

As We Gather

Exercise! Exercise! Exercise! We hear about it often enough to know it is important to get enough exercise so that our bodies are in "good shape." But what about exercising our faith? Psalm 1 begins the book of Psalms by making a comparison between those who "delight in the law of the Lord" and those who do not. To delight in God's law is to exercise our faith by constantly making use of God's means of grace, the means through which He comes to us – through the Word and the Sacraments. This morning, as we always do, we come into God's House to worship, to exercise our faith as we hear His Word and celebrate the Lord's Supper. May God bless our worship today!

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is being celebrated today. It is the belief of the Lutheran Church, based on Jesus' own words, that in this Sacrament His body and blood are really present and that forgiveness of sins and the assurance of salvation are offered to all who come confessing their sins and believing in Him. Communion is therefore offered to those who share this confession of faith. Children who are not yet confirmed are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Guests who may have questions about Communion at Mt. Calvary are encouraged to talk to Pastor Brighton.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN: *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* **Hymn #528**

THE 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

Jesus speaks with authority. He expects us to listen to Him. Yet, far too often, we choose to listen to others. We choose to listen to our sinful natures, the world, or the temptations of the devil. Though we confess that Jesus is our Lord, too often we do not bow to His authority. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

(please kneel)

Most merciful God,

We confess our sins to You: We have not listened to You as we should. We have put Your Word on the shelf and listened to others who have led us to sin. We have sinned against You in action. We have sinned against You in our thoughts. We have sinned against You in our desires. We pray that You would have mercy on us. Amen.

Jesus speaks with authority. He spoke with absolute authority when He announced, "It is finished!" He has paid for your sins in full, for every sin of thought, desire, and action. And so in His name, and by His authority, I declare to you: I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE:

"This Is The Feast"

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Women 1. — Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 Men 2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 Women 3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 Women 4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 Men 5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign, Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You raised up Your Son as a Prophet, to speak to us Your perfect Word. Grant us the will to listen to Him as One who speaks with authority in our lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 18:15–20 *(God will raise up a prophet.)*

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. ¹⁶ For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

¹⁷ The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. ²⁰ But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1–13 *(For us there is one God.)*

¹ Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ² The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But the man who loves God is known by God.

⁴ So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but one. ⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"), ⁶ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

⁷ But not everyone knows this. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat such food they think of it as having been sacrificed to an idol, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. ⁸ But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.

⁹ Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone with a weak conscience sees you who have this knowledge eating in an idol's temple, won't he be emboldened to eat what has been sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So this weak brother, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. ¹² When you sin against your brothers in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall.

THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

THE NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS: After each petition, the Worship Leader will say, "*Lord in Your mercy,*" and the congregation will respond, "*Hear our prayer.*"

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

++ The Stewardship Thought ++

An "epiphany" is a revelation. The Epiphany season is about a most important revelation-
The revealing of Jesus Christ as the Savior of the nations, and our Savior, too!

Ponder Simeon's words: "My eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have Prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles And for glory to Your people Israel." (Luke 2:30-32)

OFFERTORY HYMN: "*We Praise You, O God*"

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You we kneel and adore You;
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for You raised up Your Son as the Prophet You promised. You revealed Your Son to the nations, and He made You known! Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION *(The center cup in each tray is white grape juice for pregnant moms or those allergic to alcohol.)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

<i>"Jesus Comes Today with Healing"</i>	Hymn #620
<i>"Thy Body, Given For Me, O Savior"</i>	Hymn #619
<i>"You Are The Way; Through You Alone"</i>	Hymn #526

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God the Son, the Prophet who speaks for His Father, we thank You that You have given us forgiveness and the strengthening of our faith in this Sacrament. We ask that You keep us steadfast in Your Word. By Your authority, rule in our hearts and minds, so that we live for You! Through God the Father, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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: *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"* **Hymn #643**

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Speaker! Next Sunday, February 8th, Pastor Gerhard Michael, former Florida-Georgia District President and former pastor of Mt. Calvary (and Sonya LeBorious' father and grandfather to the five LeBorious sons – so we know why he's really coming! ☺) will be here to talk to us about L.I.S.A. (Lutherans In Southeast Asia) during the Sunday School hour, from 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. All of our adults are invited to hear the exciting news about what is happening in countries like Cambodia, Viet Nam and Laos. You won't want to miss it!

Member of the Week: Laura Haas and her husband Glenn moved to Warner Robins from California in 2001. Glenn had been in the Air Force for 23 years, and they had been married 56 years. Sadly Glenn died in 2003, but Laura had much loving support from her family. She moved into the house with her daughter, Debi Cole, who is a Realtor. She also has two other daughters who are members of our church, Christi Bacon and Karen Johnson. Karen has been living at The Oaks at Peake, a rehabilitation facility in Macon, following a stroke last May. Laura is blessed to have 10 grandchildren and 14 great grands! Laura has served on the Altar Committee, the Social Ministry Board, as a teller and helped start Craft and Chat. She also attends the Thursday morning Bible study. She says "If I'm not at one of these, I'm home KNITTING!!"

Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Ellen Rowlette from Bill & Arlene Zeuner, Jan & Steve Kirchoff, John & Marie White, Don & Monelle Netzinger, Bob & Nancy Gerstenberger, Randall & Sherry Parsons, Leo & JoAnn Ladzinske, Riley Hood, Sue Glaser, Carolyn Burnam, Jimmy & Ginger Martin, Stephen & Jackie Kaestner and Don & Judy Parrott.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Esther Platania from Bill & Arlene Zeuner.

This week's Altar Flowers were provided by Sue Glaser, in honor of her son, Eric's, birthday.

ATTENTION: The 2015 edition of the Mt Calvary Crusaders Men's Softball Team is now accepting applications. There are a few requirements to be considered eligible: You must be a male, at least 15 years of age, physically able to play softball, and be available for team practices and a 16-game schedule. A sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk. Listen for announcements before services and watch for notices in the bulletins and newsletters regarding times for our organizational meeting, practices and the game schedule when it becomes available. For further information please contact Bill Bohm, bfbohm@gfb.org, 397-6917.

Warner Robins Food Bank Project - After the holidays, the Food Bank supplies are low and they are in need of our support. Please start bringing in your non-perishable food items, and also household essentials. **Household essential items can include:** toilet paper, soap, detergent, bleach, paper items, cups, plastic forks, spoons, and toiletries. Place all items in the box labeled WR Food Bank, under the table by the front door. If you enter via the Fellowship Hall, place items in the blue bin next to the soda machine. This project will run from **February thru June.**

Help us with the Sunday slides! We need several people to help show the PowerPoint slides for the 8:00 and 10:45 am services on a rotating basis (once every three months). Training will be provided. Please speak to Pastor Brighton if you are interested.

Don't Forget To Pick-Up Your Subs! Sub orders will be available for pick-up at 9, 10:30, and 11:45 in the Narthex. Extra subs are available for \$7/each as long as they last!

Thank You! A huge thanks to everyone who helped to make Lutheran Night such an overwhelming success! Thanks for coming out for dinner and some laughs, bidding on gift baskets, and supporting our church's Youth Ministry. Thanks to the parents who contributed to help make the gift baskets. A special thanks to Mark Burnette, Michele Durbin, Liz Hunter, Dick Kessler, Becky McVay, Regina Regan, and Bob & Carol Yeager who provided items/baskets for the auction and to Sonja LeBorious & Mary O'Brien who assembled the gift baskets.

Thank you! The total contribution to the Gideon's last week was \$1,222. Thanks to all who contributed to this important ministry.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Kevin Tuttle from Jim & Barbara Morey.

PRAYER CONCERNS

John Hunter, who will be having follow-up surgery for his a-fib condition on Tuesday.

Connie Kinsey, who is receiving further treatment for her ailing back.

Pastor Ed Meyer, former Associate Pastor at Mt Calvary, who is in hospice care.

Antonio Kong, Evy Keyes' father, who is undergoing dialysis.

Josie Kong, Evy Keyes' mother, who faces heart surgery.

Joan Michael, wife of Pastor Gerhard Michael, as she recovers from surgery.

Keep In Your Prayers

Gayle Calhoun (Sonya Popken's mom), Anita McIntyre, Jo Ann Smith & 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

Those battling cancer: Chet Branscom, Jace Cumbie (son of Amanda McVay's boyfriend), Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom), Kathy Grube, Doris Helmes (Bill Zeuner's sister), Margaret Frazier, Dwight Hulse (friend of Roger & Gina Peterson), Bruce Oswalt (Krystal Ferguson's father), Scott Stanley (friend of Pedro & Kathy Camejo), Gary Jennings (Margaret Jennings' son), Elaine Mead (Jeannie Hawkins' aunt), Fred Diehl, John Hoar and Dana (Stroud) Stewart (Valerie Koehler's daughter).

Those Serving in the Military in Dangerous Areas

Christopher Dierking, Christopher Mittuch, Thomas Kaiser Guilford, Darrin Landis, Denver Yarbrough, Michael Welch, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.

PREACHER: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Kevin Thomson/Pastor David Brighton.
ELDERS: Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and John Hunter (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Colton Durbin (8 am) & Zoe Bowden (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Erv Robinson, Paul Keister, Fred Hursey, Steve Kirchoff & Eric Gossman. Late – Dwight Miller, Roger Moeller, John Hunter, Jon Peterson, Jim Morey & Cameron Mastenbrook. **ALTAR GUILD:** Carol Felderman, Cindy Branham, Anita McIntyre, Monika Reynolds, Jo Ann Smith & Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Deb Fingles (8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Tanner Gossman ((8 am) and Josh Johnson (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Bill Gragg (Sun 10:45 am).
ACOLYTES: Chase McVay (Sat 6 pm), Garrett Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Maddy Hagemann (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Glaser, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Pruet Burge (Sat 6 pm), Steve Kirchoff (Sun 8 am) and Barbara Bauman (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Laird & Judy Van Gorder (Sun 8 am) and Barbara Mabee (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 54 Early – 101 Late – 184 Total – 339

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	Lutheran Hour Sunday	
	7:00 am	Sub Assembly
	9:30 am	TAG Bible Buffet
	3 – 6 pm	Super Bowl Tailgate Party
Monday	9:30 am	Ladies Guild
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Boards
	7:15 pm	Bell Choir
	7:30 pm	Elders
Wednesday	9:30 am	Morning Glories
	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Classes
	6:15 pm	Children/Youth Classes
	7:00 pm	Senior Choir
Thursday	9:30 am	Mom's Play Group
	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	6 – 10 pm	Middle School Party
Saturday	10:00 am	Altar Guild Meeting
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	6:30 pm	TAG Night

