

**As We Gather**

The writer to the Hebrews has much to say about what an active faith looks like and a key part of his discussion centers around obedience. At the same time, it's not obedience as some like to portray the Christian faith – out of fear of God – rather, it's about obeying a God who loved us so much He gave His Son as the once-for-all sacrifice for our sins. We rest securely in His love and in His promise of an eternal Sabbath rest that awaits all who trust in Him!

**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:**

*"O Day of Rest and Gladness"*

**Hymn #906**

**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**

Beloved, let us confess our sin, our weakness, and our need of God's help.

*(please kneel)*

Almighty God,

**I confess to You all my sins and my complete inability to redeem myself in Your sight. I am by nature sinful, and I have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. You have done what is impossible for me to do on my own – You have paid the price for my sins by sacrificing Your only Son. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, forgive me all of my sins. Amen.**

All things are possible for God, who loves us with an everlasting love and who sent His Son to die for us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ 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: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield you;  
You will find a solace there.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Father in heaven, You refused 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: Ecclesiastes 5:10–20** *(The vanity of wealth and honor.)*

<sup>10</sup> He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup> When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup> Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

<sup>13</sup> There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup> and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand.

<sup>15</sup> As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup> This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup> Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

<sup>18</sup> Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup> Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup> For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 4:1–16** (*We who have believed enter God's rest.*)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup> For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup> For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest,""

<sup>4</sup> For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." <sup>5</sup> And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest."

<sup>6</sup> Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." <sup>8</sup> For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup> So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup> for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

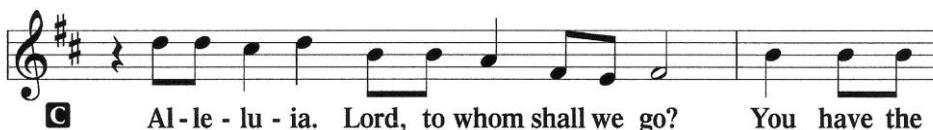
<sup>11</sup> Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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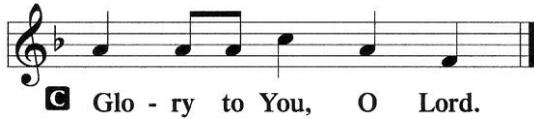
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**THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:**

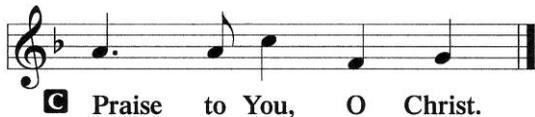
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the tenth chapter.



**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:23–31** (*Who can be saved?*)

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." <sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:**

Pete LeBorious  
Director of Christian Education

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY:** *"Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus"* **Hymn #529**  
(*hymn tune: Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*)

**THE MESSAGE:** **"Rest and Obey"** Pastor David Brighton

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** (10:45 am Service)

**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:**

***"Lord of All Good"***

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now.  
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.  
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be  
That our whole lives is offered to Your will.**

**Father, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:  
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.**

## **THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

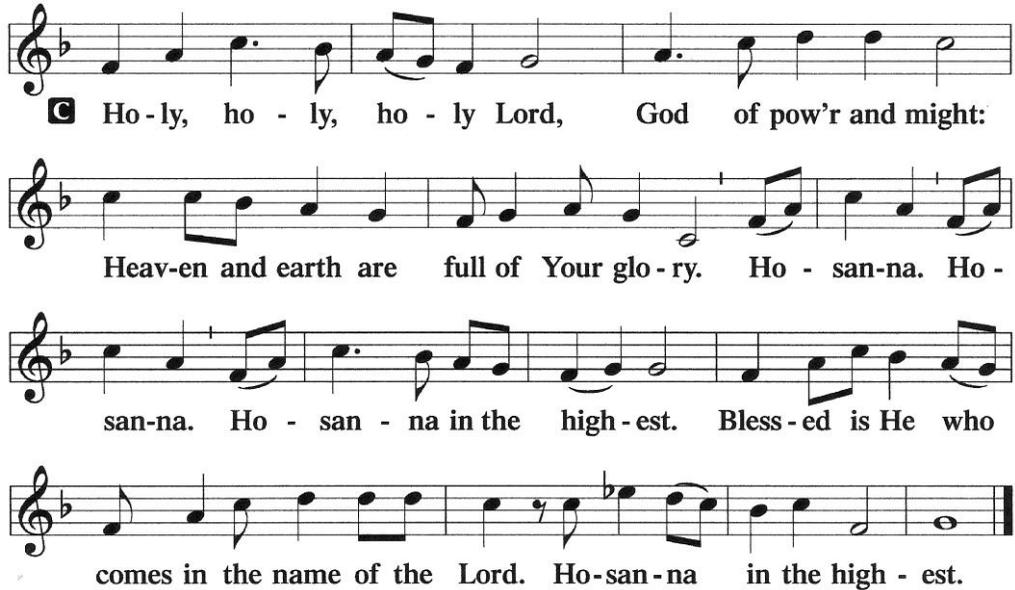
Lift up your hearts.

**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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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.**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**New Member Sunday** Today we rejoice to welcome a number of new members into our church family at the 10:45 am service. They will enjoy a lunch after the service, provided by our Board of Assimilation, where they will also meet their sponsors and Elders. Please make these folks feel welcome in our midst!

