

**As We Gather**

The Christian life is one of humble service. Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus spoke to the truth that His followers are called not to be served but to be servants. Although servanthood may objectively seem attractive to us, the reality of daily service is frequently far more challenging. Scripture points to the persecution of the prophets and the humiliation and betrayal of Jesus as examples of the cost of servanthood. The simple prayer "Make me a servant, Lord" is one for each Christian to repeat daily.

**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:***"Come, Thou Almighty King"***Hymn #905****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**

Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

*(please kneel)*

Merciful God,

**We confess to You, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put You first. We have used Your holy name in ways that do not honor You. We have been careless in our devotion and have not always honored those set in authority over us. We have done violence to others in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We have taken what is not ours and have spoken that which is not helpful or true. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray, Lord, have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

The almighty and merciful Lord grants us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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: "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"**

**Lord of Glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord to give You  
Gladly freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; 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: Jeremiah 11:18–20** *(The prophet commits his cause to the Lord.)*

<sup>18</sup> The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds.

<sup>19</sup> But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more."

<sup>20</sup> But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING: James 3:13–4:10** (*Humble yourselves before the Lord.*)

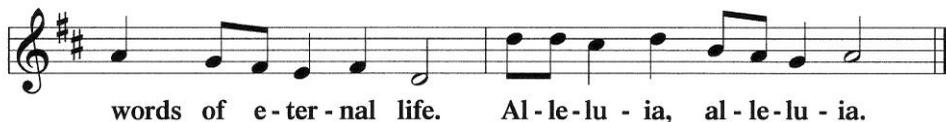
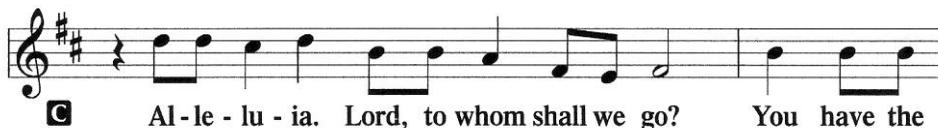
<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup> What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup> You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup> But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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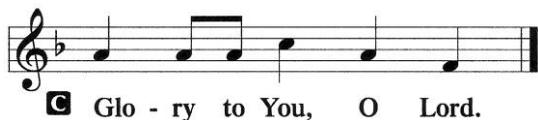
**Thanks be to God.**

**THE ALLELUIA VERSE:**



**THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the ninth chapter.





**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 ++**

**The Pentecost season is the "non-festival" time of the Church year.  
It is the time for the Church to grow in faith and to go make disciples!  
"Go and make disciples of all nations!" (Matthew 38:19)**

**OFFERTORY HYMN: "For the Fruits of His Creation"**

**For the fruits of His creation, thanks be to God.  
For His gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping. Thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
In our world wide task of caring,  
For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

## 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. Holy are You, and great is the majesty of Your glory. You so loved the world that You sent Your only Son to be our Redeemer. By His sacrificial life, He has brought us salvation and has shown us the path to life eternal. 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.**

**☐** 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:** *"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"* stz 1-4 **Hymn #636**  
*"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"* **Hymn #848**  
*"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"* stz 5-8 **Hymn #636**

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

Gracious God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that the bread of life and blood of Christ, which has been shared and received in this blessed Meal, may be for us life-giving food that sustains us on our earthly journey as we serve You in humility all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**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:** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* **Hymn #850**

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

### **THE POSTLUDE**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Members of the week- Rob and Michelle Crawford and Lindsay, Lauren, and Chris** - The Crawfords joined Mount Calvary in 2011 when Rob was transferred here to take a Government position as a Computer Scientist working on C-130 Avionics at Robins AFB. Rob and Michelle met at Little Rock AFB, AR when he was in the Air Force and she worked for a contractor on base. Rob grew up in Tennessee and Michelle was born in Germany while her Dad served in the Army. The Crawfords spent 20 years in Murfreesboro, TN where Rob served as Navigator with the TN Air National Guard and also had a civilian career in software development. They raised three wonderful children there before moving here. Lindsay works in Tennessee in early childhood education and is very active in hiking and enjoying God's creation. Lauren has been the Mount Calvary Praise band drummer since 2011 and is very active in the music ministry. Lauren also currently works in Perry at Red Lobster. Chris is in 7th grade at Huntington Middle School and plays baritone in the band there. He is active in the Youth group and he is also a Second Class Boy Scout. Rob serves on the Board of Elders and is a member of the Sanctuary Choir and Men's Chorus. Michelle is a member of the Fellowship Board and also enjoys playing Bunco with many ladies from the congregation. The Crawfords are so pleased to be members of such a loving church family!

**Our Altar Flowers were provided this week** by Regina Ragan, in loving memory of her husband, Bill Lacefield, and by D. J. & Cynthia Nelson, in honor of the anniversary of Caleb's baptism.

