

As We Gather

“Look unto Him. . . . Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.” The words of this well-loved hymn remind us that our justification—our being made right with God—comes as a gift from His storehouse of mercy. Even when sin is at its worst, the mercy of God is more powerful. Knowing that we are justified by His triumphant grace shapes our prayers and enlivens our praises. The song of our lives is one of triumphant joy in Jesus, the justifier.

PRELUDE**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING****OPENING HYMN:***“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”***Hymn #528****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)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

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:*“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.
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**And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say,
"I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us.
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"I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us.
(repeat from beginning)**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy, forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of 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 4:1–15 *(Abel is killed by his brother, Cain.)*

¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³ Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18 *(Paul reflects on his life and ministry.)*

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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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 18:9–17 *(A teaching parable and a loving action of Jesus.)*

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

OFFERTORY:

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

**Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, created good:
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**Father, providing food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding teach us to share
One with another, so that, rejoicing
With us, all others may know Your care.**

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:

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

Hymn #738

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Carl & Charleen Beahm, in honor of their wedding anniversary; and by and by Carl & Barbara Mabee, in honor of Chris's birthday.

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THANK YOU! The Puerto Rico Mission Team wishes to thank all who helped to support the trip to Puerto Rico with gifts and prayers! A special “thank you” to John Harmon for taking the team to the airport in Atlanta at the beginning of the trip and to Josh and Heather Johnson for picking us up when we arrived back home. We had a great trip! The weather was hot (and even more humid than Middle Georgia!) but the Festival on Saturday went very well. We could have wished for greater numbers, but the heat may have kept some folks indoors. Those who came had a great time and Pastor Schuller had the opportunity to talk to all who came about Jesus. He had charts that summarized the Six Chief Parts of Luther’s *Small Catechism* and everyone was so attentive – even the children – as he took each family through the teaching. The kids loved the games and there was ample opportunity to share the love of Jesus with them. Pastor Schuller now has more than a half dozen families with young children to follow-up with and they are good prospects! We’ll tell you more about the trip and show some slides in the near future for those who are interested. Thanks again for your support – especially the prayers!

*The Puerto Rico Mission Team - Evy Keyes, Tricia Nicolosi,
Gina Ragan, Vivian Stille, Molly Townsend, Pastor and Marcia Brighton*

Newsletter Deadline: Please have all items for the November newsletter in to the office by October 24th.

The Hadleys and Van Lannens want to thank everyone for their prayers and concern and many kindnesses as we have dealt with the burglary at our business. Although there is evil in this world, we know there is always much more good. Our friends at Mt. Calvary express that good daily in their lives. Many thanks and God Bless, Gary, Lexie, Tyson and Sara.

I would like to thank all of the members of Mt Calvary for all the prayers, cards and visits during my surgery and recovery. - Richard Uitto

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 Netflix @ 6:15 and Team 2 vs The Lodge @ 7:00; Thursday – Team 1 vs Crossroads @ 8:00. 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.

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity will host a pancake breakfast from 8 – 12 pm, 29 October at the Church. A contractor will provide a document shredder for those who need to destroy sensitive documents. The shredder will be available in the parking lot of the Church from 9 – 12 pm. No recycle material, just DOCUMENTS. Contact Deacon Laird Van Gorder for further information.

Rough Wood and Rusty Nails Rehearsals:

Today (Oct 23)

12:15 Kids of Bethlehem, Angel Soloist for "No Room," Townspeople and Travelers,
Inn keeper, Mary, Joseph

4:30 Angels for dance routines

October 30

6:30 Angels for dance routines

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 at (kd120@windstream.net). 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

Mt. Calvary has received gifts in memory of Margaret Frazier from John & Liz Hunter and Jim & Barbara Morey.

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.

FREE Yard Work For Seniors! On Saturday, October 29th, the High School Youth will be doing free yard work for the older members of our congregation who could use some help with fall clean-up efforts. If you would like a team to stop by, contact Pete at 919-3723 to be added to our work list.

Church Calendar: If you have events for the church calendar, please contact Pete or the church office to check for space availability and get the events on the schedule. With the addition of our ESL and RG@MC Ministries, our facilities are in use a lot more frequently and there is no guarantee that an area will be available if your group just "stops by".

Middle School District Youth Gathering: Parents of Middle School Youth, Pete needs to know if your child will be coming to the gathering in the early van (Noon) or the late van (4-ish). Please let him know so transportation arrangements can be made.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Laura Haas, who was hospitalized this past week.
Bobby Wolfe, who is hospitalized in serious condition.
Doris Snow, who is hospitalized with a low blood count.
Tracie Frey, who continues to recover from back surgery.
Alyce Quillin, who is recovering from heart surgery.
Josh Johnson, thanks that he has been cleared to return to work.
Richard Uitto, who is at home recovering from neck surgery.

Keep In Your Prayers

Erika Swaim (Marcia Brighton's mother), Margaret Jennings, Mike Longbine, Sheila Grube, Sharon Suckow, Monika Reynolds, Kurt Rover, Tammy Platt, Mark Iverson (Bonnie Hudlin's father), Monelle Netzinger, 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. **ELDERS:** Brian Harper (8 am) and D. J. Nelson (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Abigail Halsell (8 am) and Zoe Babcock (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:** Bob Yeager (8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Tanner Gossman. Late – Trevor Hudlin.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Sara Van Lannen (Sat 6 pm), Abby Soisson (Sun 8 am) and Koda Cook (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Glaser, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Bill Bohm (Sat 6 pm), Laird Van Gorder (8 am) and Dave Harter (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Gary & Lexie Hadley (Sun 8 am) and Gary & Beverly Webb (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Revelation 14:6-7 and Romans 3:19-28

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 45 Early – 77 Late – 142 Total – 264

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	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	5:30 – 8 pm	Fall Festival
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	10 am–2 pm	Yard Work for the Elderly
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	11:30 am	ReformationFest at Christ Lutheran, Perry