

As We Gather

Many of us were brought up being told, "Don't be a follower!" There is wise truth to that in regards to choices we make, especially as youth. But the Lord turns that idea upside down for all people of all ages. He tell us to be a follower! Yet not following out of peer pressure or compulsion, but following where we know we are led to life, hope, and promise. Jesus gives the urgent call to follow Him. In freedom from sin, we are able to follow the Lord in all confidence and in the joy of serving others. Even as following Jesus can bring change to a lifestyle, it is a following filled with lasting promise and eternal blessings. As we follow, we know that He leads us beside quiet waters and restores our soul; He leads us in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

PRELUDE**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING****OPENING HYMN:***"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"***Hymn #807****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

Jesus says, "Follow Me."

Often we are not quick to follow, or we choose to go our own way.

Jesus looks at a lost world in need of witnesses and says, "Follow Me."

We look at this lost world in need of the Gospel, and we hesitate and shy away.

Jesus knows the temptations and the decisions we face, and He says, "Follow Me."

We falter on the way, we follow the ways of this world, and we fail to keep God's Law, thus making ourselves slaves to sin.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

(please kneel)

Lord God, heavenly Father,

You have called us to follow Your only-begotten Son, to learn from Him, to live and grow in Him, to tell others of Him, and to be faithful to Him,

Yet we sin against You and one another in thought, word, and deed. We have become enslaved to things around us and have failed to live in the freedom You have won for us. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us, and grant us the clear vision of following Him through all the confusion of this world, and bring us by faith to the promise of everlasting life in Your presence. Amen.

Jesus says, "Follow Me," and we follow Him as forgiven people with grace to do His will. "For freedom Christ has set us free; . . . those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." 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: *"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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**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)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Gracious Lord, as we have been called to follow You, grant Your Spirit that we may daily know we have been set free from the slavery of sin. In response to Your liberating work for our lives now and eternally, grant us hearts to use our freedom to love and serve one another in Your name and to Your glory; 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: 1 Kings 19:9b–21 *(Elijah is reassured by God and the call of Elisha)*

⁹ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹ And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³ And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁴ He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."¹⁵ And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria.¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place.¹⁷ And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death.¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

¹⁹ So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him.²⁰ And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"²¹ And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Galatians 5:1, 13–25 *(Paul calls us to freedom in Christ and a response of faith and love toward others by the Spirit.)*

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

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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:

"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.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**THE POSTLUDE**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Hopf's Ordination. Join us today at 4:00 pm for Lee Hopf's ordination into the Holy Ministry. Area clergy will be in attendance as we rejoice to see a son of the congregation make his vows and receive his ordination. Immediately following the service, dinner will be served in the Michael Fellowship Hall.

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Doug & Cindy Branham, in honor of their son, Michael's, birthday, and by Craig & Stella Nuckels, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Van Drivers Needed! On August 16th, Rebecca's Garden of Hope, our tutoring/mentoring program will begin. We have received permission for our church van to be in the bus line at three area elementary schools so that we can transport children to church for the tutoring sessions. We need several drivers and "ride along" folks to keep them company. The time commitment is every Tuesday from about 3:00 pm till 4:30 pm. We hope to have multiple drivers and "ride along" folks. Please talk to DCE Pete LeBorious or Pastor Brighton if you are interested, or to get more information to help you make a decision.

Christ Lutheran Church in Perry celebrated their 10th anniversary as a congregation last Sunday. As the "mother" congregation, we rejoice at the ministry now taking place at our sister congregation and we wish them God's continued blessings in ministry under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. John Lehenbauer. Many Mt. Calvary folks still have close relationships with those who left Mt. Calvary to start the Christ Lutheran mission. Be sure to congratulate them!

Vicar Tim's Farewell Luncheon is next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall as soon as the 10:45 am service is over – about 12:15 pm. Please sign up at the Information Desk, to help the Fellowship Board know how much food to prepare. If you will be out of town for the holidays but would still like to contribute to the Money Tree for Tim and Courtney, please make your checks out to Mt. Calvary and put "Money Tree" on the memo line.

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.”

Synod President Elected. In voting conducted this past week, Rev. Matthew Harrison was re-elected to a third term as president of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. President Harrison received 3,507 (56.96%) of the votes cast, Rev. Dale Meyer, president of the St. Louis seminary, received 2,257 (36.66%) of the votes cast, and Rev. David Meyer, president of the Michigan District of the LCMS, received 393 (6.38%) of the votes cast. With a majority (over 50%) of the votes cast, President Harrison was elected on the first ballot. President Harrison will now oversee the Synod Convention, which will be held in Milwaukee, WI from July 9-14. Pastor Roger Schwartz (Our Redeemer Lutheran in Augusta, GA) will be our Circuit pastoral delegate and Dr. David Ringer (Lake Oconee Lutheran in Eatonton, GA) will be our Circuit lay delegate to the convention. Pastor Brighton is the advisory delegate for the FL-GA District Board of Directors.

I wish to say “Thank You” for the visit of Pastor & Marcia while I was in the hospital. Many thanks for the phone calls and cards during my recovery. I’m still in the process of complete recovery and have a way to go yet, but with God’s help, my family and friends, I’ll make it. God Bless my church family for their prayers. - Libby McCarty.

Coming to Warner Robins this September: On September 23-24, Second Baptist Church of Warner Robins (2503 Moody Road) will host “Fresh Grounded Faith,” an encouraging weekend in the Word for the women of Warner Robins. The cost is \$44 for individual tickets or \$39 for groups of ten or more, if purchased by August 29th. A sign-up sheet will be on the Information Desk next month. Speakers include Jennifer Rothschild and Karen Abercrombie, who played Miss Clara in the movie, “War Room.”

Our Ushers for July: Early – Laird Van Gorder, Brent Durbin, Dick Kesler & Kent Hansen. Late – D. J. Nelson, Don Netzinger, Adam Beecher, Dave Miller, Bob Day & Larry Ellgass.

Back-2-School Bash: Housing Authorities of the City of Warner Robins will help kids get back to school by giving away 5,000 book bags with all the essential school supplies during their 6th Annual Back-2-School Bash. This event will be held on Friday, July 22, at McConnell Talbert Stadium Parking lot on South Davis Drive from 9:00 am till 12:00 pm. There will be free haircuts for the young men given by the Barbers from Central Georgia Technical College. Mount Calvary will have a booth assisting with the distribution of book bags and handing out pencils, t-shirts and information about our church. We ask that you pray for a successful turnout and those children that need the supplies will be able to receive them. If you should have any questions please contact Jan Clark of the Social Ministry.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Paul Keister, who will be having hip replacement surgery this coming Wednesday.

Jake Huffman, who is recovering from having his appendix removed.

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

Keep In Your Prayers

Rachel Harmon (granddaughter of John & Karen Harmon), 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), Marrison Halsell, Margaret Frazier, Josh Johnson, Monika Reynolds, Josie Kong (Evy Keyes' mom), Deloris Denzine and Karen Johnson.

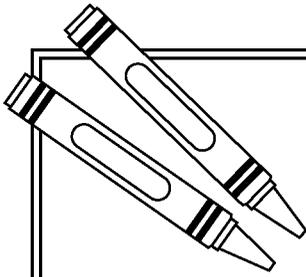
(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)

Those Battling Cancer

Those battling cancer: Paul Van Gorder (Laird's nephew), 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.



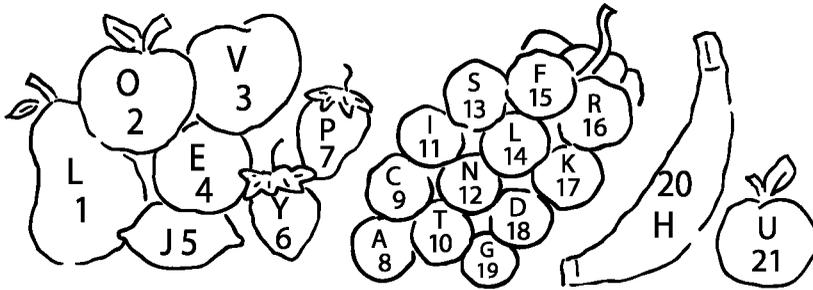
Just for KIDS

Fruit of the Spirit

In the summer we watch flowers, vegetables and fruit grow from tiny seeds and buds. That is also how we grow as children of God – from tiny beings. And as we grow, we need to grow “fruit of the Spirit.” In Galatians 5:22-23 we read about those “fruit of the Spirit.”

Find the “fruit of the Spirit.”

Write the letter from each fruit onto the numbered lines below.



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Answers: love, joy, peace, patience, self-control, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness.

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor Dave Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor Dave Brighton. **ELDERS:** Eric Gossman (8 am) and D. J. Nelson (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Abigail Halsell (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:** Jan Clark, Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand and Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Carol Yeager (8 am) and Brian Harper (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Tanner Gossman. Late – Trevor Hudlin.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Eric Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Rob Crawford (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Carlee Toler (Sat 6 pm), Sway Cronin (Sun 8 am) and Zoe Bowden (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Jan Clark, Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand and Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Debi Cole (Sat 6 pm), Kent Hansen (Sun 8 am) and Bruce Bauman (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Barbara Locke (Sun 8 am) and Barbara Mabee (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Isaiah 66:10-14 and Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 49 Early –85 Late – 145 Total - 279

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	4:00 pm	Ordination of Lee Hopf
	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women’s Small Group
Wednesday	8 am – 6 pm	TAG to Six Flags White Water
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	12:15 pm	Vicar Tim’s Going Away Luncheon
	6:30 pm	TAG Night