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

**Mount Calvary has received a gift in memory of John Hoar** from Darron & Valerie Counselman.

**Would you consider being a sponsor for a new member?** The Assimilation Board is providing a luncheon and brief informational meeting Sunday, October 4 at noon in the fellowship hall for all those interested in becoming a sponsor to future new members. If you enjoy helping people feel welcome, please come learn about this important ministry! Sign up at the information desk.

**Come to the Warner Robins Recreation Department** on Watson Blvd to cheer on our Mt. Calvary Volleyball team. This week's games are Monday @ 6:15 vs Messengers and Thursday @ 7:15 - vs The Lodge. Wear a blue shirt!! Go team!!

**Parsonage Open House** - Vicar Tim and Courtney Staffeld invite you to stop by Mount Calvary's Parsonage (210 Jerusalem Church Road) from 12:30-3:00 on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Come celebrate this blessing to Mount Calvary by checking out the new house!

**The ECGA LWML Zone Rally** will be held at Mt Calvary on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Attendance sign-up sheet is on the information desk. Gifts from the Heart for **Family Promise** are laundry detergent and Walmart gift cards. Make checks payable to **Family Promise**. Registration starts at 9; business meeting at 10:00 and Worship service at 1:30. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch.

**ReformationFest and 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mount Calvary!** Come help us celebrate 35 years of connecting people to Jesus. October 25<sup>th</sup>, from 1 – 4 pm at Vinson Valley Park in Byron. Sign up at the Information Desk in the narthex.

**If you ordered a blue Mount Calvary shirt, it is time to pick them up!!!** If you haven't paid yet, you can pay when you pick up this weekend or next after services.. Contact board of Outreach with questions !

**Wheelchairs & Walkers to loan:** Over the years, people have donated wheelchairs & walkers and even a shower bath stool to the church. If you need any of these for visiting relatives or post-surgery or whatever, they are available at no charge with no time limit. Just ask Jack or Pastor for their location.

**Don't forget "The Fish", our own Mount Calvary free classified ad page.** Check out the current issue on the bulletin boards and the table by the front doors to see what's for sale and what services our members can help you with. If you have items you'd like to sell or have publicized, contact Susan Wallace at 227-1915 or e-mail her at mixedsilles02@gmail.com.

**Voters Meeting!** On Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> the Voters Assembly will meet following the 10:45 am service. A light lunch will be served at noon, followed by the meeting at about 12:15 pm. Major items, along with board and staff reports will be reports from the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, a progress report about Rebecca's Garden of Hope, the presentation of the 2016 budget for folks to take a look at (final approval will be voted on at the January Voters meeting) and the appointment of the Nominating Committee. All members 18 years of age and older are eligible to be Voters at Mt. Calvary.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Diane McCall**, for continuing health concerns.

**Monika Reynolds**, for continuing health concerns.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Courage Trasmer, Gary Webb, Yekabu Gedru, Erna Wolfrum, Rev. Richard Schuller, Marrison Halsell, Ray Snow, Doug Hartman, Larry Ellgass, Josie Kong, Tony Kong, Annie Hyde, Sherry Parsons, Lorraine Jensen, Karen Harmon 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: Ken Reilly, Anne Harter (daughter of Dick & Susan Kesler), Margaret Frazier, Mary Jahnke (Joe's sister), Barry Rice (Becky McVay's brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt), 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), Bruce Oswalt (Krystal Ferguson's father), Gary Jennings (Margaret Jennings' son), Elaine Mead (Jeannie Hawkins' aunt) and Fred Diehl.

### **Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas**

Chris Walker, 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 Tim Staffeld.  
**ELDERS:** Brian Harper (8 am) and Adam Beecher (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Andrew LeBorious (8 am) and Maddy Hagemann (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Don Parrott, Ralph Wenrick, Dale Hawkins & Roger Foss. Late – Paul Ferguson, Sam Culpepper, Dale Channell, Champ Aldredge & Mark Burnette.  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, Anita McIntyre, Jo Ann Smith & Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Bob Yeager (8 am) and Pat Aldredge (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon.  
**PROJECTIONISTS:** Lyle Wurdeman (8 am) and Kyle Webb (10:45 am).

## SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and John Hunter (Sun 10:45 am).  
**ACOLYTES:** Taitum Gossman (Sat 6 pm), Nathan LeBorious (8 am) and Libby Parsons (10:45 am).  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, Anita McIntyre, Jo Ann Smith & Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Laird Van Gorder (8 am) and Jim Morey (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Barbara Locke (Sun 8 am) and Jan Clark (Sun 10:45 am).

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 and James 5:1-20

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday – 45 Early – 99 Late – 157 Total – 301**

## THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Sunday	12 – 3 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Workshop
	<b>12:30-3 pm</b>	<b>Parsonage Open House</b>
	6:30 pm	TAG Night
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Fall Pastors Conference @ Lakeland, FL (Thru Friday)</b>	
	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Classes
	6:15 pm	Children/Youth Classes
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Mom's Play Group
	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	12 - 3 pm	Middle School Trip to Rigby's
	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting