

As We Gather

We know that living a faithful life isn't easy, especially with a challenging culture and world around us. However, we are blessed with the Lord's continued encouragement in our pilgrimage, just as others in Scripture experienced. Amid wickedness and destruction, God would encourage Habakkuk to remain steadfast in his duty. Through Paul's letter, God would affirm Timothy in his service, encouraging him to remain steadfast in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Jesus also gives His disciples and us encouragement in our daily living through forgiveness and an increase of faith as we place ourselves where His Spirit works through His Word and Means of Grace. In that continued encouragement, may we give thanks for His ever-present grace and mercy as we live humbly and faithfully in His name and to His glory.

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:

"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"

Hymn #857

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)

Lord, we come to You as unworthy servants as we are by nature sinful and unclean.

We have not always done what was our faithful duty. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Often our service to others has been rooted in selfishness and our motives have been impure. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

We are unworthy servants, for we have sinned and deserve present and eternal punishment. For our sake, our Lord Jesus Christ came into this sinful and selfish world as the perfect Servant. He served us by His perfect life and by giving up His life on Calvary's cross as payment for our sin. At the command and promise of our Lord Jesus Christ and as a called and ordained servant of His Word, I 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: "Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"

**Lord of all nations, grant me grace
To love all people, ev'ry race;
And in each person may I see
My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.**

**Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred
By loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do
Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.**

**With Thine own love may I be filled
And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, wher'er I be,
May be divinely touched by Thee.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O merciful Lord, Your Son has called us to follow no matter the cost. Grant us open eyes to see beyond the cross to the promised land that awaits us because of His sacrifice on our behalf; 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: Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4 *(Habakkuk's complaint and the Lord's answer.)*

¹ The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. ² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

¹ I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ² And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.

³ For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴ “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 2 Timothy 1:1–14 (*Paul’s encourages us to “share in the suffering for the gospel.”*)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child:

³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



C 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 seventeenth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:1–10 (*Jesus' teaching on repentance and forgiveness.*)

¹ And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³ Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴ and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ "Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸ Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹ Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Tim Jacobsmeyer
Director of Music

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"* **Hymn #848**
Congregation: Stanzas 1 and 4
Choir: Stanzas 2 and 3

THE MESSAGE:

The Four "R's" of Forgiveness

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.

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 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)

OFFERTORY HYMN:

"Create in Me"

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir - it with
in me. Cast me not a-way from Your pres-ence and take not Your
Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion
and up - hold me with Your free Spir - it

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
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

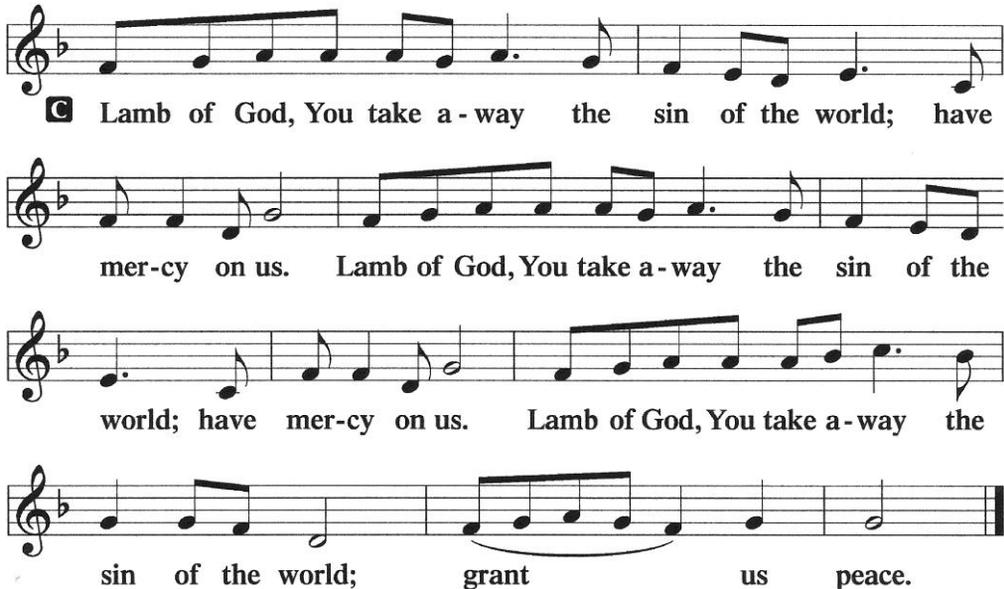
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the 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.



☐ 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 center cup in each tray is white grape juice for pregnant moms or those allergic to alcohol.)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"What Is This Bread"

Hymn #629

"The Lamb"

Hymn #547

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee"

Hymn #632

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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:

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Hymn #643

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Dave & Linna Nielsen, in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary, and by Bruce & Barbara Bauman, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Voters Meeting: Our Voters Assembly will meet after late service today, following a light lunch. 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!

Come to the Warner Robins Recreation Department on Watson Blvd to cheer on our Mt. Calvary Volleyball teams. This week's games are: Monday – Team 1 vs Crossroads at 8:00 pm and Team 2 vs the Messengers at 8:50 pm. Thursday – Team 2 vs Netflix at 6:15 pm and Team 1 vs The Lodge @ 7 pm. Wear a blue shirt!! Go team!!

You are Invited to the 7th 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 a gift in memory of Margaret Frazier from Bruce & Barbara Bauman.

Mt. Calvary has received gifts in memory of Betsy Luppino from Betty Cummings & Bruce & Barbara Bauman.

Men's Breakfast – Guys! It's time to sign up at the Information Desk for this month's breakfast. We'll meet at 8:00 am in the Michael Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, October 15th**. Join us for good food and fellowship. Those "young men" of high school age and older are invited. We would appreciate it if you would sign up on the sheet at the Information Desk.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Richard Uitto, who will have neck surgery on October 3rd.

Margaret Jennings, who was hospitalized this past week.

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), 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 Oswald (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: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton/Vicar Aaron Sterling. **ELDERS:** Glen Thompson (8 am) and Mark Burnette (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Caleb Durbin (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:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O’Daniel & Maureen Young. **LAY READERS:** Lexie Hadley (8 am) and Jim Morey. **SLIDE PREPARER:** Open. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Tanner Gossman. Late – Trevor Hudlin.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Kenn Keyes (Sat 6 pm), Bob Yeager (Sun 8 am) and Bill Gragg (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Libby Parsons (Sat 6 pm), Taitum Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Carlee Toler (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O’Daniel & Maureen Young. **LAY READERS:** Becky McVay (Sat 6 pm), Carol Yeager (8 am) and Pat Aldredge (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Laird & Judy Van Gorder (Sun 8 am) and Champ & Pat Aldredge (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Ruth 1:1-19a and 2 Timothy 2:1-13

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 49 Early – 95 Late – 157 Total –301

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	12:00 pm	Voters Meeting
	6:30 pm	TAG Night
Monday	10:00 am	Ladies Guild
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women’s Small Group
Tuesday	4 – 7 pm	RG@MC Tutoring
	6:30 pm	Boards
	7:30 pm	Elders
Wednesday	9:30 am	Morning Glories
	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Study Classes
	6:15 pm	Children/Youth Classes
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	Fall Break thru October 15 th	
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	LWML Sunday	