

**As We Gather**

Have you ever been so angry you could just scream? What causes us to get angry? Doesn't it happen when someone does or says something mean or hurtful to us? Today we are going to talk about Cain and Abel. Cain got very angry at his brother not because Abel had said or done anything mean or hurtful to him, but because God did not accept Cain's sacrifice. Cain's jealousy because bitter hatred toward his brother and we know how that ended! How do we keep our anger from hurting us or others? How do we refrain from misplaced anger – jealousy that can turn to hatred and acting out in harmful way? Lots of questions! Today we will look to God's Word for His answers. May God bless our worship in His House to His glory this day!

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**OPENING HYMN:**                    **"O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"**                    **Hymn #418**

**INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**BAPTISM** (8:00 am Service)     **Courage Lei Trasmer**

**CALL TO CONFESSION:**        **"Return to the Lord, Your God"** (Joel 2:13)

*(choir)*

**Return to the Lord, your God  
Return to the Lord, your God,  
For the day of the Lord is coming,  
The day of the Lord is near.  
Return, return,  
Return to the Lord, your God  
Return to the Lord, your God,**

**THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Let us now make confession of our sins.

*(please kneel)*

O Lord Jesus Christ,

**You who resisted temptation in the wilderness, have mercy on us, for daily we heed the Tempter's call and embrace lives of sin. We have failed to love You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We let our anger turn into bitterness and hatred. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. Have mercy on us, forgive us, and by the power of Your Holy Spirit, cleanse our hearts and minds that we might walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*(choir)*

**"Yet even now," says the Lord,  
"Return to me with all Your heart,  
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning,  
And rend your hearts and not your garments."  
Return, return,  
Return to the Lord, your God  
Return to the Lord, your God,**

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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"**

**O Jesus, King most wonderful!  
O Conqueror renowned!  
O Source of peace ineffable,  
In whom all joys are found.**

**Oh, may our tongues forever bless,  
May we love You alone,  
And ever in our lives express  
The image of Your own!**

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son was victorious over sin, death, and the devil, from His first temptation to His death on the cross. Strengthen our faith so that we may rely on You, our protective refuge, in every time of trial; 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 4:1-16** *(Cain and Abel.)*

<sup>1</sup> Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD."<sup>2</sup> And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup> and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard.

So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup> The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?" <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

<sup>8</sup> Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" <sup>10</sup> And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup> And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." <sup>13</sup> Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>14</sup> Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. <sup>16</sup> Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 10:8b–13** (*The Word is near you.*)

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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**THE VERSE FOR LENT: "Return to the Lord"**

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fourth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:1–13 (*Jesus defeats the devil in the wilderness.*)

<sup>1</sup> And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup> for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup> And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup> and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" <sup>9</sup> And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' <sup>11</sup> and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>12</sup> And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup> And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Tim Jacobsmeyer  
Director of Music

## HYMN OF THE DAY:

*"Glory Be to Jesus"*

**Hymn #433**

## THE MESSAGE

**"Cain: The Original Bad Boy"**

Pastor David Brighton

## 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 ++**

Lent is from an old Anglo-Saxon word that means "springtime." The 40 days of Lent are a time of penitence, a time to conduct a spiritual "house cleaning," and give up our self-serving ways as we seek to live our lives worthy of our calling as God's baptized people.

### **THE OFFERTORY:**

***"Take My Life and Let It Be"***

**Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Every power as Thou shall chose.**

**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 us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

**Amen.**

### **THE CLOSING HYMN:**

***"On Eagles' Wings"***

**Hymn #727**

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

### **THE POSTLUDE**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our Altar Flowers were provided this week** by Joan Steese, in memory of her and John's wedding anniversary, and by Jan Langston, to the glory of God.

