

As We Gather

When given the chance to return to her own people, the widow Ruth pledged faithful love not just to her mother-in-law, Naomi, but to Naomi's God. Paul urges his apprentice Timothy to respond with faithful love assuring him of the strength that is received through knowing Jesus. This strength produces the fruit of enduring hardships, running the race, and working in the Lord's harvest. Yet even when we are weak and falter in our faithfulness, God is ever faithful to keep His promises. His grace and power and love are boundless!

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN:

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Hymn #905

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)

Faithful and loving God,

We confess that we are sinners by nature as well as by choice. We have willfully turned away from Your faithful love and embraced shadow and death instead. We admit our powerlessness to return to You, and we believe that in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, You have decisively acted to forgive, heal, and restore us to life. By Your Spirit, make what Jesus has done real in our lives this day. 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:

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my
Great Redeemer's praise,
The Glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; 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: Ruth 1:1–19a (*"Where you go I will go."*)

¹ In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵ and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰ And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³ would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." ¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. ¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 2 Timothy 2:1–13 (*The Word of God is not bound!*)

¹ You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful.

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 seventeenth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11–19 *(One leper returned to thank Jesus, but what about the other nine?)*

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Cynthia Nelson
Director of Children's Ministries

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"*

Hymn #660

THE MESSAGE

"Boundless!"

Pastor David Brighton

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TEAM TO PUERTO RICO

THE LWML PLEDGE

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior, our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. 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)

OFFERTORY:

"Lutheran Women, One and All"

**Lutheran women, one and all,
We have heard the Gospel call.
We by faith have seen our Lord
Crucified and then restored.
We have seen Him pay the price,
For our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim
And unite to praise His name.**

**Lutheran women, young and old,
Well we know His challenge bold:
Help to take the Gospel light
To a world in darkest night,
By example in the home,
By inviting those who roam,
By our prayers for sinners lost,
By our gifts for missions' cost.**

**Lutheran women, coast to coast,
In the Lord a mighty host,
Let us all united be
In the Holy Trinity,
One in faith, in hope, and love,
Working for the Lord above,
Till, our earthly labors done,
We in heaven shall be one.**

*Tune: St George's, Windsor
Elmer A. Kettner*

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.

THE CLOSING HYMN:

"In Thee Is Gladness"

Hymn #818

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Stephen & Jackie Kaestner, in honor of their Grandson Mason's birthday, and by Steve & Melanie Soisson, in honor of their 23rd wedding anniversary.

Come to the Warner Robins Recreation Department on Watson Blvd to cheer on our Mt. Calvary Volleyball teams. This week's game is: Tuesday – Mt Calvary Team 1 vs Mt Calvary Team 2 at 8:00 pm. Wear a blue shirt!! Go team(S)!!

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 gifts in memory of Margaret Frazier from Betty Cummings, Joan Steese & Dwight & Marlene Miller.

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.

Pumpkin Potluck - (Not to be confused with the Fall Festival/Trunk-or-Treat on Wednesday the 26th!) Join us for a morning of fun on Saturday, October 22nd for food, games, and fellowship. Events included will be Cornhole, pumpkin painting, a kid's scavenger hunt, a chili contest, and family games! * * * Cornhole - 10:00 am - Family Games - 11 am - Food – Noon * * *

We will also be having a silent auction, and the items up for bid will be of hand-made, beautifully crafted, Cornhole boards. Bid money will go towards future mission trips for the church. Please let us know if you plan to participate in Cornhole or bring food on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex, so that we can plan accordingly! You won't want to miss this, see you there!

The Lutheran Village has experienced a turnover of officers due to relocations and resignations. We are in the process of developing a site and need officers to continue with the administration. We hope to select a site and begin the formal marketing and development soon. We need a recorder and chairman. If anyone would like to be in on the groundwork of this important venture, please contact me, Deacon Laird Van Gorder, at 953-0759 or at early service. The Lord needs your time and talents. (Age is not a factor.)

We made almost 400 blankets for this year's Linus Project. Today, LWML Sunday, Pastor will bless all of these blankets. The blankets will then go to the area coordinator of the Linus Project to be distributed at The Children's Hospital in Macon where every child will receive a blanket. Also 20 blankets a month will stay in Warner Robins and go to Hospice and Rainbow House. We would like to thank everyone who made blankets, made donations and offered prayers for the whole project.

It's Bazaar time, so dust off your favorite goodie recipes and craft ideas and start making them up. The Bazaar will be November 19th, from 8:00 AM to 1 PM at the Annex. We will feature homemade crafts, decorations and plants. There will also be a bake shoppe with cakes, pies, cookies and jams. Sign-up sheet for donating crafts and bake goods is located on the information desk in the Narthex Please bring your crafts and baked goods on Friday, November 18th between 10 AM – 1 PM. Items should be priced prior to bring them. Tags will be available at the information desk.

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.

Church Directory in PDF Format – If you want a current to-the-minute church directory, just call or e-mail the church office. Our secretary can take 1 minute to create a PDF that's easy to use and up-to-date, then e-mail it to you.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Alyce Quillin, who will have an ablation for heart problems on October 10th.

Marjorie Hogan, who has been battling the flu for the past few weeks.

Gary & Lexie Hadley, whose store was broken into and robbed.

Tracie Frey, who is recovering from back surgery.

Jeanene Crawford, who will have surgery on October 11th.

Erika Swaim, Marcia Brighton's mother, who is recovering from surgery.

Richard Uitto, who is at home recovering from neck surgery.

Keep In Your Prayers

Margaret Jennings, Mike Longbine, Joshua Johnson, Sheila Grube, Sharon Suckow, Monika Reynolds, Kurt Rover, Tammy Platt, Mark Iverson (Bonnie Hudlin's father), Monelle Netzing, Josie Kong (Evy Keyes' mom), Deloris Denzine and Karen Johnson.

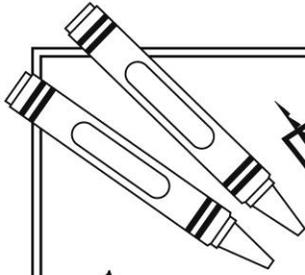
(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)

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.



PUZZLE

A promise to the earth

After the flood in Genesis, God promised to “never again ... destroy all living creatures” (Genesis 8:21, NIV).

Directions: Using the picture clues below, write each small word in the blanks to complete God's promise in Genesis 8:22, NIV.

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GENESIS 8:22, NIV

Answer: As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” Genesis 8:22, NIV

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Aaron Sterling. **ELDERS:** Bob Yeager (8 am) and Bill Gragg (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Taitum Gossman (8 am) and Carlee Toler (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:** Carol Yeager (8 am) and Pat Aldredge. **SLIDE PREPARER:** Gary Webb. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Tanner Gossman. Late – Trevor Hudlin.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Gary Hadley (Sun 8 am) and Mark Burnette (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Abby Soisson (Sat 6 pm), Tucker Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Colton Wurdeman (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, Anita McIntyre, JoAnn Smith & Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Darron Counselman (Sat 6 pm), Jeff Townsend (8 am) and Pruett Burge (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Bob & Cindy Reynolds (Sun 8 am) and Sue Julson (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Genesis 32:22-30 and 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 32 Early – 102 Late – 129 Total – 263

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	LWML SUNDAY	
	6:30 pm	TAG Night
Monday	11:00 am	Daytime Callers
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	4 – 7 pm	RG@MC Tutoring
	Mission Trip to Puerto Rico thru the 17 th	
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	Fall Workday Following Men's Breakfast	
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	6:30 pm	TAG Night