

As We Gather

What's the big deal about the family? Why make such fuss about it? Here's the big deal: God designed the family to reflect Him. Just as He doesn't give up His love for you, He wants husbands and wives never to give up their love for each other. Just as fathers and mothers offer a fierce love for their children, God displayed His fierce love in sacrificing Himself for you. This is the God who doesn't give up, and He doesn't want us to give up in our families, either.

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:

"Shepherd of Tender Youth"

Hymn #864

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

(Please kneel)

Most merciful God,

We confess that 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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: *"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"*

**Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Father in heaven, You refuse to let us go, but paid the price to make us Your children. We received full assurance of this in our Baptism. Help us to keep daily repentance and a life that pleases you; 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: Genesis 2:18–25 *(God creates the first family.)*

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM:*"Happy Day"*

Sanctuary Choir

THE EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 2:1–13 (*Jesus becomes one of us, so we can be part of His family.*)

¹ Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ² For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. ⁵ For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶ It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?" ⁷ You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, ⁸ putting everything in subjection under his feet." ⁹ But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰ For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹² saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." ¹³ And again, "I will put my trust in him." "Behold, I and the children God has given me."

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. Mark the tenth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

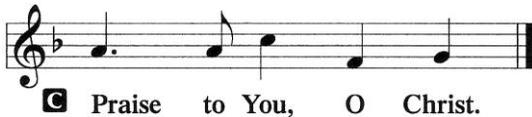
THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:2–16 (*Jesus shows that God made the family as a blessing.*)

² And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³ He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴ They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." ⁵ And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷ 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

¹⁰ And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³ And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Tim Jacobsmeyer, Director of Music

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Our Father, By Whose Name"*

Hymn #863

THE MESSAGE: *"Let the Children Come to Me"*

Pastor David Brighton

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 ++

**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: *"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, who loved us enough to claim us as His own, paying for us with His own blood and washing us in Baptism to adopt us into His family. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

C 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

Members of the Week: Kent and Darcy Hansen came to Warner Robins from the Atlanta area in 2011 and became members of Mount Calvary very soon afterward. Both Kent and Darcy were raised and confirmed in the Lutheran church, Kent in north central Wisconsin and Darcy in Arvada, Colorado. Kent has served in the Air Force since late 1982 and was stationed at Lowry AFB in Denver, Colorado when he met Darcy in 1983. They were married in 1986 in Arvada, Colorado. Kent and Darcy have two beautiful daughters, Wendi and Lindsay, who live in the Denver area and are each pursuing careers and lives of their own now. Through the years, Kent and Darcy have served the church in a variety of ways, including Sunday School teacher and superintendent, ushering.

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Dave & Linna Nielsen, to the glory of God; and Bruce & Barbara Bauman in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary.

Mount Calvary has received gifts in memory of John Hoar from Carl & Barbara Mabee and John & Liz Hunter.

Cornhole Tournament: Sign up at the information desk for the Cornhole Tournament at The Counselman's home (301 Ellicott Drive, Warner Robins) on October 17th at 11:00 am.

We Have an Urgent Need - Church Council is now looking for a few good men (and women) to participate in a special committee that would be sort of a recruiting team with the goal of obtaining replacements for members whose commitments are fulfilled at the end of the year, and/or just finding those that would like to serve on one of the boards. Please prayerfully consider serving in this capacity for the 3½ months between now and the January voters meeting. Thank you! Dave Radcliff, Council President

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 Blockbusters and Thursday @ 8:00 - vs The Lodge. Wear a blue shirt!! Go team!!

The Ladies Guild has changed the time of their meetings to 10:00 am on the first Monday of the month. Please make a note of this time change. Thank you

ReformationFest and 35th Anniversary of Mount Calvary! Come help us celebrate 35 years of connecting people to Jesus. October 25th, 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!

Fall Break! Due to Fall Break & families going out of town, there will be ***no*** High School TAG Night this Sunday, October 4th, and no Wednesday Night Christian Fellowship & Education October 7th.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Paul Brown, who will have bladder surgery on Monday, October 5th.

Nancy Hoar, who is recovering from a thyroidectomy.

Anne Engle, who is hospitalized in the ICU.

Courage Trasmer, who has heart issues.

Baby Boy O'Donnell, born at 27 weeks, who is in the NICU at Coliseum Hospital.

The family of Erna Wolfrum, Anita McIntyre's mom, who died last week.

Diane McCall, for continuing health concerns.

Monika Reynolds, for continuing health concerns.

Keep In Your Prayers

Gary Webb, Yekabu Gedru, Rev. Richard Schuller, Marrissa Halsell, Doug Hartman, Larry Ellgass 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.

Rebecca's Garden Of Hope – Implementation Task-Force: This group will be working over the next few months to plan and launch Rebecca's Garden of Hope. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, October 15th, from 6:30-8:00. If you are interested in serving on this task-force you must e-mail Pete LeBorious and let him know.

FREE Yard Work: If you are retired and have work in your yard to get ready for fall/winter, contact Pete at (478) 919-3723 to have the High School Youth come and get it done on Monday, October 12th. Pete will let you know when they will be coming to get your yard ship-shape!

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Bob Yeager (8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Abigail Halsell (8 am) and Tyler Longbine (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Erv Robinson, Paul Keister, Fred Hursey, Steve Kirchoff & Eric Gossman. Late – Dwight Miller, Roger Moeller, John Hunter, Jim Morey & Cameron Mastenbrook. **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Glaser, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** David Miller (8 am) and Judy Van Gorder (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Tanner Gossman (8 am) and Caleb/DJ Nelson (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Keyes (Sat 6 pm), Gossman (Sun 8 am) and John Hunter (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Garrett Counselman (Sat 6 pm), Carolyn Harper (8 am) and Tyler Longbine (10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Glaser, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Debi Cole (Sat 6 pm), Kathy Robinson (8 am) and Barbara Bauman (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Eileen Mittuch (Sun 8 am) and John & Marie White (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Hebrews 3:12-19

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 46 Early – 96 Late – 138 Total – 280

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

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| Sunday | 12:00 pm | Sponsor Lunch |
| Monday | 10:00 am | Ladies Guild |
| | 6:20 pm | Evangelism Callers |
| Tuesday | 6:30 pm | Women's Small Group |
| | 6:30 pm | Praise Team Rehearsal |
| | 6:30 pm | Boards |
| | 7:15 pm | Bell Choir |
| Wednesday | 7:30 pm | Elders |
| | 9:30 am | Morning Glories |
| | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary Choir |
| Thursday | 10:00 am | Ladies Bible Study |
| Saturday | 5:00 pm | Adult Bible Study |
| Next Sunday | LWML Sunday | |
| | 6:30 pm | SLDT Meeting |