

He Is Risen!

Jesus lives! Death and the grave could not hold Him! Easter changes everything! Here we see the guarantee that our sins have been forgiven and Satan eternally defeated. In faith, we believe Christ's resurrection ensures our own, and we hold to the blessed assurance that all who have died in the Lord will rise on the Last Day. By faith, we are able to look beyond this broken world and even beyond death and the grave because of Christ's empty tomb discovered early that first Easter Day. Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

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: (9:00)***"Easter Glory"***

Praises Ring Bell Choir

ANTHEM:***"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"***

Festival Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**A TIME TO CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

(with a shout) **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The stone has been rolled away! Alleluia!

The crucified is risen! Alleluia!

Christ has conquered death by the cross!

He has come out of the tomb!

Christ has risen and will not die again!

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

This is the day the Lord has made!

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

(with a shout) **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!****PROCESSIONAL HYMN*****"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*****Hymn #457**

(Please turn toward the rear of the church. As the Processional Cross passes your pew, please turn back toward the front of the church and face the altar.)

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,

With humble and sincere hearts, we acknowledge before You, O Lord, that we are not the people we ought to be. We have sinned against You and against one another in words and deeds and inaction. We confess these sins to You and plead for Your mercy through the merits of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us by Your Spirit to amend our sinful lives.

Easter declares this great truth: the victory over Satan, the world, and our own flesh has been won. Jesus Christ who died for you has risen. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, our enemies of sin and death have been eternally conquered. You are forgiven from every failure and every sin. Because brokenness and death could not hold Jesus, you are made whole. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, it is my joy and privilege to proclaim the Easter truth that you are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast"

(Women will sing stanzas 1, 3 & 4., Men will sing stanzas 2 & 5.)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE FIRST READING: Acts 10:34–43 *(They hung Jesus on a cross, and God raised Him from the dead.)*

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE GOSPEL RESPONSE: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pete LeBorious
Director of Christian Education

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Hymn #469

THE MESSAGE

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 ++

Live in the power of the resurrection!

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

(1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

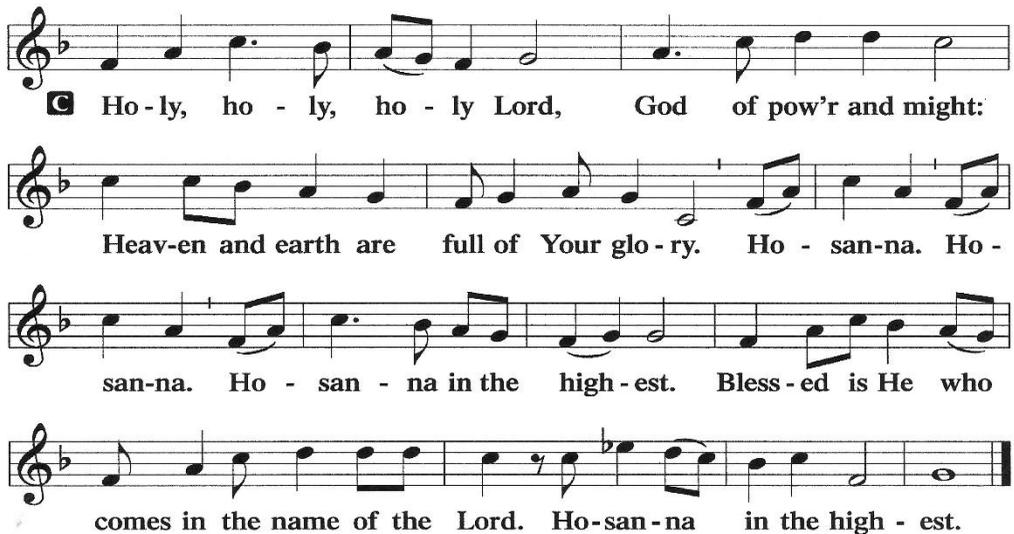
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

We give You thanks, O Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, praising You for sending Him to be our Savior and Redeemer and raising Him from the dead so that we may be restored to everlasting life. As we have received this blessed new life in Baptism, keep us in this faith and hope until the day when we and all the dead shall rise with Christ to our own joyful resurrection and join in the blest reunion of the saints in the life that is to come, where, 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.