**Member of the Week: Jeanene Crawford** grew up in Columbia, SC. In October 1955, she married Jobe D. Kaminer, who was from West Columbia, SC. After 25 years as a Navy wife, Jeanene settled in Millington, TN where Jobe was medically retired. He died in May, 1980. In Sept. 1985 she married Edward Crawford who was a Professor of Biology. After 30 years of Federal service Jeanene retired from Memphis Naval Air Station. For the next 8 years she worked as Secretary for her church. After Edward's death in 2005 she relocated to Warner Robins to live with her son Marc. Jeanene has 3 sons; Stewart, who lives in Crestview, FL, Scott who lives in Cincinnati, OH, and Marc who she lives with here in Warner Robins. Jeanene is blessed to have 7 grandchildren and 2 greatgrands. She enjoys reading, movies, crocheting, and gardening. Jeanene was a member of Mt. Calvary in 2007, then moved to Cincinnati for a few years and now is back. She said, " Whether I am able to attend services or access online resources, Mt. Calvary ensures that my Spiritual needs are met. Mt Calvary is engaged in varied ways of ministering to the needs of the congregation and the community which allows participation, material donations, etc. of those who can no longer be physically involved."

**Senior Fellowship** - Come join us for Senior Fellowship **Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am**, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a brief Bible study, a game or two, recognition of birthdays and anniversaries, a great time, and a delicious pot luck lunch. If, for some reason you cannot make a dish, bring yourself, there is always plenty of really delicious food.

**The Social Ministry Board provides meals and rides** for members of Mount Calvary who are in need. Meals are provided for members who have recently been ill or released from the hospital. Rides are given to local doctor appointments, church activities or dire necessities. If these services are needed or you know someone who would benefit, please contact Jan Clark at 478-987-6555.

**A big thank you to Bill and Arlene Zeuner** for delivering the gathered food items from MCLC to the local food bank each week. The Zeuners will be "retiring" their post after 6+ years and we have another volunteer, Jan Langston but are still in need of a back-up. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jan Langston at 478-287-2119. Note: the delivery is only once a week at most when Jan is unable to pick up.

**Seminary Choir at Mt. Calvary!** The Laudamus men's choir from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will be here at Mt. Calvary as the first stop on their Spring Tour. They will sing during the 8:00 am worship service on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and they will also sing from about 9:15-9:30 am so that all those coming to Bible study and the 10:45 service will have a chance to hear them as well. The choir will arrive on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and we still need two volunteers to house two of the young men. If you can help, please speak to Pastor Brighton today.

**Mount Calvary has received a gift in honor of Pedro Camejo, from Emory & Sony Lane.**

**Our new prayer group will meet on Thursday, February 18, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM** in the Cry Room. The purpose of this prayer group is to rely upon the Holy Spirit to help us pray for each other and our concerns. We will also pray for our church and our community.

**Life Line Screening.** Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build-up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall from 9 am-4 pm. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).**

**Interested in learning more** about what it takes to become a **pastor** or a **deaconess** in the Lutheran church? On February, 21<sup>st</sup>, Rev. Michael Redeker, from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, will be here from 8:00 to 12:30 to talk to anyone interested in finding out more about these church careers. He is especially happy to speak to middle and high school students! Look for him in the Narthex all Sunday morning on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**The Ladies Guild will be collecting** packages of children's new sox or new underwear during Lent. They will be given to Faith Lutheran Clothes. A collection box will be in the Narthex. Contact Nancy Branscom or Vivian Stillely with questions.

**Crusaders Softball:** The 2016 edition of the Mt Calvary Crusaders Men's Softball Team is now accepting applications. There are a few requirements to be considered eligible: You must be a Male, at least 15 years of age, physically able to play softball, and be available for team practices and a 16-game schedule. A sign-up sheet will be located at the Information Desk. Listen for announcements before services and watch for notices in the Bulletins and Newsletters regarding times for our organizational meeting, practices and the game schedule when it becomes available. For further information please contact Bill Bohm, [bfbohm@gfb.org](mailto:bfbohm@gfb.org), 397-6917.

