

As We Gather

As we gather together by His Word and Spirit, Jesus comes among us. He comes to serve us as no one else can and as no one else ever will. His service changes us, both inside and out, delivering us from our sin and its effects. When Jesus serves us by means of His Word and Sacrament, He directly delivers to us what His death and resurrection accomplished nearly two thousand years ago. Right here, right now, Jesus comes among us to serve. When He serves, He saves. When He saves, He blesses. When He blesses, He sends us out with hearts and lives that have been saved to serve.

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****OPENING HYMN:***"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"***Hymn #904****THE INVOCATION**

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

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

With confidence in Christ, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

(please kneel)

Merciful God,

You never fail to come to us by Your Word and Spirit. Your Word alone gives life, but we are distracted from receiving and obeying Your Word. In our thinking, speaking, and doing, we have done what Your Word forbids, and we have failed to do what Your Word commands. Thank You for being a wonderful Father and a merciful Savior! Bring us again to the foot of Jesus' cross that we may receive the forgiveness we so desperately need. Amen.

Almighty God, in His great mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake, He forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

**Oh that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be
What great things God had done for me.**

**All creatures that have breath and motion,
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,
Help me to sing God's praises high.
My utmost pow'rs can never quite
Declare the wonders of His might.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God, knowing You is the one thing needful for life and salvation. Grant us willing hearts to receive what You have to give that we may serve others as You have first served us; 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 18:1–14 *(The Lord appears to Abraham and Sarah and promises them a son.)*

¹ And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰ The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'" ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Colossians 1:21–29 (*The Lord reconciles us and powerfully works in us.*)

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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. Luke the tenth chapter.

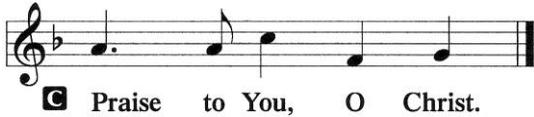
Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:38–42 (*Jesus speaks His Word in Martha and Mary's home.*)

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.

⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Brighton

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

Hymn #729

THE MESSAGE:

"God's Word and Holy Laughter"

Pastor 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.

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

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 HYMN:

"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 ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

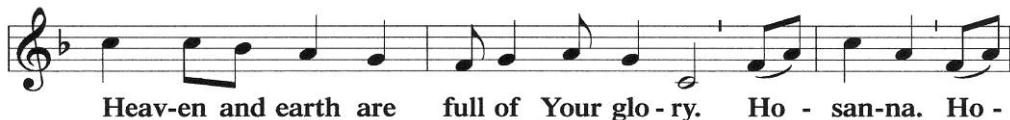
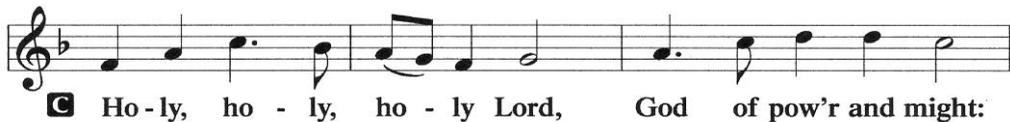
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In Your great mercy, You have given Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. With Your servants Abraham and Sarah, we rejoice that You have chosen us to receive Your Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem us who are under the Law. In Your Son, Jesus Christ, we have been served, saved, and set free. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



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 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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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.

Ice Cream Social! Who doesn't like ice cream in the heat of summer! On July 30/31, we'll have an ice cream social after each of our church services. The Puerto Rico mission team will be serving the ice cream and all donations will go to help defray costs for the mission trip.

Members of the Week--Richard & Pat Stetzler were born and raised in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch country. They attended the same church and schools and were sweethearts off and on. After graduation in 1956, Richard enlisted in the Air Force. Pat attended a business school, then worked as a secretary until they were married in 1958. At that time, Richard was stationed at Griffiss AFB in Rome, NY, where their first daughter, Carol, was born. Richard then started his career in Civil Service at Olmstead AFB in Middletown, PA, where Karen was born. That base closed so they were sent to Wurtsmith AFB in Oscoda, MI, where, you guessed it....their 3rd daughter, Mindy, was born. The final move came in 1970; they were heading south---to Robins AFB!! And GA has been their home for 46 years!! Pat was a stay-at-home Mom until 1976 when Carol graduated from High School, Richard graduated from GA College, and Mindy started grade school. Pat began her career with Houston CO Board of Education as a para-pro (teacher's aide), and eventually became school secretary at Lindsey Elementary. In 1998, after 22 years in the school system, she retired. Her only grandchild, Alex, was born that year. Richard and Pat were members of Faith Lutheran and the girls were confirmed there. Thanks to the persistence of Alcerie Milberger, they joined Mt. Calvary in 2001. Pat has served on the Board of Assimilation, Altar Guild and wherever help is needed. She attends the Ladies Bible study on Thursday mornings. Pat says: "I love all my dear friends here at Mt Calvary. It is definitely my church home!"

Time to do a new Church Directory: Please give some thought to letting me know if you've moved, gone from land lines to cell phones, have children that have married and/or moved away. While I realize the custom is to wait until the new one is printed, then check it and let me know it's not correct, I'd appreciate knowing of changes BEFORE I print the new directory. I'll print out a draft directory of the information that I currently have on everyone and place it on the table by the front door. What you see there is what will be in the new directory because it's the most current information I have. - Jack

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.

Community-Wide Back-2-School Bash – 7th Annual Back-2-School Bash is on July 22nd at McConnell Talbert Stadium parking lot from at 9 am – 2 pm. We are planning to distribute 4,000 book bags. Haircuts, hotdogs, chips and lots of fun will be going on until all the bags are gone! We need volunteers to help stuff book bags on July 20th (10:00 am), at WR Civic Center on Watson Blvd. Also, if you would like to volunteer on the day of the event (22 July) to distribute book bags, please contact Jan Clark (478) 987-6555 or Rhoda Reilly (478) 333-3198. You are not required to stay the entire time; but we can use your support!

Newsletter Deadline Please have all items for the August Newsletter in to the office by Sunday, July 24th.

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."

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Paul Van Gorder (Laird's nephew), who passed away July 12th.

Delore Lewis, who will be having back surgery on July 12th.

Phyllis Yeager (Bob's mom), who had a cancerous lump removed from her arm.

Monelle Netzinger, who will be traveling to The Mayo Clinic on July 25th for a consultation to figure out how to handle the issues with her back that are causing her so much pain.

Paul Keister, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

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

Keep In Your Prayers

Jerry Bisping, Rachel Harmon (granddaughter of John & Karen Harmon), Jerry Eschke (Margaret McLaughlin's son), Betsy Luppino, Carol LeBorious (Pete's mother), Sherry Parsons, Mason Snow (grandson of Ray & Doris Snow), 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: 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: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Gary Hadley (8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Sway Cronin (8 am) and Carlee Toler (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Laird Van Gorder, Brent Durbin, Dick Kesler & Kent Hansen. Late – D. J. Nelson, Don Netzing, Adam Beecher, Dave Miller, Bob Day & Larry Ellgass. **ALTAR GUILD:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O'Daniel and Maureen Young. **LAY READERS:** Kent Hansen (8 am) and Dave Harter (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Louis Foss. Late – Josh Johnson.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Kenn Keyes (Sat 6 pm), Eric Gossman (Sun 8 am) and D. J. Nelson (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Taitum Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Maddy Hagemann (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, Anita McIntyre, JoAnn Smith and Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Becky McVay (Sat 6 pm), Kathy Robinson 8 am) and Barb Mabee (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Bob & Cindy Reynolds (Sun 8 am) and Jan Langston (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Genesis 18:17-33 and Colossians 2:6-19

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 44 Early – 125 Late – 123 Total – 292

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	National Youth Gathering thru Thursday	
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Wednesday	9:30 am	Craft & Chat
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm-ish	Youth Return
Friday	9 am – 2 pm	Back-2-School Bash
Saturday	Vicar Aaron Sterling's Installation	
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	Vicar Aaron Sterling's Installation	
	6:00 pm	SLDT Planning Retreat (thru 4 pm Monday)