

As We Gather

Jacob wrestled with God; Paul urged Timothy to "be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry" (2 Timothy 4:5), and Jesus speaks of the widow who kept on petitioning the unjust judge for justice. These examples from the Scriptures all point to one thing: persistence—keeping-on-keeping-on even in the face of obstacles, difficulties, and suffering. However, Jesus reminds us of two important truths: heroism and willpower accomplish nothing of value under the reign of God, and the God we persist in petitioning is no unjust and uncaring judge, but rather our gracious, loving Father who always delights to hear and answer the prayers of His people!

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:***"Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"***Hymn #589****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)

Kind and loving Father,

We confess to You our sinfulness both of nature and of choice. We often lose heart in the face of obstacles, difficulties, and suffering. We fail to call upon You for help, and we fail to keep trusting in Your goodness. Hear us now for Jesus' sake. Forgive our sins and lead us onward to live each day in Your presence by the aid of Your Holy Spirit. 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.

THE 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. Loving Father, You always delight to hear and answer the prayers of Your people. Grant that we may persist in crying out to You in prayer, always trusting in Your goodness and in Your gracious promises; 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 32:22–30 (*"I will not let You go unless You bless me."*)

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5 *(Continue in the Word of God you have learned and have believed.)*

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

¹ I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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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 eighteenth chapter.

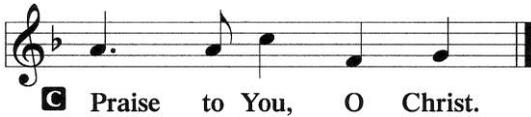
Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 18:1–8 *(God hears and answers the prayers of His people.)*

¹ And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'"

⁶ And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷ And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pete LeBorious, Director of Christian Education

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word"

Hymn #655

THE MESSAGE:

"The Last Word"

Vicar Aaron Sterling

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:

"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 lives 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who assures us that His Father always delights to hear and answer the prayers of His people. 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

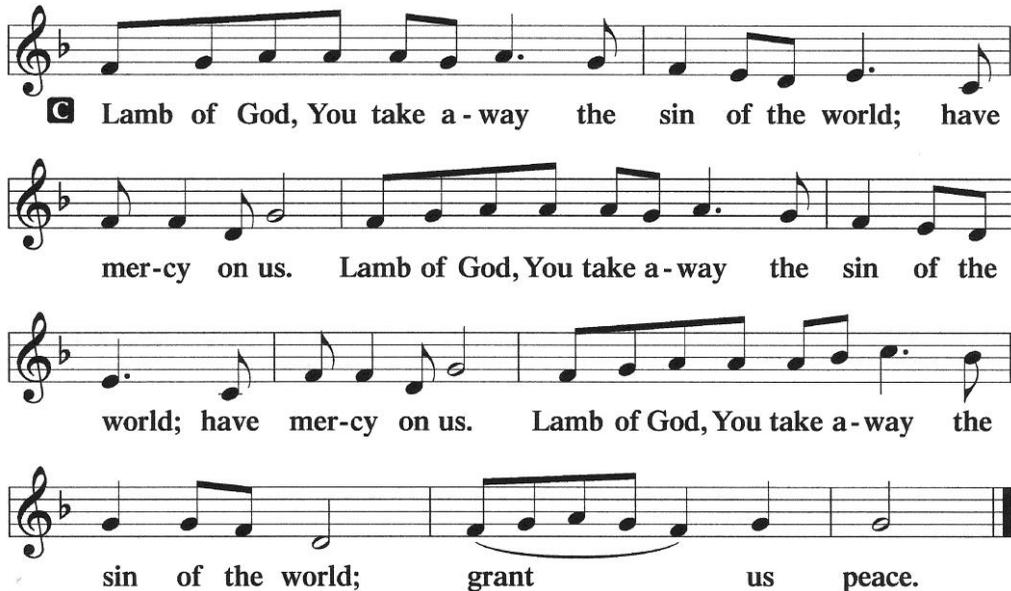
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the 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:	"Lord Jesus Christ, Life Giving Bread"	Hymn #625
	"Come, Let Us Eat"	Hymn #626
	"Your Table I Approach"	Hymn #628

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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 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:

"O Word of God Incarnate"

Hymn #523

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Crawford & Edna Hicks, in honor of their 13th wedding anniversary; and by The ladies of the LWML, in honor of LWML month.