**Can Recycling:** In case you weren't aware, the church recycles beverage cans. There is a drop off container located in the parking lot behind the old kitchen area. Derived monies are used to purchase foods for holiday food baskets donated to needy families. **One caveat:** the recycling center **only** accepts beverage cans, **NO** tin foil, pet food cans, aluminum plates or other disposable items. Please secure all bags to keep the cans from escaping while they are confined to the recycling bin. Your support and cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Sallie Brinkley**, who fell and injured her back.

**Greg Opolka**, who is hospitalized following a severe heart attack.

**Ken Reilly**, who is hospitalized.

**Norman Thompson**, who is suffering from kidney failure.

**Tim Yarbrough**, who had back surgery on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Aaron Pilarski**, friend of former member Eric Williams, who is only 30 and is dying from stage 4 stomach cancer.

**Sandi Jacobsmeyer**, who is in rehab following back surgery on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Mary Hursey**, Fred Hursey's mother, who is recovering from stomach surgery.

## **Keep In Your Prayers**

Jeanene Crawford, Louise May (Jimmy Martin's mother), Courage Trasmer, Joyce Boone, Chet Branscom, Dwight Miller, Marrison Halsell, Jeannie Hawkins, Gerald Eschke, Fred Crawford (Rob's father), Betsy Luppino, Josie Kong (Evy Keyes' mom), Sonya Popken, Karen Harmon, Regina Ragan, Deloris Denzine 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: Margaret Frazier, Anne Harter (daughter of Dick & Susan Kesler), Mary Jahnke (Joe's sister), Barry Rice (Becky McVay's brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt), Paula Babcock, Kathy Grube, 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**

Emily Whaley, Rodney Hood, Matthew Forehand, Jake Huffman, Darrin Landis, Denver Yarbrough, Michael Welch, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.



# A Love Letter

In the New Testament, John writes a letter about God's love and the love we should show to other people.

**DIRECTIONS:** Working from left to right, write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's. Then read about love, from 1 John 4:11-12, NIV.

lives 3	in 3	us 3	Since 1	and 3	God 1	so 1	loved 1	his 3
us 1	love 3	we 1	If 2	also 1	is 3	made 3	we 2	ought 1
to 1	love 2	love 1	one 1	complete 3	one 2	another 1	in 3	us 3
another 2	God 2							

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1 John 4:11-12, NIV

Answers: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

## SERVING US TODAY

**PREACHER:** Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Tim Staffeld. **ELDERS:** Bob Yeager (Sun 8 am) and Bill Gragg (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Taitum Gossman (8 am) and Libby Parsons (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:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O’Daniel & Maureen Young. **LAY READERS:** Steve Kirchoff (8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Tanner Gossman (8 am) and Trevor Hudlin (10:45 am).

## SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** D. J. Nelson (Wed 7 pm), Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Nathan LeBorious (Wed 7 pm), Cody Halsell (Sat 6 pm), Sway Cronin (Sun 8 am) and Tyler Longbine (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Glaser, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Dave Miller (Sat 6 pm), Lexie Hadley (Sun 8 am) and D. J. Nelson (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Eileen Mittuch (Sun 8 am) and Champ & Pat Aldredge (Sun 10:45 am).

## NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Genesis 13:5-13, 19:15-17, 19:23-26 and Philippians 3:17-4:1

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday – 45 Early – 140 Late – 134 Total – 319**

## THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

<b>Today</b>	6:00 pm	Sweetheart Dinner
<b>Monday</b>	9 am – 4 pm	LifeLine Screening
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women’s Small Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	4 – 7 pm	RG@MC
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 am	Craft & Chat
	6:00 pm	Meal
	7:00 pm	Worship
	7:45 pm	Sanctuary Choir (after Worship)
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	11:00 am	Senior Fellowship
	6 – 9 pm	RG@MC
<b>Friday</b>	5:00 pm	MS Winter Retreat (Thru Sat 7 pm)
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Men’s Breakfast
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
<b>Next Sunday</b>	12 – 3 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Workshop
	6:30 pm	TAG Night