

As We Gather

Today, we hear in the Old Testament Reading and in the Gospel of God's tender care for people who are widowed. God promised to provide flour and oil for the widow of Zarephath through the ministry of the prophet Elijah. Jesus praised a poor widow as she gave all she had to live on, in contrast to the wealthy, who gave only a portion of their abundance. We hear in these passages of God's Word how important He regards those who are weak and have little or no means of support. Widows are among the little ones who are great in God's kingdom. For this reason, James reminds us, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world" (James 1:27).

PRELUDE**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING****OPENING HYMN:*****"Now Thank We All Our God"*****Hymn #895****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)

Father of all kindness and mercy,

We confess to You that we are sinful by nature, and we try to play God in many ways. Instead of praying, "Thy will be done," and meaning it, we try to seize control of our own lives and do things our own way. In the process, we hurt ourselves and others. These forces of destruction are driving us away from You, and we are powerless to help ourselves. Even though we deserve every bit of the mess we have made, we ask You to be merciful to us. We ask Your forgiveness for Jesus' sake. Please use Your power to help us and set us free.

Beloved in the Lord, it is not anger, but God's kindness that is meant to lead us to repentance. "A bruised reed He will not break, and a faintly burning wick He will not quench." (Isaiah 42:3) In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: *"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"*

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

**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.
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.**

(repeat from beginning)

Give thanks.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord God Almighty, You have provided a way for us to move from uncertainty and fear to confidence and hope through the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. By Your Word and Spirit, open our hearts to receive Your help in every part of life in which we are still afraid; through the same 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: 1 Kings 17:8–16*(God provides for the widow of Zarephath.)*

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹ "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³ And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" ¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 9:24–28 (*Having offered Himself for sin once-for-all, Jesus now stands in God's presence on our behalf.*)

²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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 twelfth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 12:38–44 (*The hypocrisy of scribes contrasted with a widow's humility*)

³⁸ And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹ and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰ who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Vicar Tim Staffeld

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"The Temple Rang with Golden Coins"

Hymn #787

THE MESSAGE

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

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)

THE OFFERTORY:

"Make Me a Servant"

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be;
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.**

(repeat stanza)

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THE PRAYERS: After each petition, the Worship Leader will say, *"Lord in Your mercy,"* and the congregation will respond, ***"Hear our prayer."***

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 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:

"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"
(Hymn tune: "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus")

Hymn #782

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Night of HOPE: Sponsored by the Caring Solutions Pregnancy Center the "Night of HOPE" will be held at the Assembly church on Watson Blvd. toward I-75 on Friday, November 13th from 6-9 pm. The HOPE is to raise money for giving free ultrasounds to clients, which cost \$120 apiece. When clients see their baby via the ultrasound, well over 90% decide to keep their baby or give it up for adoption instead of having an abortion. This community event will include lots of exciting things for all ages, including inflatables, Spider Mountain and a Rock Climbing Wall; food trucks, hayrides, s'mores fire pits; a craft, bake and vendor sale and an Oldies Concert by the Boomers! You won't want to miss this big night of fun and entertainment, all to benefit Caring Solutions.

Benefit Fundraiser to support the parents of Evelyn Keyes. This **Thursday, November 12th, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**, there will be a fundraiser to help defray the large health care costs of Evelyn Keyes' parents in the Philippines. Evy's father, Tony, is on a ventilator and needs dialysis for his kidneys multiple times each week. Evy's mother, Josie, was recently discovered to have a brain tumor. Tony and Josie have already remortgaged their house. Evy and Ken are trying to help Tony and Josie get the medical care they need, which must be paid up front. Evy will be cooking some great food on Thursday night (eat in the Fellowship Hall or take it home with you) and there will be a free-will donation.

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Jan Langston, in honor of all veterans; and by Carl & Charleen Beahm, in honor of Jack Knight.

Member of the Week: Debbie Strange grew up in Cheektowaga, New York; a suburb of Buffalo. She is a lifelong Lutheran. She moved to Georgia to attend Georgia Southern University, and attended St. Paul Lutheran as it was being formed. Debbie met her late husband, Neal, while a student at GSU. And, while she was a graduate student at GSU, Neal got a job at RAFB. Debbie moved to Warner Robins and worked at Houston County Department of Family & Children Services. (She retired as Director after 32 years of service.) She and Neal were married at Faith Lutheran, but they became members of Mt. Calvary in its early formative years. When they joined, their daughter Karen was an infant, so Debbie always remembers how old Mt. Calvary is. After 33 years of marriage, Neal passed away. Debbie has 2 adult children, Karen and Bryan (wife Brandi) and 2 grandsons, Gavin and Benton. She feels fortunate that they live in Warner Robins. Debbie likes to read and crochet and she stays busy with dog rescue.

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.

PrimeTimers Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange (for those over 50). The PrimeTimers Annual Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 17th at the Landings Golf Club Restaurant, 309 Stahams Way, Warner Robins. Social time is at 6 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. The menu will consist of Parmesan Crusted Chicken or Roast Beef with salad, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, rolls, and iced tea and coffee. Dessert will be apple crisp. The dinners are \$23.00 each. This includes room fee and gratuity. Your checks should be made out to EDNA HICKS. The last day to pay is Sunday, December 6th as we have signed a contract. In the memo part of the check write either chicken or beef. Each couple is asked to bring a wrapped white elephant gift for our gift exchange. Please give your checks to Edna Hicks, Marie White or Don Netzinger. Please sign up at the service desk. This should be a fun night and we hope to see you there!

Jake Huffman will be deployed to Qatar until February.

Mount Calvary has received a gift in memory of Anne Engle from Steve & Jan Kirchoff.

Thank you for all the cards and prayers during my mom's battle with death. It is such a good feeling to have my church family praying for my family and me. It meant a lot to us. God is good.
- Anita McIntyre

Annual Progressive Christmas Dinner - Looking forward to starting the Christmas season festivities Friday, December 5th, starting at 5:30 in the Narthex at Church for the appetizers, followed by the dinner in the fellowship hall, and desserts at family homes. Looking for two host homes, so please let one of the members on Board of Fellowship (Keith Dierking, Deb Fingles, Michelle Crawford or Doug Branham) know you would like to host. Sign-up sheets and tickets will be sold at all services beginning November 14/15. Cost will be \$5 per person. Baby sitting will be available. Dinner menu will be a choice of chicken Marsala or baked ham with various side dishes. We hope to see you there!

Daytime Callers share Christ's love and concern with shut-ins and others who need to know that we at Mt. Calvary care for them. We meet this **Monday, November 9th, in the church conference room at 11:00 am.**

You may obtain Lutheran Hour Ministry daily devotions at: www.lhm.org/dailydevotions. You may also obtain Bible Study group topic with Project Booklets at: www.lhm.org/projectconnect. With the Advent season fast approaching you may download and print the Lutheran Hour Ministry Advent Devotions or receive the devotions by email at www.lhm.org/advent. These are only some of the useful items Lutheran Hour Ministry provides for use in the congregation and also available to give to visitors in the coming months. Check out the LHM display rack in the Narthex for pamphlets on a variety of topics and concerns.

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).

The Board of Social Ministry has ongoing programs. Helping Hands transportation provides rides to members who need assistance getting back and forth to the doctor, picking up prescriptions or getting to diagnostic appointments. Helping Hands meals provides meals to members who are ill, returning from the hospital and need time to recuperate, or that may have a special need from time to time. Snack packs for Backpacks is a program within Houston County Public Schools. Through the generosity of individuals and the donations of local community, packages of snacks are provided to children each weekend and during holiday breaks to help assist parents in keeping their children fed. It has been identified that each grade school within Houston County is in need of this support. The cost for one child for the entire school year is \$180. All is done anonymously.

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.

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.

The Board of Outreach needs members of the congregation to bake cookies. Each Monday night, our Evangelism Explosion teams visit homes in our community to spread the gospel. These teams also bring a plate of cookies to each home they visit. We need 18 to 20 plates with approximately six cookies per plate. This means we need about ten dozen cookies each week. If you can assist us by baking some cookies, please sign up on the sheet at the information counter after today's service. If you have any questions, you can call Jeff Townsend at 988-9991.