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 2 vs Messengers @ 8:00 and Team 1 vs TWSS @ 8:50; Thursday – Team 1 vs The Lodge @ 6:15 and Team 2 vs TWSS @ 7:00. 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 a gift in memory of Betsy Luppino from Margaret McLaughlin & Alyce Quillin.

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!

We Will Honor Our Veterans at Our Annual Veterans' Day meal on November 13th, following the late service. We will provide fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans and peach cobbler for dessert, as well as tea and coffee. We have the slide presentation from last year, but, if you did not attend, or you are new to the Church, please provide your military picture to Keith Dierking by Sunday November 6th. You can leave the picture in Keith's mailbox or you can email him the picture. Featured speaker this year will be Don Netzinger, please come out to listen as Don tells us some interesting facts from the past.

- Your Board of Fellowship

Rough Wood and Rusty Nails Rehearsals:

Today	12:15	Carpenters, Shepherds, Man Without a Plan and family
	4:30	Angels for Dance Routines
	5:30	Caesar, Roman Guards, Guard Without a Plan
Next Sunday	12:15	Kids of Bethlehem, Townsfolk and Travelers, Angel Soloist, Inn Keeper
	4:30	Angels for Dance Routines

Mt. Calvary has received a gift in memory of Margaret Frazier from Vivian Stillely.

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.)

LWML Mite-y Noisy Can Collection will be next weekend (to leave the fifth Sunday free for ReformationFest), so bring your coins/bills. Thank you.

Mission Projects for 2016 – Bazaar proceeds were used for the following:

Mt Calvary Youth Mission Trip	Family Promise	The Schulers (Puerto Rico)
The Rabe Family (Ethiopia)	Mt Calvary Angel Tree	Hospice – Heart of Georgia
Middle Georgia Alert	Mission Trip to Puerto Rico	LCMS National Disaster Relief
Caring Solutions Pregnancy Ctr		

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.

Senior Fellowship - Come join us for Senior Fellowship **Thursday, October 20th, at 11:00 am**, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a brief Bible study, a game or two, recognition of birthdays and anniversaries, a great time, and a delicious pot luck lunch. If, for some reason you cannot make a dish, bring yourself, there is always plenty of really delicious food.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Alyce Quillin, who is recovering from a heart ablation and will also have hip replacement surgery on the 18th..

Tracie Frey, who is recovering from back surgery.

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, 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 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:** Vicar Aaron Sterling/Jerry Bisping. **ELDERS:** Gary Hadley (8 am) and Mark Burnette (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Tucker Gossman (8 am) and Colton Wurdeman (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:** Cindy Branham, Anita McIntyre, JoAnn Smith & Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Darron Counselman (8 am) and Jeff Townsend. **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Tanner Gossman. Late – Trevor Hudlin.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and D. J. Nelson (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Carlee Toler (Sat 6 pm), Abigail Halsell (Sun 8 am) and Zoe Babcock (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, Anita McIntyre, JoAnn Smith & Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Pruet Burge (Sat 6 pm), Bob Yeager (8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Linda Phillips (Sun 8 am) and Jan Clark (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Genesis 4:1-15 and 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16 - 18

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 53 Early – 68 Late – 132 Total – 253

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	6:30 pm	TAG Night
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	4 – 7 pm	RG@MC Tutoring
	7:00 pm	Council
Wednesday	9:30 am	Craft & Chat
	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
	11:00 am	Senior Fellowship
Friday	6 – 9 pm	Middle School Party
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	7 – 10 pm	High School Outreach Party
Next Sunday	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting