

**He Is Risen!**

This is Easter Sunday! This is the day on which the events in Christ's life guarantee the new life He freely gives to you by faith! *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!* Today's service invites us to sing the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His most marvelous light. The One whose mercies are new every morning shows you His saving grace as He touches your life on this, the Lord's Day! Be blessed this Easter Day as the Father gathers you to receive the blessings that are yours because His Son is risen from the dead, *never to die again!*

**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****A TIME TO CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*(with a shout)* **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The stone has been rolled away! Alleluia!

**The crucified is risen! Alleluia!**

Christ has conquered death by the cross!

**He has come out of the tomb!**

Christ has risen and will not die again!

**Death has been swallowed up in victory!**

This is the day the Lord has made!

**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*(with a shout)* **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN*****"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*****Hymn #457**

*(Please turn toward the rear of the church. As the Processional Cross passes your pew, please turn back toward the front of the church and face the altar.)*

**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

Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

*(please kneel)*

Merciful Father,

**We confess to You that we are nothing apart from You. Your Word describes us as spiritually blind, deaf, and dead by our very nature without Your saving grace. In our thoughts, words, and actions, we have acted as if we do not need You. But we are wrong—dead wrong! Forgive us, Father, for our many sins against You and against one another. By the mercy You show us in the sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection of Jesus Christ, remind us again of the new life and salvation You have freely given. Cleanse and renew us by Your grace that we may rise to newness of life with our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.**

"For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, 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"*

*Refrain*

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is the refrain, with lyrics: "This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God." The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" The third staff is a continuation of the melody.

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

*Final Refrain*



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



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; 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 OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 65:17–25** *(The Lord will create the new heavens and earth.)*

<sup>17</sup> "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. <sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. <sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. <sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup> They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.

<sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:**

**"Our Savior Is Alive"**

Sanctuary Choir

**THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19–26** *(Christ Jesus will destroy death itself.)*

<sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL PROCESSION: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"**

*(Please turn and face the Processional Cross and the Pastor as he processes into the midst of the people to read the Gospel.)*

**Now all the vault of heaven resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed!  
Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**THE GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:**

The Easter Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty fourth chapter.

**THE EASTER GOSPEL: Luke 24:1–12** *(The stone has been rolled away, and Jesus is risen!)*

<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.

<sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**THE GOSPEL RESPONSE: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"**

**Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pete LeBorious, Director of Christian Education

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY:**

***"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"***

**Hymn #469**

**THE MESSAGE**

**"He Is Risen!"**

Pastor David Brighton

**THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**AGNUS DEI: *Lamb of God***

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

**THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

*"Thine the Amen Thine the Praise"*  
*"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"*  
*"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"*  
*"He's Risen, He's Risen"*

Hymn #680  
Hymn #461  
Hymn #813  
Hymn #480

## THE SHOUT OF VICTORY

Christ is risen!

*(With a shout)* **Christ is risen indeed!**

The Passover Lamb was sacrificed for us!

*(With a shout)* **Christ is risen!**

Sin's power to condemn us is over! Death's power to touch us is finished! Satan's dominion over us is broken!

*(With a shout)* **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Ha! Ha! Ha!**

## 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:

*"This Joyful Eastertide"*

**Hymn #482**

## A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

## THE POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lilies to go** – If you provided one or more of the lilies that beautify the sanctuary, you may take yours home with you after the 11:00 am service today or come by the church this week. Lilies designated "to be planted" will be planted by the three crosses on our front lawn.

**New Adult Bible studies begin next weekend!** See the insert for details.

**Our Altar Flowers were provided this week** by Rhoda Reilly, in honor of the birthdays of her mother (25<sup>th</sup>) and father (30<sup>th</sup>); and by Cheryl Hernandez in honor of her mother-in-law, Hortense Hernandez.

**Mount Calvary has received gifts in memory of Ken Reilly** from Riley Hood, Bob & Glenda Day and Barbara & Carl Mabee.

**Mount Calvary has received gifts in memory of Belle Wright** from Annamarie vonDebschitz, Jim & Ruth Aden, Ray & Doris Snow and Jan Langston.

**I would like to thank everyone** for their prayers, phone calls to check on me, get well cards, and for offering help to my family during my recent illness. Mount Calvary is such a wonder church with such loving and caring members. Carol Yeager

**Pastor Eric Hollar & Family** are in need of a favor. Eric (our former Vicar), his wife, and 3 kids (and maybe his mom) are coming to Warner Robins for a wedding on Sunday, April 17th. They are trying to find housing for the day before, Saturday, April 16th. He said they have no problem going out for meals, as they just need a place to lay their bodies at night! If you can accommodate them, please let me know, and I will get the message to him. Ruthie Radcliff, 397-0630 or bigbluiz@att.net.

**Missing:** Does anyone happen to know what happened to the red velvet "Reserved" pew signs that we used to have? I believe there were two of them, but they can't be found. They're very useful for weddings and funerals! Please let me know if you have knowledge of where they might be. Thanks!  
Ruthie Radcliff

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Michael Longbine**, who is recovering from surgery for a detached retina.

**Jeannette Poniske**, Fred Tamer's mom, who is hospitalized with chest pains.

**Pat Aldredge**, who is recovering from knee surgery.

**Charleen Beahm**, who is recovering from parathyroid surgery.

**John Harmon**, who is recovering following foot surgery.

**Hiltraud Culpepper**, who is recovering from knee surgery.

**Hazel Stockelman**, Nancy Branscom's sister, who is in rehab for heart problems.

**Dwight Miller**, who is hospitalized.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Peggy Rodriguez, Carol LeBorious (Pete's mother), Mike Finnegan (Barbara Jernigan's brother), Kurt Rover, Sallie Brinkley, Sandi Jacobsmeyer, Jeanene Crawford, Tim Yarbrough, Norman Thompson, Louise May (Jimmy Martin's mother), Courage Trasmer, Joyce Boone, Chet Branscom, Gerald Eschke, Betsy Luppino, Josie Kong (Evy Keyes' mom), 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, 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 Oswald (Krystal Ferguson's father), Gary Jennings (Margaret Jennings' son) and Elaine Mead (Jeannie Hawkins' aunt).

### **Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas**

Benjamin Brighton, Emily Whaley, Rodney Hood, Matthew Forehand, 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:** Rob Crawford (9 am) and Mark Burnette (11 am). **ACOLYTES:** Maddy Hagemann, Tyler Longbine & Colton Wurdeman (9 am) and Chris Crawford (11 am). **USHERS:** Mike Hopf, Bruce Bauman, Dave Harter, Ed Bodony & Earl Bogardus (9 am) and Paul Ferguson, Sam Culpepper, Dale Channell, Champ Aldredge & Mark Burnette (11 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, Anita McIntyre, JoAnn Smith & Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Jim Morey (9 am) and D. J. Nelson (11 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller.

## SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Open (Sun 8 am) and Bill Gragg (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Chris Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Andrew LeBoribus (Sun 8 am) and Colton Wurdeman (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Jan Langston, Marcia Brighton, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Open (Sat 6 pm), Open (Sun 8 am) and Open (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Open (Sun 8 am) and Open (Sun 10:45 am).

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 5:12-32 and Revelation 1:4-18

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday – 55 Early – 107 Late – 171 Total – 333**

## THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	7:00 am	Sunrise Service
	7:45-9 am	Breakfast
	9:00 am	Easter Festival Service
	11:00 am	Easter Festival Service
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	6:30 pm	TAG Night