The date for getting the names for Christmas Boxes for the Troops to Liz Hunter has been extended until Sunday, November 15th after the 2nd service. The forms are now in the narthex, please fill out and place in the "Hunter" box just inside the church. You may also email me with the information at lizzvjane@cox.net . Please if there are **any food allergies** please state on form. Thank you for those who have volunteered to help.

Rebecca's Garden Of Hope @ Mount Calvary: The implementation task force's next meeting is this Thursday, November 12th, from 6:30-8. Our calendar has the following dates to keep in mind...

- In December we will begin recruiting leaders for the various departments of this ministry. They include: Outreach, Admissions, Tutor/Mentoring, Fellowship, & Facilities.
- In January we will be recruiting and training volunteers for all of the areas to have them ready for the pilot launch of Rebecca's Garden of Hope @ Mount Calvary.
- February 2nd is the launch date! There will be sessions Tuesday from 4-7 pm and Thursday from 6-9 pm.

Watch for more information as this ministry develops and grows!

Thank You! A huge thanks to everyone who helped out with this year's Fall Festival! We had over 20 cars doing the trunk or treating, carnival games & inflatables, and plenty of hot dogs. We welcomed over 2 dozen visitors to Mount Calvary and provided a memorable evening for over 50 of our own children & youth. Members of Mount Calvary gave out treats from their cars, dressed up, ran a game or two and even helped out in the kitchen (keeping the hot dogs hot & ready).

High School Serving At The Middle Georgia Community Food Bank: High School Youth will be using their day off this week (November 11th) to help pack up food for needy families at the food bank. We will meet at the Annex at 8:00 am and return by 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided.

Middle School Fall Retreat: We will meet at church at 4:30 on Friday, November 13th and return Sunday the 15th in time for the Christmas Program rehearsal. The retreat will be at the New Ebenezer Retreat Center and will cost \$90/person. Youth will need a couple of changes of clothing (for both inside and outside play). Pajamas, sleeping bag, pillow, towels & toiletries, their Bible, a 2 liter bottle of pop, and a snack to share.

Pictorial Directory: With all the directories handed out, we still have a few available for sale at \$5/each. We also have several download codes for people who would like to be able to have the church picture directory on their smart phone. Talk to Pete to purchase one of these download codes for only \$5 (Works with Apple & Android phones).

High School TAG Night: The next TAG Night will be Sunday, November 15th, from 6:30-8:30 in the Annex. For November & December we will use the movie "The Year Without A Santa Claus" to launch our discussions of our Christian faith. We hope to see you there!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bob Yeager, who injured his rotator cuff.

Margaret McLaughlin, who is recovering from a fall

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

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

Jan Clark, 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

Jake Huffman, 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: Vicar Tim Staffeld. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Bob Yeager (8 am) and Bill Gragg (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Sway Cronin (8 am) and Tyler Longbine (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Laird Van Gorder, Brent Durbin, Dick Kesler & Kent Hansen. Late – D. J. Nelson, Don Netzinger, Adam Beecher, Dave Miller, Bob Day & Larry Ellgass. **ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Fingles, Kathy Grube, Jeannie Hawkins, Sue Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Rich Losert (8 am) and Dave Radcliff (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Nick Jenkins (8 am) and Open (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Open (Sat 6 pm), Open (Sun 8 am) and Open (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Carlee Toler (Sat 6 pm), Sara Van Lannen (8 am) and Libby Parsons (10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Pruett Burge (Sat 6 pm), Deb Fingles (8 am) and Bonnie Hudlin (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Alyce Quillin & Margaret McLaughlin (Sun 8 am) and Gary & Beverly Webb with Lynn & Koda Cook (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Daniel 12:1-3 and Hebrews 10:11-25

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 36 Early – 103 Late – 152 Total – 291

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

	PLEDGE SUNDAY	
Sunday	12:00 pm	Veterans' Lunch
	12 – 3 pm	Middle School Party
	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting
Monday	11:00 am	Daytime Callers
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Council
Wednesday	11:00 am	High School Food Bank
	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
Friday	4:30 pm	Middle School Fall Retreat (thru Sun @ 12:30)
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	7 – 10 pm	High School Outreach Party
Next Sunday	6:30 pm	TAG Night