

As We Gather

On the Second Sunday of Easter each year we recall what happened on that second Sunday of the first Easter. The apostle Thomas was not with the others when the risen Jesus appeared to them last Sunday, so today Jesus makes a special appearance to Thomas, called to be an apostle, a witness of Jesus' resurrection. Jesus includes us in the discussion as He says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29b). The writer to the Hebrews also encourages us with his definition of faith: "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1).

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN

"O Sons and Daughters of the King"

Hymn #470, st. 1-4

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

God is light,

And in Him is no darkness at all.

If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father.

(please kneel)

Lord God, our heavenly Father,

We confess to You that our sins have brought shame to us and to Your name. By those sins we have done and those works of love we have failed to do, we deserve Your judgment and condemnation. Yet, O God, You sent Your Son to take away our sin. By His resurrection victory grant us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

**He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord:
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer!
Christ victorious, rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(please be seated)

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 4:32–35 *(The early Christians shared what they had with each other.)*

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 John 1:1–2:2 *(We walk in the Light!)*

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. ¹ My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

The Holy Gospel according to St John the twentieth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19–31 *(Jesus appears to His disciples, including Thomas.)*

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

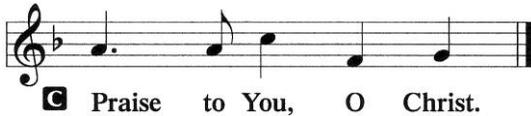
²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Tim Jacobsmeyer
Director of Music

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *"O Sons and Daughters of the King"* Hymn #470, st. 5-9

THE MESSAGE: **"Gather as His Disciples"** Vicar Kevin Thomson

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

++ The Stewardship Thought ++

Easter means resurrection joy! The Easter season is one long celebration of the resurrection that actually continues all year long, since every Sunday is meant to be a "mini celebration" of Easter! So, rejoice that you are a new creation through the suffering, death, and RESURRECTION of your Savior!

The angel's words to the women on that first Easter: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!" (Luke 24:5-6)

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 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 us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: *"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"* **Hymn #465**

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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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.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Larry Fraley, Marsha Longbine's father, from Chet & Nancy Branscom.

Member of the week Diane Doyle grew up in Melvin, IL, a small town about 100 miles south of Chicago; and 32 miles north of Champaign, IL. She and her husband Don were High School sweethearts. Don was an over the road semi truck driver for over 30 years and then a shipping supervisor for Alamo Group in Gibson City. Diane worked for IL Crop Improvement in Champaign in the accounting department for 18 years. They had two wonderful daughters, Pam and Leslie. In 2007 Don was diagnosed with cancer and he passed away in 2010. Diane then moved to Warner Robins to live with her youngest daughter Leslie, her husband Barry and her two granddaughters, Taylor and Morgan. Diane's daughter, Pam, her husband Matt, and two children, Rachel and Derek live in Milan, Michigan, which is close to Ann Arbor. Diane is so thankful there is a Lutheran church here in Warner Robins. She has enjoyed attending services, going to Sunday School and Bible study and has loved making blankets for the Linus Project.

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.

Our altar flowers were provided this week by Jim & Barb Morey, in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary.

Warner Robins Food Bank drive is continuing. Here are the items we are collecting in April. Any questions, contact Brenda Wessling (273-7078). Thank You from the Board of Social Ministry.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>GOAL</u>
APRIL 11 th /12 th	Canned Soup	30 cans
	Crackers (any type)	30 boxes
APRIL 18 th /19 th	Hamburger Helper	30 boxes
	Tuna or Salmon	30 cans
APRIL 25 th /26 th	Toilet Paper	40 pkgs
	Tissue	40 boxes

A Big Thank You to everyone who came out and supported our community Easter Egg Hunt and Journey to the Cross! Thank you to **all** of the volunteers who helped bake goodies, donated eggs and candy, setup and teardown of the Education Wing, assisted with the games and refreshments, and at the registration table. Thank you also to our Journey to the Cross tour guides, townspeople, and angel at the empty tomb. The weather was beautiful, and everyone had a great time!! God is good all the time!!

Come out and support the church softball team! This week's games: 1) Second Baptist - 8:30 on Monday at Peavy 3; and 2) Southside Baptist – 8:30 on Thursday at Peavy 2.

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. You can sign-up for an appointment across from the mailboxes after church OR go to the church's website and click the button to make your appointment online. Either way, please help us get everyone's picture in the directory!

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 that 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!

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.

Houston County Habitat for Humanity is conducting a Free E-Cycling Fundraising Event in honor of Earth Day 2015. Their purpose is to raise funds to help further their mission of building decent affordable homes for hard-working families in Houston County while helping to keep electronic waste out of our landfills. They ask that you bring out-of-service, out-of-date, obsolete, broken, unwanted or replaced computers and electronics to 955 Watson Blvd (April 1 – 22, Mon – Sat, 9 am – 5 pm) in Warner Robins. Raffle tickets will be handed out to those who bring in 2 or more items for a chance to win amazing prizes.

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 Stillely or Liz Hunter.

Lutheran Witness Magazine Subscriptions – It's time again to renew our annual subscriptions to Lutheran Witness. If you are not currently receiving this magazine in the mail, but would like to, please inform Jack in the office. We need to inform the publishers of any new subscribers or anyone who no longer desires to receive the magazine by April 21st.

Daytime Callers share Christ's love and concern with shut-ins and others who need to know that we at Mt. Calvary care for them. We meet this Monday, April 13th, in the **church conference room at 11:00 am.**

8th Grade Exam: 8th Grade youth preparing for their confirmation next month will be having their Catechism Exam on Wednesday, April 22nd, beginning at 6:15. If youth have any questions with their study guide, have them contact Pete.

Senior Fellowship - Come join us for Senior Fellowship **Thursday, April 16th, at 11:00 am**, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a brief Bible study, a game or two, recognition of birthdays and anniversaries, a great time, and a delicious pot luck lunch. If, for some reason you cannot make a dish, bring yourself, there is always plenty of really delicious food.

T.A.G. Trip To Stone Mountain: We will be going to Stone Mountain on Saturday, April 18th, from 2 pm – Midnight. We will be hiking the back side of the mountain, having a picnic dinner on the hillside, and enjoying a laser/light/firework show. The cost for the event is only \$10/person. This event is for youth & families in Middle & High School. Sign-up today!

High School T.A.G. Night: The next High School T.A.G. Night is next Sunday, April 19th, from 6:30-8:30 in the Annex. Join us for fun, food, fellowship and a Bible-centered discussion of God's plan for our relationships with Him and each other!

Mission Trip Registration Deadline: The registration for "Linked" The 2015 High School Mission Trip to Nashville, TN is Wednesday, April 15th. The trip is open to all youth in grades 8-12. \$100 is due at registration. The balance due will be set by the Youth Board later this month.

LWML Zone Rally is April 25 in Statesboro, 9:30 – 2:30. We will leave the church at 6 AM. Gifts from the Heart is THE FOOD PANTRY, INC. Sign-up sheet is at the information desk. Call Nancy Branscom 922-5783 or Vivian Stilley 333-3357

Help Needed! We are in need of people willing to be "hosts" when our pictures are being taken. Hosts will welcome members to their appointment and check their directory information. Please talk to Pete if you can help with hosting on these dates: April 16th, 17th or 18th AND May 14th, 15th, or 16th.

Thank You! The youth would like to thank everyone who came and made our Easter Breakfast such an outstanding fund-raiser. We made just over \$400 to help lower the cost of this Summer's mission trip.

Additional Thanks to the groups and individuals that have contributed directly to the Mission Trip. Because of those donations we will be able to cut the price of this Summer's mission trip by over half! I am always grateful and somewhat overwhelmed at the generosity of the people of Mount Calvary!

Volunteers Make The Breakfast! A huge thanks to all the parents (& youth) who helped prepare, decorate, cook, serve and clean up this year's Easter Breakfast: Mark Burnette, Brent Durbin, Bonnie Hudlin, Tammy Jenkins, Sonja LeBorious, Mary O'Brien, Wilma Rockwell, & Andrea Smith!

Lutheran Village just completed a second fundraiser, raising a combined \$3900 toward the completion of a financial feasibility study. This study, if successfully completed, will allow Lutheran Village to pursue funding for the building of a Christian senior living community. We thank all of you who helped with the Peaches to Beaches yard sale and the most recent sale of smoked Boston Butts. Your support and prayers have made these fundraisers successful beyond all of our expectations. Thank you from the Lutheran Village committee.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Pastor Ed Meyer, who died April 2nd.

The family of Betty Kroeger, Nancy Hoar's mom, who died April 8th.

Jerry Frey, Jamie's dad, who has pneumonia in both lungs and an infection.

Barry Rice, Becky McVay's Brother, who, while hospitalized with infections in both lungs, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Everly Sousy, infant daughter of former members Kevin and Kelsey Soucy, who continues to struggle with serious health issues.

Norma Young, Melinda Hopf's aunt, who has pancreatic cancer.

Sandi Jacobsmeyer, who is recovering from atrial fibrillation surgery.

Anita McIntyre, who is recovering from back 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) and 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), 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: Vicar Kevin Thomson. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Kevin Thomson. **ELDERS:** Darron Counselman (8 am) and John Hunter (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Colton Durbin (8 am) and Tyler Longbine (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Brian Harper, David Rossman, Bob Yeager & Richard Uitto. Late – Mike Hopf, Bruce Bauman, Dave Harter, Ed Bodony & Earl Bogardus. **ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, Carol Felderman, Anita McIntyre, Jo Ann Smith & Arleen Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Linna Nielsen (8 am) and Cindy Schafer (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Louis Foss (9 am) and Open (11 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Eric Gossman (Sun 8 am) and James Bozarth (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Chase McVay (Sat 6 pm), Garrett Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Breanna Cook (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Glaser, Barbara Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Rhoda Reilly (Sat 6 pm), Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Roger Moeller (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Barbara Locke (Sun 8 am) and Jan Clark (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 3:11-21 and 1 John 3:1-7

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Maudy Thursday – 150

Good Friday - 172

Easter Sunday – 7 am: 127 9 am: 205 11 am: 245 (Total: 577)

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting
Monday	11:00 am	Daytime Callers
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Council
Wednesday	7:15 pm	Bell Choir
	9:30 am	Craft & Chat
	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Classes
Thursday	6:15 pm	Children/Youth Classes
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
	9:30 am	Mom's Play Group
	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	11:00 am	Senior Fellowship
	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	2-11:59 pm	TAG Trip to Stone Mountain
Next Sunday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	6:30 pm	TAG Night