

As We Gather

Both Law and Gospel; both sinner and saint; both confession and absolution. On this earth, we live with a constant tension of a "both . . . and" when it comes to who we are and what God calls us. We hear that clearly in today's Scripture, beginning with 2 Samuel. King David admitted, "I have sinned against the LORD," and the prophet Nathan assured him, "The LORD has put away your sin." In the Gospel, the sinful woman at the dinner party washed Jesus' feet with her tears of repentance, and Jesus said, "Your sins are forgiven." In our own repentance, we find the Good News of living in a "both . . . and" state, with the last words from the Lord always being ones of hope, promise, joy, and forgiveness through Christ alone that "in Christ Jesus . . . we might receive the promised Spirit through faith" (Galatians 3:14).

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN:

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

Hymn #915

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.

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:

"Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"

**Jesus, Your blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
For by Your cross absolved I am
From sin and guilt, from fear and shame.**

**When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Christ Jesus lived and died for me.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us Your gifts of faith, hope, and love that we may receive the forgiveness You have promised and love what You have commanded; 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: 2 Samuel 11:26–12:10, 13–14 *(Following his grievous sins, David is confronted with God's Law by the prophet Nathan and comes to repentance.)*

²⁶ When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband. ²⁷ And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

¹ And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³ but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴ Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." ⁵ Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, ⁶ and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

⁷ Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. ⁸ And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. ⁹ Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' ¹³ David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Galatians 2:15–21; 3:10–14 (*Justified by faith apart from the Law and living by faith*)

¹⁵ We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

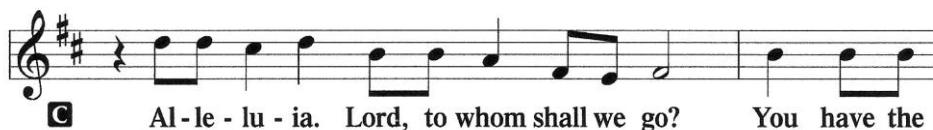
¹⁷ But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

¹⁰ For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." ¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." ¹² But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"— ¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

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THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pete LeBorious
Director of Christian Education

THE CHILDREN'S ANTHEM: (10:45)

"Love, Joy, Peace . . ."

VBS Kids

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Just As I Am, without One Plea"

Hymn #570

THE MESSAGE

"The Dinner Table"

Vicar Tim Staffeld

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 half of the Church Year-also know as the Season of the Church, with emphasis on the Church's role in making disciples of all nations. Think about how you are using the talents God has given you to extend His kingdom.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name Of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

OFFERTORY:

"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 life 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 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:

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Hymn #575

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members! Today at our 10:45 am service we welcome several new members into our church family. They are:

Neal and Marilu Cowan (Sponsors: Earl and Dot Bogardus) 478-329-1322
137 Bear Lake Drive
Warner Robins, GA 31088

Dick and Judy Hamilton (Sponsor: Caroline Martin) 478-922-0306
327 Forest Hill Drive
Warner Robins, GA 31088

Glen and Pam Megram (Sponsors: Pastor Mark and Barbara Bowditch) 478-319-3868 (Pam)
311 Chelsea Drive 478-258-5765 (Glen)
Warner Robins, GA 31088

Magdalena (Maggie) Monahan (Sponsor: Joan Steese) 706-315-0769
200 Cheshire Drive
Warner Robins, GA 31088

Lee Hopf's Ordination: On Sunday, June 26th at 4:00 pm we will celebrate the ordination of Lee Hopf into the holy ministry. Following the service, everyone is invited to a celebration dinner in the Fellowship Hall. The congregation plans to give a special gift to Lee for his ordination. If anyone would like to contribute to the gift, please designate it: "Ordination."

Vicar Tim's Farewell: Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end! The congregation will host a farewell luncheon for Vicar Tim and Courtney Staffeld on Sunday, July 3rd at noon in the Fellowship Hall. As we always do, there will be time for those who would like to say a few words about our vicar's time with us this past year. We will also have the money tree. If anyone is going to be out of town, but would like to contribute to the money tree, please mark your gift, "Money Tree." Vicar Tim will also be conducting the worship services on July 9/10 and then he and Courtney will head back to St. Louis. Vicar's last "hurrah" with the congregation will be to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans with our group on July 16-21.

Vicar Aaron Sterling: Our new vicar will arrive in town the middle of July. He will be installed as our vicar for the next school year on July 23/24. Since Aaron is a single vicar, he is lacking a few household items. So, along with our usual "Stock the Pantry" for our vicar, if you would like to lend our new vicar a kitchen table and chairs or some pots and pans, please speak to Pastor Brighton.

LCMS National Offering – Every three years when our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod meets in convention, a national offering is taken from our 6,000 congregations to help fund some important ministries. This year, the offering will go to the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund to help our Seminary students, and to projects that will support both National and International mission work. If you would like to contribute, please designate your gift for "Synod Offering."

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by John & Cynthia Trichinotis, in loving memory of deceased family members; by Steve & Jackie Kaestner, in honor of their wedding anniversary; and by Libby McCarty, in loving memory of her daughter, Debbie Dempsey.

Members of the Week - Jim and Ruth Aden were born in Quincy, Illinois; Jim in one hospital and Ruth in another. They grew up in a farming area and met when they were juniors in high school. After graduation, Jim went into the Marine Corps and Ruth went to Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL, majoring in Teacher Education. They were married in 1959 and lived in the Washington DC area until Jim got out of the Marine Corps. In 1961 Jim studied at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, graduating with a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1965. During this time Ruth worked on the campus in the school of secondary education. After graduation Jim worked at McDonnell-Douglas in St. Louis, MO, and was transferred to Titusville, FL in 1966. In 1979 they moved to Warner Robins where Jim worked in the Electronic Warfare Department at Robins AFB until his retirement in 2007. Jim and Ruth have two sons, both born in Titusville, FL, but they were confirmed and were in the youth group, etc. here at Mt. Calvary. Mike, the oldest, lives in Chicago and Jeff lives in Clovis, NM. They have a 15-year-old grandson, Robert, who resides in upstate New York. Jim and Ruth both enjoy gardening, traveling and reading. They joined Mt. Calvary in 1981 and "enjoy our church family very much, for the loving caring family that they are."

Craft & Chat Location Change: Due to the Annex Cleaning project, the Craft & Chat group will meet in the Cry Room when they meet at 9:30 am this Wednesday. Please join us if you would like to learn how to knit or crochet or if you just want to sit and chat.

Vacation Bible School – Thank you to all who volunteered for our 2016 VBS—Holy Spirit’s Fruit Stand!! Thank you to all who donated snacks for the week!! They were yummy!! We had a great time learning about the Fruit of the Spirit and how we can bear fruit, love one another, have hope and joy, be patient, develop self-control, show kindness to those less fortunate and gentleness to those who struggle, and learning how God is faithful! Our week was full of high-energy worship, life application Bible study time, creative crafts, amazing recreation, hilarious puppets, and tasty snacks. Thank you to all for giving of your time, talents, and resources to make Holy Spirit’s Fruit Stand a huge success!!

From MOST Ministries: “Thank you so much for your recent donation of eyeglasses to MOST Ministries. You may never know, until you get to heaven, how much those glasses meant to the person who received them. We hear such wonderful heartwarming stories about how the glasses change someone’s life. These stories touch our hearts. We usually have the opportunity to witness to the people as they come to the clinic, and tell them about Jesus and His love for each of them. Then their lives can truly be changed. You are precious in His sight and in ours.” – Lynn H. Wrightson – MOST Ministries, Volunteer Director.

Puerto Rico Newsletter. The latest newsletter from Rev. Richard & Gema Schuller is on the Information Desk. The Schullers are back in Puerto Rico and working to start a new mission in the city of Ponce.

Lee Hopf. Recent newsletters from Lee Hopf are on the Information Desk.

Ethiopia Newsletter. We also received the latest newsletter from Pastor Mark Rabe and family. Pastor Rabe is teaching at the Lutheran seminary in Ethiopia. Check it out at the Information Desk.

Wheelchairs & Walkers to loan: Over the years, people have donated wheelchairs & walkers and even a shower bath stool to the church. If you need any of these for visiting relatives or post-surgery or whatever, they are available at no charge with no time limit. Just ask Jack or Pastor for their location.

Don’t forget “The Fish”, our own Mount Calvary free classified ad page. Check out the current issue on the bulletin boards and the table by the front doors to see what’s for sale and what services our members can help you with. If you have items you’d like to sell or have publicized, contact Susan Wallace at 227-1915 or e-mail her at mixedsilles02@gmail.com.

Women, are you looking for a Bible class that is for women but only meets once a month? Do you enjoy morning classes but only have time for one a month? Do you like small intimate classes? Good! We have just the right one for you. Come and join us in the Cry Room the first Wednesday of the month. We are nominally part of the LWML and we are called Morning Glories. We start at 9:30 the first Wednesday of each month and we would love to see you.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of John Groden, D. J. Nelson's uncle, who died May 29th.

The family of Dennis Hill, Cynthia Nelson's uncle, who died May 30th.

Dwight Miller, who will be having his pacemaker replaced on Monday.

Jerry Bisping, who is recovering from surgery on his foot.

Rachel Harmon, 10-year-old granddaughter of John & Karen Harmon, who has been diagnosed with damage to the central nervous system which causes chronic leg pain.

Keep In Your Prayers

Paul Van Gorder (Laird's nephew), Jerry Eschke (Margaret McLaughlin's son), Betsy Luppino, JoAnn Smith, Carol LeBorious (Pete's mother), Michael Longbine, Hiltraud Culpepper, Sherry Parsons, Mason Snow (grandson of Ray & Doris Snow), Marrissa Halsell, Margaret Frazier, Josh Johnson, Monika Reynolds, Charleen Beahm, Pat Aldredge, Mike Finnegan (Barbara Jernigan's brother), 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: 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

Aaron Gittner, Benjamin Brighton, Emily Whaley, Rodney Hood, 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:** Vicar Tim Staffeld. **ELDERS:** Eric Jenkins (8 am) and Mark Burnette (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Nathan LeBorious (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:** Deb Fingles, Kathy Grube, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Lexie Hadley (8 am) and Dave Harter (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Tanner Gossman. Late – Trevor Hudlin.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Kenn Keyes (Sat 6 pm), Gary Hadley (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Taitum Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Maddy Hagemann (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Fingles, Kathy Grube, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** David Miller (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Open (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Pat Stetzler (Sun 8 am) and Chet & Nancy Branscom (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Psalm 40:1-10 and Galatians 3:23 – 4:7

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 50 Early –96 Late – 125 Total - 271

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

	NEW MEMBER SUNDAY	
Today	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting
Monday	11:00 am	Daytime Callers
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Council
Wednesday	9:30 am	Craft & Chat
	10 am–2 pm	Annex Cleaning
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	10 am–2 pm	Annex Cleaning
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	6:30 pm	TAG Night