 - Jeremy Blough, Jill McEntee, & Betty Schofield

Dec. 9 - Nicholas McNiesh & Lisa Popovnak

Dec. 10 - Brooke Adamy, Nicholas Rizzo, & Doris Thomas

Dec. 11 - Kim Marley

Remember those that prayer has been requested for:

Jennifer & Ryan, Linda & Dick, Dolly & Chiz Palm, Claudia Plows, Maddie Pierce, Gladys Haupt, Maria, Bill & Linda, Jose & Family, Dave, Tom, Lt. Hunter Bergman, and Lt. Dylan Merchant, Harold, Rick, Midge, Shirley, Jennifer, Debbie, Jill McEntee, David, Karen, Lauren, Billy, Barb, Sara Solarczyk, Jackie Janak, Jack, Corinne, Joan, Dan, Natalie Zerby, Pastor Scott Custead, Luella Koontz, Al Lindner and Family, Bob, Dawn, Stacy & Josh, Florence Barker, Bob Trotter, Jean Pellon, Bill Layton, Deb Zilch, Bennett, Cassy Sojak, Paul Swartz, Paul Miller, Keith Mayket, Ruth, Pete, Annabelle, the Teplitba Family, Ethel Warshel, Melanie, and the Elaine Sterner Family.

Financial Update

Mount Calvary continues to do well financially. After nearly two years of a worldwide pandemic, we have been incredibly fortunate. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! What remains for 2021 is to finish with a strong December which has traditionally been our strongest month of the year. As for 2022, maintaining current levels of support and increasing support where and when it's possible will continue to be important. Though we still have many, many blessings to count, we are not as well-endowed as other congregations and the age and population decline of our community continue to present ongoing stewardship challenges. But thanks to you, we've overcome all of this thus far. Thank you!

Thank you! Thank you!

Condensed Worship for Sunday, November 28, 2021

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Sermon by Pastor Scott Klimke

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. My own family enjoyed a lovely meal prepared and organized by my wife Julia; a meal made even better by the presence of family and dear friends. Responding to a current poll, one of our topics of conversation was the best novel of the past one hundred and twenty-five years. All on the list of twenty-five finalists, some of the answers were “Gone with the Wind” by Margaret Mitchell, “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr, and “A Tree Grows in Brooklyn” by Betty Smith. As someone who can’t read enough fiction, my wife Julia found it hard to identify just one book, but she does like Amor Towles a lot; who’s on the list with “A Gentleman in Moscow.” What would your favorite novel of the past one hundred and twenty-five years be?

As we begin another Church year on this first weekend in Advent, a similar question might be: What’s your favorite promise of God? When you get down to it, everything in the Bible is a matter of promise; a matter of faith. We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God; that the writers and compilers of Scripture were directed by the Holy Spirit. But we would never be able to prove this. It’s a matter of faith; a promise we trust.

Other Christians, go farther than we do; regarding the Bible as the inerrant word of God. By this they mean, the Bible is free from historical and scientific error. This too would be difficult to prove. By way of example, to date, the archaeological record has uncovered little that supports the many of the main story lines of the Old Testament. And even if more archaeological evidence were to emerge, would it settle anything? When we can’t agree on election results, historical events like the massacre in Newtown, Connecticut, or the efficacy of even early childhood vaccines, probably not.

And then there’s Jesus. Is he all that we say he is? Has he or will he accomplish all that we claim? My answer is yes, but it’s presently all a matter of faith; all a matter of trust in the promises of God. Right now, pretty much everything the Church proclaims and practices is a matter of faith; a trusting response to the promises of God. And so, I ask you again, “What’s your favorite promise of God?”