**LCEF Sunday** On Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Dan Reichard, LCEF District Vice President and Executive Director of Finance and Administration, will be here to give us the latest update on LCEF and some of the ways we can invest for ourselves, our families and our future. He will speak for a few minutes before each service and also lead Pastor Brighton's "Legacy" Bible class in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. This is a great opportunity to hear from an expert who is our own LCMS representative.

**Lutheran Church Extension Fund Seminar: "Prepare, Provide and Protect"** Are your loved ones well cared and provided for? Will your property pass to your intended heirs? Will your legacy share your faith and values? These questions and others you may have will be discussed at a free seminar on **Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 3:30-5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. A complementary Legacy Guide will be given to all who attend. This same session would cost hundreds of dollars if we had to pay for it, so take advantage of this free seminar! The presenter is Pamela K. Moksnes, CFP.

**Our Altar Flowers were provided this week** by Bob & Nancy Gerstenberger in memory of their parents, and by Sue Glaser, in memory of her husband, Richard.

**Lutheran Hour Ministries is hosting a Regional Outreach Conference** in Orlando, FL on Nov 13 and 14. If you would like to attend this conference, please contact Jeff Townsend at 478-988-9991 or [jkmtown@comsouth.net](mailto:jkmtown@comsouth.net). We will leave Warner Robins after work on Thursday, Nov 12 and return late at night on Saturday, Nov 14.

**Mt Calvary will celebrate and honor our veterans on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** with our traditional luncheon. We encourage anyone who has served in the military and family to attend. We also would like photos to include in the PowerPoint show. If you have never submitted a photo, please do so! Email the digital or scanned format to Keith Dierking at [kd120@windstream.net](mailto:kd120@windstream.net) or put the actual photo in is church mail box and it will be returned to you. Please include your name, rank, and dates of service. Thank you!

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanks for Giving Life Banquet**. The Houston County, Georgia Right to Life chapter is sponsoring its 5<sup>th</sup> annual "Thanks for Giving Life" Banquet on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Wellston Center at 155 Maple Street in Warner Robins. Please join Pastor and Marcia Brighton at this free banquet which celebrates life! There will also be door prizes and a silent auction. To register for the banquet you may call/text 478-397-5914 or register on the web at: [www.tiny.cc/LIFE](http://www.tiny.cc/LIFE) or send an email to: [midgarighttolife@gmail.com](mailto:midgarighttolife@gmail.com). Just say you want to come to the banquet. You must RSVP by October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**“Playgroup” comes to end** – Due to low attendance, our Thursday Morning Playgroup moms and kids will no longer be meeting. Thanks moms, for the great times we had!!! Hope to see you and your little ones in Sunday School! - Ruthie Radcliff

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

**Where are the wheelchairs?** We’ve loaned out all three of our wheelchairs. Unfortunately, we didn’t write down who we loaned them to. Please call in to the office, or leave a note, if you currently have one of them. It seems that we need to start writing down who has them because it’s embarrassing to tell someone we have one to loan when we actually don’t. We’re not asking that they be returned if you’re still using them. Just trying to locate them. – Jack

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



Please consider signing up for altar flowers for the glory of God and to beautify the church. There is a large number of empty slots on our flower chart for November and December and there is no money in our budget for these flowers. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**The family of Bret Wilson**, Monika Reynold's son-in-law, who died on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Diane McCall**, who is hospitalized.

**Ralph Wenrick**, who fell and injured his leg.

**Jeff Grube**, who is recovering from eye surgery.

**Jacque Bohm**, who has shingles.

**Rosie Schulz**, who is recovering from shoulder surgery.

**Dawn Tilson**, Champ Aldredge's daughter, praise that her surgery went well and her lymph nodes are clear.

**Josie Kong**, Evvy Keyes' mom, who has been diagnosed with hydrocephalus (water on the brain) and a brain tumor.

**Tony Kong**, Evvy Keyes' dad, who is still in the ICU, and on a ventilator.

**Anne Engle**, who is in rehab at Regency Hospital.

**Deaglan Lovett**, Jennifer O'Donnell's infant son, who is in the NICU at Coliseum Hospital.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Courage Trasmer, Paul Brown, Nancy Hoar, Diane McCall, Monika Reynolds, Gary Webb, Yekabu Gedru, Rev. Richard Schuller, Marrassa Halsell 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, 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 Bill Gragg (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Cody Halsell (8 am) and Colton Wurdeman (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:** Sallie Brinkley, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Linna Nielsen (8 am) and Bruce Bauman (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Tanner Gossman (8 am) and Caleb/DJ Nelson (10:45 am).

## SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Taitum Gossman (8 am) and Carlee Toler (10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sallie Brinkley, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Keith Dierking (Sat 6 pm), Deb Fingles (8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Laird & Judy Van Gorder (Sun 8 am) and Paul & Dottie Brown (Sun 10:45 am).

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Revelation 14:6-7 and Romans 3:19-28

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday – 41 Early – 73 Late – 125 Total – 239**

## THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

	<b>New Member Sunday</b>	
Sunday	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
	6:30 pm	Elder Visits
	7:15 pm	Bell Choir
Wednesday	9:30 am	Craft & Chat
	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Classes
	6:15 pm	Children/Youth Classes
Thursday	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	1 – 4 pm	Middle School Corn Maze
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>12 – 4 pm</b>	<b>ReformationFest &amp; 35th Anniversary</b>
	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting