

**As We Gather**

For the third Sunday in a row we celebrate and proclaim the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ from the dead. We take so long, fifty days, for this celebration, because it is almost too good to be true! Surely as time passes, we can take things for granted, even big things. But this Sunday, the joyful and "marveling" disciples join with a formerly lame beggar now leaping and praising God to remind us of how great our hope is to be in the risen Christ. It is not too good to be true! Christ is risen! Our hope is not just for a pleasant, peaceful life in this world. He gives us the hope of a joyful life now and an eternal life in Him, both when He comes to receive us to Himself and at the Last Day when, in our bodies renewed and restored, we, too, shall leap with resurrection joy.

**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:**                    *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"*                    **Hymn #463**

**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**

I will go to the altar of God,  
**To God my exceeding joy.**  
In Your presence there is fullness of joy;  
**At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**  
That our joy may be complete, let us first confess our sins to God our Father.

*(please kneel)*

Gracious God,  
**We confess that we are troubled by our sins and the doubts that arise in our hearts.  
We can hope for Your grace and help only if we can hear Your Word and the assurance of Your forgiveness. In the name of our risen Lord Jesus, we beg You to speak Your peace to us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Amen.**

Peace to you! Everything written about Jesus in the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms has been fulfilled. By His own authority and command I proclaim the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE:                    "Give Thanks"**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;**

**Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

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**And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say,**

**"I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us.**

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**"I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**Give thanks.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, whom You have rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; 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 FIRST READING: Acts 3:11–21** *(Peter speaks in Solomon's portico.)*

<sup>11</sup> While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

<sup>17</sup> "Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you--even Jesus. <sup>21</sup> He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:1–7** (*We are God's children now.*)

<sup>1</sup> How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

<sup>7</sup> Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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. Luke the twenty fourth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:36–49** (*Jesus appears to His disciples.*)

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

<sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

<sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



© Praise to You, O Christ.

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:**

Pastor David Brighton

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY:**     *"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"*     **Hymn #524**

**THE MESSAGE:**                 **"What Is Your Name?"**                 Vicar Kevin Thomson

**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."***



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.**

**☐** 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:**      *"Jesus Comes Today with Healing"*                      **Hymn #620**  
   *"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"*                      **Hymn # 554**  
   *"At the Lamb's High Feast" stanzas 1-5*                      **Hymn #633**

### **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

We thank You, O God, for this time of refreshment, which we receive from Your presence in this Holy Meal of the body and blood of Your Son for the forgiveness of our sins. Now go with us, Lord, that we may be a people of hope until the time for restoring all things; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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:**                      *"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"*                      **Hymn #680**

### **A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

### **THE POSTLUDE**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our altar flowers were provided this week** by Linda Phillips, in memory of Florence Brady, and by Steve & Jackie Kaestner, in honor of their Grandson Jace's birthday.

**The Snow family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude** to the congregation for their kindness and prayers during Doris Snow's recent illness and hospitalization. A special note of thanks to Pastor Brighton, Vicar, Jerry and Pat Hickman.

**Cinco de Mayo Festival:** Join us for a pot luck meal (bring your favorite Mexican food dish) at the grassy area between the church and the annex on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2 pm. Also, bring your sunscreen, lawn chairs, lawn games and party attitude! - Your Fellowship Board.

**Corrected address for Lois Meyer:** 9208 Aboite Center Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46804. When I published it previously, the word "Center" was inadvertently left out. I would guess that the local post office took any mail sent to the previous address to the correct address anyway, because there is no Aboite Road there.

**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 next 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.

**Newsletter Deadline:** Please have all items for the May Newsletter in to the office by April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Come out and support the church softball team!** This week's games: 1) The Assembly at WR - 6:30 on Monday at Peavy 2; and 2) Bonaire First Baptist – 7:30 on Thursday at Peavy 2.

**Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Betty Kroeger,** Nancy Hoar's mom, from Charles Carpenter, Betty Cummings, Chet & Nancy Branscom and Don & Judy Parrott.

**Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Larry Fraley,** Marsha Longbine's father, from Doug & Deb Fingles.

**Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Ray Wachter,** Marcia Brighton's uncle, from Doug & Deb Fingles.

**Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Harry Felt** from Bill & Arlene Zeuner.

**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.

**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 21<sup>st</sup>.

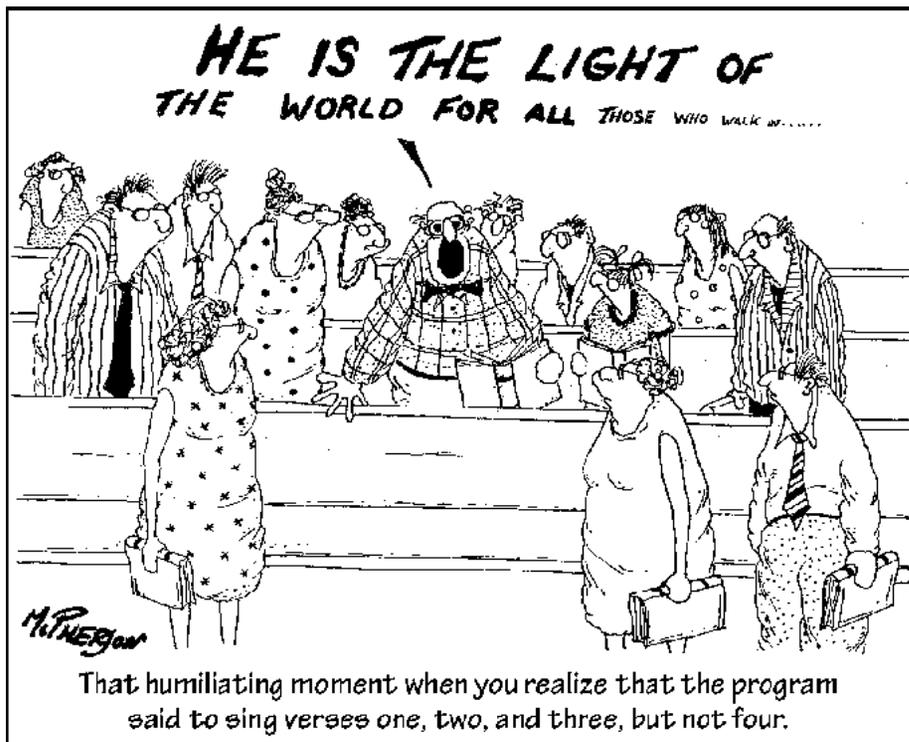
**Photo Directory!** We had an outstanding response for our April picture session with "Life Touch" Family Photography. If you missed getting your picture taken, don't worry, they are coming back next month (May 14-16). These pictures are being taken for our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo Directory. Have your picture taken for the directory and receive a free 8x10 portrait. 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!

**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.

**Golf Tournament:** The annual Mount Calvary Lutheran Church Golf Tournament / Fund-raiser is scheduled for Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 12<sup>th</sup>!

**Youth Board Meeting:** The Youth Board will be meeting this Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from Noon – 1:30 in the Annex. We will be finalizing Mission Trip Details and other summer plans.

**Mission Trip Meeting!** This Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30. We will be using the remaining T.A.G. Nights to help our group prepare for this summer's Mission Trip. For this Sunday's meetings, we need all Youth attending the trip AND THEIR PARENTS (Parents are needed from 7-8). These meetings are important for everyone as we finalize preparations for our trip.



## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Nancy Hoar**, who was hospitalized this past week.

**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 Soucy**, 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.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Anita McIntyre, Carol Quednow, Doris Snow, Doris Fraley (Marsha Longbine's mother), Angleen Trasmer, Peggy Rodriguez, 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 Oswalt (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:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Eric Gossman (8 am) and James Bozarth (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Garrett Counselman (8 am) and Breanna Cook (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:** Sue Glaser, Barbara Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Brian Harper (8 am) and Roger Moeller (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Louis Foss (9 am) and Open (11 am).

**SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**ELDERS:** Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Bob Yeager (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Carolyn Harper (Sun 8 am) and Zoe Bowden (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Glaser, Barbara Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Bill Bohm (Sat 6 pm), Rich Losert (Sun 8 am) and Adam Beecher (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Lexie Hadley (Sun 8 am) and Champ & Pat Aldredge (Sun 10:45 am).

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

Acts 4:1-12 and 1 John 3:16-24

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday – 51 Early – 23 Late – 157 Total – 290**

**THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY**

Today	12:00 pm	Youth Board Meeting
	6:30 pm	Mission Trip Meeting
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women’s Small Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Elder Visits
	7:15 pm	Bell Choir
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Classes
	6:15 pm	Children/Youth Classes
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	9:30 am	Mom’s Play Group
	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>REBUILDING TOGETHER</b>
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	6:30 pm	TAG Night