At least two of our appointed readings from Scripture indicate that today is a good time to ask such a question. For one, our reading from Jeremiah begins with the assertion that God is about to fulfill the promise made to the two houses of Israel before they were split apart by civil war and carried away by different invading armies. This is the promise that the rift exposed by the death of King Solomon and the various historical calamities that were to follow for both the northern tribes and the southern tribes will be turned back with the physical descendants of Abraham reunited and living out a secure existence with Jerusalem as their capitol. All these years later this has yet to happen. The northern tribes once carried away by the Assyrian Empire remain lost. Jerusalem's Temple still lies in ruins; with a mosque now sitting on its former site. Far from secure, the Holy Land is filled with walls, fences, and military checkpoints. But even so, the expectation of our reading from Jeremiah is that the people of God will continue to invest themselves in the promises of God. When it finds Jesus saying, "Heaven and earth will pass way, but my words will not pass way", our reading from Luke forwards the same expectation. Here too the expectation is that we will build our lives atop the stone of God's promises rather than atop the sand of somebody else's promises. It's why I again ask, "What's your favorite promise of God? What promise of God propels your life and guides your convictions and commitments?"

If I were to speak for myself, I'd say I'm very much taken by the promise we find in the final verses of Romans chapter eight. As a sinner who knows he's damned beyond the point of personal repair, I'm uplifted by the promise that absolutely nothing, not death, not your sins, not my sins, will ever be able to separate us from love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. As a veteran familiar with some of the horrors of war and a person familiar with horrors like cancer and chemical dependency, I'm also quite moved by the promises we find in places like Isaiah and Revelation; promises that assure us suffering and all of its antecedent causes are on the way out forever; promises that encourage us to imagine what it will be like when God wipes all but tears of joy away from our face. And so, that's me. What about you? What's your favorite promise of God? What promise of God propels your life and guides your commitments and convictions?

As you've been listening to me ask that question, your reaction may mirror my wife Julia's reaction when asked to identify the best novel of the past one hundred and twenty-five years. Maybe you don't want to make a choice. As it was with Julia and novels, this may be because God's made too many wonderful promises for you to narrow it down to just one; something I myself didn't do. It may also be that you aren't all that interested in living by faith; in predicating your life and its major convictions and commitments on the promises of God. Your perspective may be, "Ask me about my favorite fact, not about my favorite promise!"

To say or think such things is understandable. Who wouldn't want a life free from ambiguity? Who wouldn't want to see to the ends of the earth, to the ends of human possibility, to the end of history as we know it, if they could? The answer is a whole lot of people, but it's simply not possible. Every day is at many a juncture a matter of faith. Much in life is an educated guess or a matter of promise and possibility. Before I see you next, I will have spent some time with my mother out in Wisconsin. She worked hard and long educating first graders and children with special needs; trusting that the state would honor the promises it had made about her pension. As she was to discover after retirement, the state would renege on its end. While out in Wisconsin, I'll also see at least three old friends from high school and maybe two more as well. All of us have buried our fathers by this point. Just over fifty, this wasn't the faith on which we were raised. The promise of longevity we so often taken for granted

wasn't fulfilled for our fathers. Again, more often than not, life is a matter of faith; a matter of educated guesses; a coming together of felt or calculated principles. And so, again, "What's your favorite promise of God? What promise of God propels your life and guides your convictions and commitments?"

As you're pondering your response, I'll share with you Jesus' response to the same question. In his Sermon on the Mount as recorded by Matthew, Jesus says all of Scripture comes down to doing to others as you would have them do to you. By his calculation, the primary promise of Scripture is that the best led life is a life that regards neighbor and community as an extension of self. Jesus feels so strongly about this that his conclusion to the Sermon on the Mount says those who subscribe to his interpretation of Scripture build their lives on stone rather than sand. In a world where faith, where trusting some promises more than others, is inescapable, it's a perspective worthy of both consideration and action; particularly since it's a perspective shared by the One Christian faith holds is our best possible source of information about God. But even if the Golden Rule doesn't turn out to be our favorite promise of God, may this new Church year and another season of Advent remind us of the promises of God often. Centered in Jesus Christ, they are to be our way, our truth, and our life. Amen!

Prayers of Intercession

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, the wind and the waves, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have lovingly created. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities (local, state, and national government officials may be named). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind (especially). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters (especially), for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, and other relief organizations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Blessing

May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the Holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**