

He Is Risen!

The angels proclaimed Jesus' victory over sin and death to the women and the disciples: "He is not here. He has risen, just as He said!" Over the centuries Christians have, therefore, greeted each other with the words, "He is risen!" and the response, "He is risen, indeed!" Today we greet each other with these words of joy and victory! And just like those first followers of Jesus, may we joyfully tell our families, our friends, everyone we meet this great Good News of salvation that is ours in Christ Jesus, our Lord! Let the Good News ring out: Satan is defeated! Thanks be to God who gives us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ!

WELCOME to our Guests! At Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church we rejoice to worship Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world! May He touch your life with His love, forgiveness and power on this morning in which we celebrate His resurrection and may He send you home a new person! **Full nursery services** are available for the 9:00 and 11:00 am services. The nursery is located through the Administrative hallway on the way toward the Sunday School classrooms. A cry room is on the south side of the Sanctuary. The service can be seen and heard from the cry room.

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

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION (Adapted from Revelation 1:4-6, 7:9-12)

Grace and peace to you from Him who is, who was, and who is to come, from our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us a kingdom and priests to serve God the Father – to Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

(With a shout) He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The uncountable multitude of nations and peoples stand before the Lamb upon His throne and cry out with a loud voice:

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

And all the creatures of the earth shout:

Amen!

And all the saints and angels shout:

Amen!

And the people of the Lamb shout:

Amen and amen!

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Hymn #457

Introduction verse by organ and Praises Ring Bell Choir

(Please turn toward the rear of the church. As the Processional Cross passes your pew, please turn back toward the front of the church and face the altar.)

THE INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

BAPTISM (11:00 am service)

Aeris Faye Howe

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

When you were baptized, your old sinful nature was buried with Christ when He died. When God the Father brought Him back to life again, you were given His wonderful new life to enjoy! This Easter Day is the seal and guarantee of your salvation!

Therefore, by daily contrition and repentance all God's people are called upon to drown their old self so that a new person might daily come forth and arise. Let us open our hearts to God and confess our sins so that we might arise to serve Him!

(Please kneel)

Most merciful God,

We need to be resurrected, for 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 need the promise of new life and the hope of conquered death. On this Easter morning, break through the barriers of our sin and shame, and bring Your peace to our troubled hearts.

Today brings us the best news of all: Jesus lives! Jesus died on the cross, a cruel death, for the sins of the whole world. He was placed in a borrowed tomb and on the third day He came back to life to defeat death for all time and offer new life to all people. If you put your faith in the resurrected Lord, then the Good News for you this day is that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Jesus lives and forgives! Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"This Is the Feast"



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,
Women	3.	Sing	with	all the peo - ple	of	God,
Women	4.	Bless - ing,	hon - or,	glo - ry,	and	might
Men	5.	For	the	Lamb	who was	slain
						has
						be -



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



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

Almighty God our Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 25:6-9 *(Isaiah foretells the result of Jesus' resurrection: Death will be swallowed up forever!)*

⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine--the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

"Thine Is the Glory"

Sanctuary Choir

Handel

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *(The Gospel by which we are saved: Jesus was raised from the dead for us!)*

¹ Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them--yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

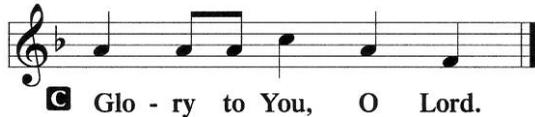
THE GOSPEL PROCESSION: "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

(Please turn and face the Processional Cross and the Pastor as he processes into the midst of the people to read the Gospel.)

**Awake, my heart, with gladness, see what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness, comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light our spirit wings its flight.**

THE GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

The Easter Gospel according to St. Mark the sixteenth chapter.



THE EASTER GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8 *(The resurrection of our Lord!)*

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE GOSPEL RESPONSE: "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

(Please turn back toward the front of the church as the cross passes your pew.)

**Now I will cling forever to Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never, whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.**

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pete LeBorious, Director of Christian Education

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Hymn #469

THE MESSAGE

"He Is Risen!"

Pastor Brighton

THE EASTER CREED (The vicar speaks from the Baptismal Font):

Here is water, the place where your life in the Lord began. Once you were no people, but now you are God's people. Do you believe in God the Father?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, 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.

Do you renounce the devil and all his evil works and ways? Do you renounce your old, dead life?

Yes, for once we were dead in our sins, but now we are alive in Christ Jesus!

Is it your desire to live as Easter Christians?

We will continue to celebrate the presence of God's love in our lives. We will continue to grow with each other in Christ, our risen Lord. We will live as Easter Christians! Alleluia!

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

++ For Personal Reflection ++

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" (1 Corinthians 15:55-57) Ponder what these words mean to you personally.

OFFERTORY:

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts To Heaven"

Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:

Sing to God a hymn of gladness,

Sing to God a hymn of praise;

He who on the cross a victim

For the world's salvation bled-

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory

Now is risen from the dead

**Alleluia, Christ is risen!
Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil
In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried:
Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.**

THE SERVICE 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.

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.

Amen.

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.



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

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"He's Risen, He's Risen"

Hymn #480

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

Hymn #490

"The Lamb"

Hymn #547

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, To Thee"

Hymn #632

THE SHOUT OF VICTORY

Christ is risen!

(With a shout) Christ is risen indeed!

The Passover Lamb was sacrificed for us!

(With a shout) Christ is risen!

Sin's power to condemn us is over! Death's power to touch us is finished! Satan's dominion over us is broken!

(With a shout) Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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: *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"* Hymn #461, st. 1-3, 7,8

Introduction verse by organ and Praises Ring Bell Choir

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Phone Number for Pastor & Marcia Brighton: Please scratch out the number in your member directory and replace it with this one – (478) 365-8479.

Lilies to go – If you provided one or more of the lilies that beautify the sanctuary, you may take yours home with you after the 11:00 am service or come by the church any time this week.

New Adult Bible Studies begin next week! Don't miss the insert that talks about the new 8-week Bible studies that begin next weekend! **The Saturday study on Revelation is from 5:00-5:45 pm each Saturday. There are seven Sunday classes to choose from, which all meet from 9:30-10:30 am** – including classes for men, ladies, college age, couples, and three classes for all adults, including the Outreach *Discipleship U* class. Lots to choose from! Check out the insert and pick the one that interests you!

Men's Breakfast – On Saturday, April 18th, join us at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast. It's a great way to get the day started and best of all, "it's a guy thing!" Sign up at the Information Desk.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Kevin Tuttle from Carolyn Burnam.

Member of the Week: Marjorie Hogan was born in Pittsburg, PA in 1928, and lived there for 70 years. Her brother Jim was her only sibling. After graduating from Peabody High School, she worked for 5 years at Pittsburg Railways Co. There she met a handsome young man named John. After dating for 5 years they were married in 1952. After graduating from college, John was employed by U.S. Steel Co. until his untimely death in 1977. Then Marjorie worked as a receptionist at West Penn Hospital for 7 years. John and Marjorie had 3 children; Mary Lynn, Brian and our own Ruthie Radcliff. In 1998, Marjorie moved to wonderful Warner Robins and to Mt Calvary!! God (and Ruthie and David) led her to this loving and caring church and great Pastor; and also to all the dear members who have become such good friends!! She is also blessed to have 2 wonderful granddaughters here and some very sweet great-grandchildren. Marjorie says: "God bless you all at Mt. Calvary!"

Our altar flowers were provided this week by Eileen Mittuch, in loving memory of Stephen Mittuch, and by Paul & Megan Shores, in honor of their daughter, Kate's, birthday.

Follow the Leader is back! This Wednesday we begin our Spring session of "Follow the Leader." We'll enjoy a meal together at 5:30 pm and classes will follow for all age groups! Don't miss this opportunity for food, fellowship, and growing together through the study of God's Word!

Rebuilding Together National Workday – It is that time of the year again. We have again selected a home to work on for the national workday on Saturday April 25, 2015 (weather permitting). We will initially meet in the Warner Robins Recreation Center @7AM for breakfast and information and then head over to our assigned house. We will be doing some outside carpentry, outside painting and window and screen repair and yard work. Lunch will also be provided. If able to help, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please call Roger Moeller @ 320-2696.

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Come out and support the church softball team! This week's games: 1) The Assembly at WR – 6:30 on Tuesday at Peavy 3; and 2) J-Boys – 8:30 on Thursday at Peavy 2.

Thank You, Mt Calvary: Our recent Mite-y Noisy Can Collection raised \$399.04.

We want to thank everyone for all their prayers and the support they have shown our family. Our mom is still on life support from a very bad aortic valve in her heart. She's still at Emory Hospital and John is still battling his lung cancer. But we put a lot of our faith in the hands of the Lord. God Bless Pastor, Jerry, Vicar and the rest of our church family for being so kind and supportive.

- Your friends in Christ, John and Nancy Hoar

Caring Solutions 31st Annual Fundraising Benefit – This year, Caring Solutions is proud to announce that Josh Duggar of TLC's "19 Kids and Counting" will be the featured speaker on April 9, 2015 at Ingleside Baptist Church in Macon. Tickets are just \$10 per person, which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and the program with Josh Duggar in the Ingleside Auditorium. Call 755-1343 or visit www.FriendsofCaringSolutions.com to reserve your tickets!

Photo Directory! We will be having "Life Touch" Family Photography coming in to take members pictures April 16-18 and May 14-16 for our 35th Anniversary Photo Directory. Come and have your picture taken for the directory and receive a free 8x10 portrait. Watch for more details coming soon!

Golf Tournament: The annual Mount Calvary Lutheran Church Golf Tournament fund-raiser is scheduled for Sunday, April 26th. Lunch will be served at 1:00 and tee-off is at 2:00. The cost is \$45/player which includes lunch, driving range balls, and an 18-hole scramble tournament. Scoring aids are available at check-in (mulligans-3/\$5, red-bombs-\$5, & free throws-\$10). This fund-raiser benefits the Youth Ministry program of our church. Sign-Up/Registration will open on April 12th!

Wondering What to do with *empty inkjet printer cartridges, empty laser printer cartridges, used cell phones, laptops (include power cords), digital cameras, e-Readers, tablets, GPS systems, and Scientific Calculators?* Here's a suggestion – donate them to the LWML. We will collect them during the week of April 12th thru April 19th (in a marked box in the administrative hallway across from Jack's office) and redeem them for cash to help fund the LWML's 2019 National Convention in Birmingham. Ask your family, friends, neighbors – even the place where you work – if they would like help disposing of their empty inkjet and laser cartridges or other recyclable items. Then bring them to MCLC on the specified dates. We'll appreciate your help....and so will the environment! If you have any questions please contact either Vivian Stilley or Liz Hunter.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Larry Fraley, Marsha Longbine's father, who died recently.

The family of Ray Wachter, Marcia Brighton's uncle, who recently died.

Sandi Jacobsmeyer, who is recovering from atrial fibrillation surgery.

Anita McIntyre, who is recovering from back surgery.

Kathy Camejo, who is recovering from gall bladder surgery.

Carol Quednow, who is now in rehab at Summerhill in Perry.

Keep In Your Prayers

Doris Snow, Doris Fraley (Marsha Longbine's mother), Angleen Trasmer, Peggy Rodriquez, Molly Keister, Peggy Barkley, Jimmy Martin, Sr. (Jimmy's father), Joyce Boone (our former Wednesday Night cook), Connie Kinsey, Antonio Kong (Evy Keyes' father), Josie Kong (Evy Keyes' mother), Pastor Ed Meyer & 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: John Hoar, Paula Babcock, Kathy Grube, Chet Branscom, Jace Cumbie (son of Amanda McVay's boyfriend), Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom), Doris Helmes (Bill Zeuner's sister), Margaret Frazier, Dwight Hulse (friend of Roger & Gina Peterson), Bruce Oswald (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.

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton/Vicar Kevin Thomson. **ELDERS:** Brian Harper (9 am) and Adam Beecher (11 am). **ACOLYTES:** Maddy Hagemann, Breanna Cook & Chase McVay (9 am) and Christopher Crawford (11 am). **USHERS:** Mike Hopf, Bruce Bauman, Dave Harter, Ed Bodony & Earl Bogardus (9 am). D. J. Nelson, Don Netzing, Adam Beecher, Dave Miller, Bob Day & Larry Ellgass (11 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READER:** Ruthie Radcliff. **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Lyle Wurdeman (9 am) and Josh Johnson (11 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and John Hunter (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Colton Durbin (Sun 8 am) and Tyler Longbine (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, Carol Felderman, Anita McIntyre, Jo Ann Smith & Arleen Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Becky McVay (Sat 6 pm), Linna Nielsen (Sun 8 am) and Cindy Schafer (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Tyson & Sara Van Lannen (Sun 8 am) and Dave & Lois Harter (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 4:32-35 and 1 John 1:1 – 2:2

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 50 Early – 88 Late – 165 Total – 303

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	7:45 – 9:30 am	Easter Breakfast
Monday	9:30 am	Ladies Guild
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Boards
	7:30 pm	Elders
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Classes
	6:15 pm	Children/Youth Classes
Thursday	9:30 am	Mom's Play Group
	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	6 – 9 pm	Middle School Party
Saturday	9 am – 2 pm	High School Yard Work/Service Day
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	6:30 am	SLDT Meeting