

As We Gather

Today is the Feast of All Saints. This is an occasion to remember with thanksgiving to God all people redeemed by Jesus throughout the ages, and especially our own loved ones who have died in the Lord. The love of God is astonishing. The Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation. God even calls us His own dear children! Today is a day of rejoicing not that we or our departed loved ones have been such great saints, but that our Savior has graciously numbered us along with all His saints as His own beloved people. For all this we sing to the Lord a new song of thanksgiving and praise!

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:

"For All the Saints"

Hymn #677, 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

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.

Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

(Women will sing stanzas 1, 3 & 4., Men will sing stanzas 2 & 5.)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, by Your Spirit, You have called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified people from every corner and age of Your good creation to become saints in the fellowship of Your Son, Jesus. Grant that in both faith and life, we follow the example of Your saints who have gone before us that, together with them, we may inherit Your kingdom, which has no end, and evermore sing Your praises; 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: Revelation 7:9-17 *(In his vision, John sees servants of God from every nation, tribe, people, and language standing before God's throne in heaven!)*

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

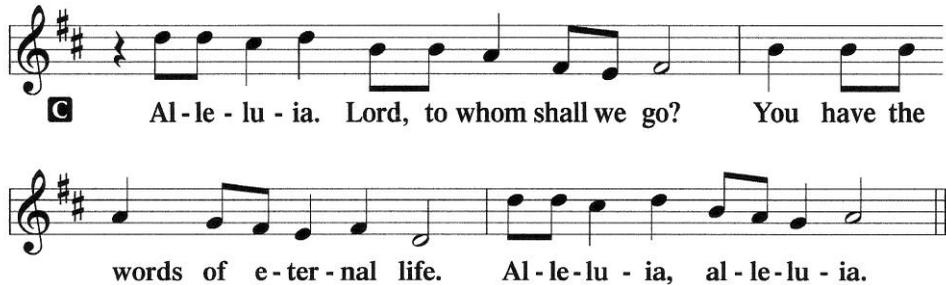
THE EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:1-3 *(God's astonishing love for His children!)*

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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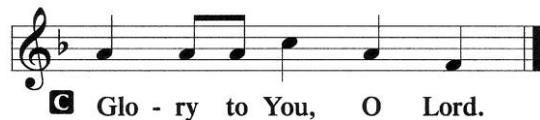
THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



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. Matthew the fifth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12 (*Jesus describes the characteristics of His followers – beatitudes for the saints!*)

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

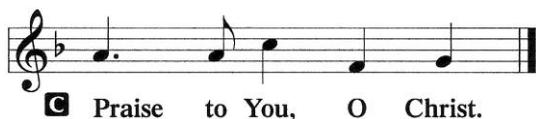
⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Mt. Calvary Puppet Ministry

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Behold a Host Arrayed in White"

Hymn #676

THE MESSAGE

"Calling All Saints"

Pastor David Brighton

ALL SAINTS DAY LITANY

Today we remember all those members of our church family who died this past year and went to be with the Lord. We pause to remember each of them by name and to recite verses from Scripture which remind us of our God's eternal love!

Kevin Tuttle

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles." (Isaiah 40:31)

John Hoar

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)

Anne Engle

"The Lord is my shepherd . . . He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake . . . I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." (Psalm 23:1,3,8)

Let us pray: Almighty God, we thank You that Your Holy Spirit kept these, our loved ones, in the true faith, and that they died holding on to the promise of the resurrection through Jesus Christ. For all the saints who have found their rest in You, we praise Your name with great rejoicing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES CREED AND DR. LUTHER'S EXPLANATION:

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

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: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

**I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

Chorus:

**In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. (*chorus*)**

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

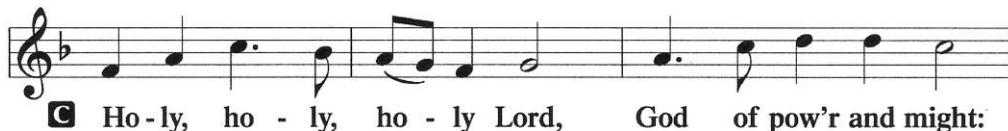
Lift up your hearts.

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. For You have called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified people from every corner and age of Your good creation as saints in the family of God who together both sing and show forth the praises of You who have called us out of darkness into Your marvelous light. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



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:	<i>"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"</i>	Hymn #680
	<i>"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"</i>	Hymn #623
	<i>"I'm but a Stranger Here"</i>	Hymn #748

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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:	<i>"For All the Saints"</i>	Hymn #677, st. 5-8
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A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LCEF Sunday! We thank Dan Reichard and Debbie Talbot for being with us this today to tell us more about the important ministries LCEF provides for our District congregations. They will be available following the worship services to talk or answer questions you may have. Be sure to check out the LCEF display in the Narthex!

Thanks to my church family for the flowers, your prayers and cards during Anne's recent illness. I'm thankful she is now with her Lord in heaven! -- Don Engle

Pledge Sunday is next Sunday, November 8th. This week everyone should receive their pledge card in the mail. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment for next year and bring your pledge card in the envelope provided. All of our pledges will be dedicated to God's glory on Sunday, November 15th.

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Dave & Lois Harter, in honor of God's glory; and by Carl Beahm, in honor of his wife, Charleen.

Members of the Week: Jim & Barb Morey. Jim was born in Worcester, Massachusetts. He attended St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa before entering the Air Force and later graduated from Georgia College. Barb was born in Greenwood, S.C., but spent her Jr. High and High School years in East Moline, Illinois. They met when a friend of Jim and Barb's introduced them while Jim was at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois. They dated while Jim was in Illinois, but when he received orders to go to Spain, Barb moved to S.C. to live with her grandparents. They were like parents to her. While there, she and Jim wrote frequently and in one letter he surprised her with a very romantic "so, want to get married?". They were married in April of 1969, and began their married life in Madrid, Spain. After a nearly 24 year Air Force career, they settled in Warner Robins. Jim went to work for TAMSCO and retired in 2004. Barb spent most of her working career in banking and also retired in 2004. They have three children; Bill, Travis and Kim and four wonderful grandchildren. Having been members of Mt Calvary since 1986 they agree that their church family is one of their greatest blessings!!

Ladies Guild Holiday Bazaar: Its bazaar time so dust off your favorite goodie recipes and craft ideas and start making them up. The date of the bazaar is November 21, 2015, from 8:00 AM to 1 PM and will be located in the Church Annex, located next to the church. We will feature homemade crafts, decorations and plants. There will also be a bake shoppe with cakes, pies, cookies and jams. Sign-up sheet for donating crafts and bake goods is located on the information desk in the Narthex. Please bring your crafts and baked goods on Friday November 20th between the hours of 10 AM – 1 PM. Items should be priced prior to bring them. Tags will be available at the information desk.

Getty Christmas Concert: Keith and Kristyn Getty, known for such songs as "In Christ Alone" and "The Power of the Cross," will be coming to the Fox Theater in Atlanta for a special concert: "Joy – An Irish Christmas Concert." The date is Monday, December 21 and we have a special invite through Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) to save 15% on ticket orders. So go to gettymusic.com and click on "Tours," then select "Christmas Tour" from the drop-down box and go down to 21 December in Atlanta. At checkout enter promo code LCEF2015 and you will save 15% on your ticket.

Keep Christ in Christmas Car Magnets are for sale at information desk for \$5. Proceeds go to Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy (through Rainbow House).

New Address for the Hinkles: The Hinkles' new address is 6700 NW 128th Terrace, Oklahoma City, OK 73142. Phone numbers: are 937-974-6127 for Andy and 937-974-6122 for Cindy.

Mt Calvary will celebrate and honor our veterans next Sunday, November 8th 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 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!

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Anne Engle, who died last weekend.

Margaret Frazier, who is recovering from a broken jaw suffered in a fall.

Jan Clark, who had shoulder surgery and is recovering at home.

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.

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

Keep In Your Prayers

Chet Branscom, Ralph Wenrick, Jacque Bohm, Rosie Schulz, Diane McCall, Courage Trasmer, Paul Brown, Nancy Hoar, Monika Reynolds, Gary Webb, Yekabu Gedru, Rev. Richard Schuller, Marrison 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) and Elaine Mead (Jeannie Hawkins' aunt).

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.

The Board of Social Ministry will be providing information (in the bulletin) about its programs and goals each weekend in November. Be sure to see the display board in the Narthex before or after each service to find out more about this ministry. Our goal is to become involved in various forms of ministry, not only to our own congregation but to the community as well. We want to provide information that allows you to be involved and to identify how you can help. We'd also like to receive information from you concerning needs and concerns of our members and community. Be sure to look for information in the bulletin next weekend concerning needs for the upcoming Holiday Season. If you have questions, please contact Liz Hunter or any of the other board members listed on the display board.

The Lutheran Village committee November meeting will be held at Mt. Calvary on November 10th at 2 pm in the Michael Fellowship Hall. Everyone that is interested in the venture, please come and listen to the latest update in information concerning the project. The information will be helpful for those that may retire in the next 15-20 years to get an idea for a place to live during your 'golden years'. Any questions contact Laird Van Gorder.

Ford Drive 4 UR Community Event: on Nov 7 at Central Georgia Tech, 80 Cohen Walker Drive. For every test drive, Ford Motor Company will donate \$20 to the 2015 Robins Leadership Class for the benefit of **Family Promise of Greater Houston County**. More test drives = more money.

**No sales - * No obligation *Must be 18.*

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:** Abigail Halsell (8 am) and Maddy Hagemann (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Laird Van Gorder, Brent Durbin, Dick Kesler & Kent Hansen. Late – D. J. Nelson, Don Netzing, Adam Beecher, Dave Miller, Bob Day & Larry Ellgass. **ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Fingles, Kathy Grube, Jeannie Hawkins, Sue Julson & Linna Nielsen.
LAY READERS: Steve Kirchoff (8 am) and Dave Harter (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole.
PROJECTIONISTS: Nick Jenkins (8 am) and Open (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Bob Yeager (Sun 8 am) and Bill Gragg (Sun 10:45 am).
ACOLYTES: Nathan LeBorious (Sat 6 pm), Sway Cronin (8 am) and Tyler Longbine (10:45 am).
ALTAR GUILD: Deb Fingles, Kathy Grube, Jeannie Hawkins, Sue Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Rhoda Reilly (Sat 6 pm), Lexie Hadley (8 am) and Dave Radcliff (Sun 10:45 am).
GREETERS: Erv & Kathy Robinson (Sun 8 am) and Dwight & Marlene Miller (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1 Kings 17:8-16 and Hebrews 9:24-28

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 48 Early – 127 Late – 159 Total – 334

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Sunday	12 – 3 pm	8 th Grade Workshop
	6:30 pm	TAG Night
Monday	9:30 am	Ladies Guild
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Boards
	7:00 pm	Elders
Wednesday	9:30 am	Morning Glories
	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	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	7 – 10 pm	High School Outreach Party
Next Sunday	PLEDGE SUNDAY	
	12:00 pm	Veterans' Lunch
	12 – 3 pm	Middle School Party
	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting