

**As We Gather**

"Won't you be my neighbor?" Years ago, many kids who tuned in to a popular children's show were asked this question in song by Fred Rogers as a way for children to consider relationships with those around them. The Lord through His timeless Word also invites us to consider our neighbors. Not through song, but instead through various "woes" found in Amos, the people then and we today are called to ask ourselves, "Won't you care for your neighbors? Won't you help and love your neighbors?" By God's grace and empowered by the Gospel, we find our answer in the joyous task He's given to us.

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**OPENING HYMN:**

*"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"*

**Hymn #743**

**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**

Together, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

*(please kneel)*

Gracious and ever-providing Lord,

**We are by nature sinful. We are often complacent and filled with apathy in our worship and prayers. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive our sins, cleanse our hearts, and renew our spirits, that we may obey You and serve our neighbors with joy and gladness all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord, God has heard our confession, and because of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has answered with good news. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:**

***"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"***

**Holy God, we praise Thy Name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; 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: Amos 6:1–7** *(Words of warning for people who remove God from their lives in complacency.)*

<sup>1</sup> "Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! <sup>2</sup> Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, <sup>3</sup> O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? <sup>4</sup> "Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, <sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, <sup>6</sup> who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 (*Godliness with contentment*)

<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. <sup>9</sup> But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup> As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

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 sixteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:19–31** (*The rich man and Lazarus*)

<sup>19</sup> "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup> and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup> And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup> And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup> But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' <sup>30</sup> And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup> He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:**

Mt. Calvary Puppet Ministry

**SONG:** (10:45 Service) ***"Let Us Love One Another," "Praise The Lord"*** Sunday School Kids

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY:** ***"All Depends On Our Possessing"*** **Hymn #732**

**THE MESSAGE** ***"Content in Christ"*** Vicar Aaron Sterling

**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 known 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)**

**VOLUNTARY** (8:00 am Service)

Carolyn Harper

**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.**

**Take my love, my Lord I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

**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:**

***"When Peace, Like a River"***

**Hymn #763**

**A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

## THE POSTLUDE

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our Altar Flowers were provided this week** by Doug & Cindy Branham, in memory of Joan Jones, and by Bill & Mary Ellen Gragg, in honor of their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**You are Invited to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual ReformationFest**, held this year at Christ Lutheran in Perry on Sunday, October 30. A free-will offering meal of brats, hotdogs, German potato salad, side dishes and desserts will be served from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. From 1:30 - 2:30 pm, Michael and Dr. Lynn Wilder will share their story of leaving the Mormons, after serving in leadership and even professorship at Brigham Young University. Free child care will be provided. Christ Lutheran is located at 208 Langston Road in Perry. Guests from our sister congregations are welcome, though not required, to bring a dessert to share. See the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

**Mt. Calvary has received gifts in memory of Margaret Frazier** from Bill & Arlene Zeuner, Carl & Barbara Mabee, Don & Judy Parrott, Dave & Lois Harter, Nancy Cummings, Chet & Nancy Branscom and Riley Hood's Coffee Club Members.

**Mt. Calvary has received gifts in memory of Betsy Luppino** from Carl & Barbara Mabee and Rose Karmel.

**Our Ushers for October:** Early – Erv Robinson, Paul Keister, Fred Hursey, Steve Kirchoff & Eric Gossman. Late – Dwight Miller, Roger Moeller, John Hunter, Jim Morey & Cameron Mastenbrook.

**Voters Meeting:** Next Sunday our Voters Assembly will meet at 12:30 pm, with a light lunch served at noon. Agenda items include: Board and staff reports, 2017 proposed budget will be distributed, discussion about calling an Associate Pastor in 2017, appointment of the nominating committee, and more! See you there!

**Mini-Session Bible Study: Called to Vote.** The next four Sundays (October 2, 9, 16, 23) Pastor Brighton and Vicar Aaron will lead a Bible study for ALL ADULTS in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings during the Education Hour (9:30-10:31am) that will look at our responsibility to be part of the political process in this election year as we look at important questions about how our FAITH informs our VOTE. This study is not intended to be a voting guide for our members! It is not intended to lead anyone to a particular party or candidate or support any party platform! The subject we'll look at is far from that simple. Instead, we will embark on a 4-week discussion about what it means to vote in a democracy as Christians, making use of Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. PLEASE NOTE: The Men's and Women's Bible studies will continue to meet at their discretion.

**Rebuilding Together Award.** Today, at the 10:45 am service an award will be presented to Mt. Calvary by *Rebuilding Together* to thank our congregation for its involvement over the years in this important community development program. Some of our members will remember that it was our own Rick Rider whose efforts originally helped bring "*Christmas in April*" (which became *Rebuilding Together*) to Warner Robins over a decade ago. Rick's widow, Flora, plans to be with us for the presentation next Sunday!

**I would like to thank Pastor Brighton and all my Church Family** members for the prayers, visits, flowers and cards to Margaret Frazier. Most of all, Thank You for being there for me. May God Bless you all! - Riley Hood

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Earl Bogardus**, who was hospitalized last weekend, but is doing better now.

**Mike Longbine**, who continues to have problems with low pressure in his eye.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Joshua Johnson, Sheila Grube, Sharon Suckow, Monika Reynolds, Kurt Rover, Tammy Platt, Mark Iverson (Bonnie Hudlin's father), Monelle Netzing, Sue Crawford (Rob's mother), David Snow (Ray & Doris' son), Betty Ragan (Regina's mom), Carol Quednow, Sandi Jacobsmeyer, Bobby & Pat Wolfe, Bill Gragg, Mary Ellen Gragg, 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: Anne Kesler-Harter (Daughter of Dick & Susan Kesler), Barry Rice (Becky McVay's brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt), Kathy Grube, Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom) and Bruce Oswalt (Krystal Ferguson's father).

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

Aaron Gittner, Benjamin Brighton, Darrin Landis, Denver Yarbrough, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.



## SERVING US TODAY

**PREACHER:** Vicar Aaron Sterling. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Eric Jenkins (8 am) and Mark Burnette (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Sway Cronin (8 am) and Maddy Hagemann (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early - Don Parrott, Ralph Wenrick, Dale Hawkins & Roger Foss. Late – Paul Ferguson, Sam Culpepper, Dale Channell, Champ Aldredge & Mark Burnette. **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Jan Clark, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Deb Fingles (8 am) and Barb Mabee. **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Lyle Wurdeman. Late – Kyle Webb.

## SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Glen Thompson (Sun 8 am) and Open (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Caleb Durbin (Sun 8 am) and Libby Parsons (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O’Daniel & Maureen Young. **LAY READERS:** Keith Dierking (Sat 6 pm), Lexie Hadley (8 am) and Jim Morey (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Eileen Mittuch (Sun 8 am) and Barb Mabee (Sun 10:45 am).

## NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 and 2 Timothy 1:1-14

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday – 53 Early – 100 Late – 136 Total – 289**

## THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	12 – 3 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Workshop
	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women’s Small Group
Tuesday	4 – 7 pm	RG@MC Tutoring
Wednesday	Pete & Tim at	Educator’s Conference
	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Study Classes
	6:15 pm	Children/Youth Classes
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	Pete & Tim at	Educator’s Conference
	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	Pete & Tim at	Educator’s Conference
	6 – 9 pm	Middle School Party
Saturday	10 am-1:30 pm	Sky Zone
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Voters Meeting</b>
	6:30 pm	TAG Night