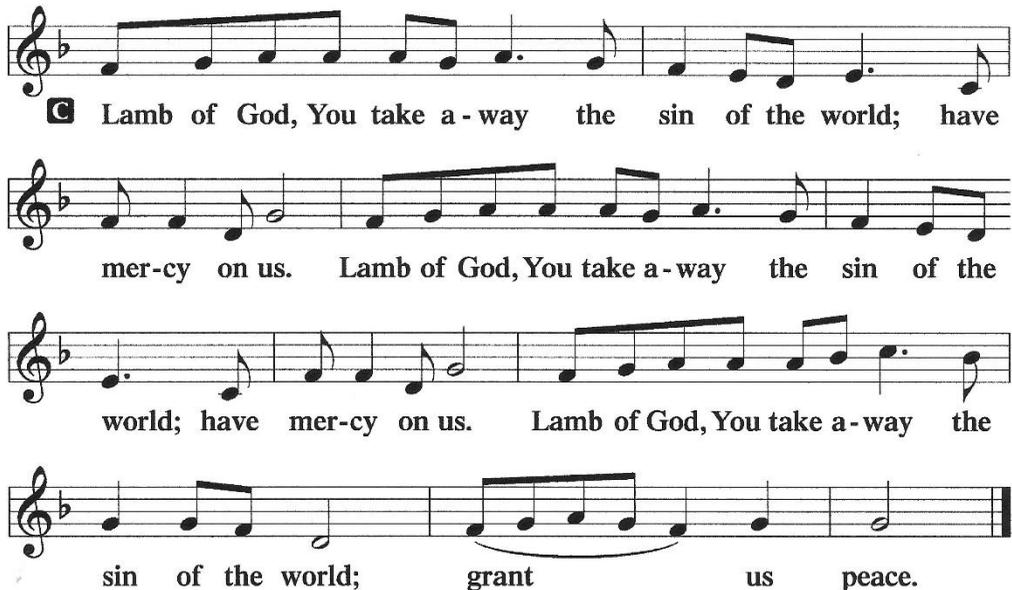
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

AGNUS DEI



G 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 DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

<i>"At the Lamb's High Feast"</i>	(9:00)	Praises Ring Bell Choir
<i>"At the Lamb's High Feast"</i>		Hymn #633
<i>"Thine the Amen Thine the Praise"</i>		Hymn #680
<i>"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"</i>		Hymn #813
<i>"He's Risen, He's Risen"</i>		Hymn #480

THE SHOUT OF VICTORY

Christ is risen!

(With a shout) **Christ is risen indeed!**

The Passover Lamb was sacrificed for us!

(With a shout) **Christ is risen!**

Sin's power to condemn us is over! Death's power to touch us is finished! Satan's dominion over us is broken!

(With a shout) **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Ha! Ha! Ha!**

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:

"This Joyful Eastertide"

Hymn #482

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Steve & Jackie Kaestner, in honor of the birthday of their grandson, Jace, and by Linda Phillips, in loving memory of Florence Brady.

Rebuilding Together Work Day - It is that time of the year again. On **Saturday, April 22, 2017**, the *Rebuilding Together National Work Day*, Mt Calvary will again be working on a home in Warner Robins doing outside carpenter work, painting and some yard work, weather permitting. We need a few volunteers to help with this project. A sign-up sheet is on the information counter in the narthex. We normally meet at the Warner Robins Recreation Center @ 7 am on the workday before we head out to work on the home. If you have any questions, please see or call Roger Moeller @ 478-320-2696.

A Big Thank You to all who volunteered at our **2017 Walk with Jesus and Easter Egg Hunt**- Thank you to those who helped with setup of Education Wing and games, registration, room guides, refreshments, candy donations, Easter Egg Hunt, face painting, MCLC youth helping with games, teardown of Education Wing and games, preparing and cleanup of popcorn & cotton candy, Pete, and Tim, our musical genius. Thank you to all who gave of their time and talents to share the Good News of Jesus with our Warner Robins community. Thank you especially to my family-DJ, Caleb, and Seth- for all of your help on Palm Sunday as we transformed the Education Wing into Jerusalem. God has truly blessed me with an outstanding family and an outstanding church family!! Cynthia

Senior Fellowship - Come join us for Senior Fellowship **Thursday, April 20th, 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.

Don't miss this study! Next Sunday, April 23rd, all of our adults are invited to meet in the Michael Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am for a special Bible study looking at the historical setting and the content of the 95 Theses which Martin Luther nailed to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. Each person/couple who attends the Bible study will receive their own copy of the 95 Theses!

Prayer Group - This coming Thursday, April 20, 7:00 to 8:00 pm our prayer group will meet in the cry room. Anyone is welcome to join us as we pray for our church, our community, and our own concerns.

Mount Calvary has received a memorial donation in memory of Ryan King, Nancy Branscom's step-great grandson, from Vivian Stillely.

Mount Calvary has received a memorial donation in memory of Phyllis Yeager, Bob's mom, from Betty Cummings.

Mount Calvary has received a memorial donation in memory of Betty Ragan, Regina's mom, from Maggie Monahan.

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions: If you are not currently receiving Lutheran Witness by mail, and would like to, please let Jack know. We are allowed to add people to the address list once a year and will need to have any new names by April 20th. There will be no charge to you, as the church pays for these subscriptions.

Party With Marty: This week Marty will be hanging out at the Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Next week Marty will be at the Golf Tournament's putting range from 1-2 at Waterford Country Club.

Middle School Party: The next Middle School Party will be Friday, April 21st, from 6-9 pm in the Annex. The cost for the party is \$5/person to cover snacks, pop, and pizza. We hope to see you there!

High School Road Rally: All youth in grades 8-12 need to plan on participating in the 10th Annual "Welcome to High School" Road Rally on Sunday, April 30th, from 3-7 pm. This is the first "official" High School activity for the 8th grade youth planning on being confirmed in May. Youth are divided into teams to go around town and catch various "stunts" with their cameras. We wrap up the day with subs, chips, pop, and looking at each other's pictures. A great welcome to High School!

High School TAG Night: The next High School TAG Night will be Sunday, April 23rd, 6:30-8 pm in the Annex. HS Youth and their friends are welcome to this evening of fellowship, food, fun, and a Bible-centered discussion of God's amazing love for us!

8th Grade Exam: Students planning on being confirmed this May have their exam & memory test this Wednesday, April 19th, 6:30-8 pm in the Annex.

HS Midweek Bible Study: High School Youth will be gathering Wednesday Nights (April 19th & 26th) from 6:30-8:00 in the Annex.

Mount Calvary's Annual Golf Tournament: The tournament will be next Sunday, April 23rd, with lunch @ 1:00 and tee-off @ 2:00. It will be held at Waterford Country Club. The cost is \$45/golfer includes lunch, 18 holes of golf, & cart. Mulligans (3/\$5), Red Bombs (\$5), & Free Throws (\$10) will be for sale at check-in. All proceeds go to help benefit the Youth Ministry Program of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church. Sign your team up at the Welcome Center today!



Church Softball Team! We have three games this week – Monday at 6:30 pm, Tuesday at 7:15 pm and Thursday at 7:30 pm. Come on out and cheer on your team! All games are played at Peavy Field.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Ruth Fitzgerald, Linda O'Donnell's sister, who died on April 10th.

Helen Giese, who is recovering from heart surgery and a stroke.

Steve Hetes, who is recovering from surgery and is now awake and working on communicating.

D. J. Nelson, who is awaiting biopsy results from a pancreatic cyst.

Keep In Your Prayers

Ralph Wenrick, Frances Trichinotis (John's mother), Kathy Clark (Barb Jernigan's sister), Cynthia Trichinotis, Shirley Ermi, John Steese (Joan's son), Katilyn Yarbrough, Jeanne Day (Bob's mom), Bev Ellgass, Pat Aldredge, Mary Jean Boyette, Jan Clark, Kim Rekau, Neal Cowan, Opal Key (Dianne Damron's mother), 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

Chet Branscom, Jace Cumbie (Amanda McVay's boyfriend's son), Diana Iverson (Bonnie Hudlin's sister-in-law), 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

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: Brian Harper (9 am) and Mark Burnette (11 am). **ACOLYTES:** Maddy Hagemann & Abby Soisson (9 am) and Colton Wurdeman & Zoe Babcock (11 am). **USHERS:** Bruce Bauman Dave Harter, Ed Bodony, Earl Bogardus & Josh Johnson (9 am) – Sam Culpepper, Dale Channell, Champ Aldredge & Mark Burnette (11 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Angleen Trasmer, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Brian Harper (9 am) and Roger Moeller (11 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Glen Thompson (Sun 8 am) and Don Netzinger (Sun 10:45 am).
ACOLYTES: Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Sway Cronin (Sun 8 am) and Maddy Hagemann (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie Fingles, Kathy Grube, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Sue Glaser (Sat 6 pm), Lexie Hadley (Sun 8 am), and Marilu Cowan (Sun 10:45 am).
GREETERS: Dale & Jeannie Hawkins 8 am) and Dave & Lois Harter (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 5:29-42 and 1 Peter 1:3-9

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday - 39 Early – 97 Late - 154 Total –290
Karenni Worship - 72

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	7:00 am	Sunrise Service
	7:30 – 9 am	Easter Breakfast
	9 & 11 am	Festival Services
Monday	11:00 am	Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	4 – 7 pm	Rebecca's Garden of Hope Tutoring
Wednesday	9:30 am	Craft & Chat
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	11:00 am	Senior Fellowship
	7 – 8 pm	Prayer Group
Friday	6 – 9 pm	Middle School Party
Saturday	Rebuilding Together	
	6:00 pm	Multi-Ethnic Service
	9 am – 3 pm	High School Yard Work for the Elderly
	3:00 pm	Karenni Bible Study (Annex)
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:00 am	Regular Worship
	10:45 am	Multi-Ethnic Service
	1:00 pm	Golf Tournament
	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting