

As We Gather

Unity, peace, harmony, and fellowship between the many peoples of this world can only become reality when we take our focus off our many differences and focus our gaze on our beautiful Savior, the Lamb of God. Today is the first time we are gathering at Mt. Calvary to praise our great Redeemer in a multi-ethnic, bilingual, combined worship service. May the good Lord draw us all closer to Him and to each other as we see His will done on earth *as it is in heaven!* We read this description of heaven in Revelation 7:9-10, "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, ... crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'"

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN: *"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"* **(KSB #69/LSB #461)**

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8)

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Let us humble ourselves by kneeling before our Holy and perfect God, confident in His promise that He will grant us forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

(please kneel)

Most merciful God,

Your command is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind" and to "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37, 39), but we have failed to do this. Your Word also says, "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord" (Romans 12:9-11), but we have fallen far short and broken Your commands. Oh Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us! Amen.

In His loving mercy, God tells us, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15) and also "The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). So, believe the word of Christ, "Son, daughter, your sins are forgiven!" (Mark 2:5, Luke 7:48)

Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: *"Amazing Grace"* **(KSB #30/LSB #744)**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, pour out the Holy Spirit so that our love for You and each other may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, and so that we may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to Your praise and glory; (Philippians 1:9-11) for You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-10 *(A great multitude from every nation worships the Lamb)*

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 John 1:9 – 2:2 *(Jesus Christ is our advocate who goes before the Father.)*

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. ^{2:1} My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

"Jesus, You Are My Lord"

(Karenni Choir)

Jesus, You are my Lord

Jesus, You are my God

Jesus, resurrected Lord in heaven and on earth. (repeat)

Praise to You, Lord!

Praise to You, Lord!

Glory to Your name in the highest! (repeat)

KARENNI PRAISE DANCE

We honor our Lord Jesus by standing for the reading of the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-23 (*Jesus appears to the disciples on Easter Sunday evening.*)

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."
²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mt. Calvary Puppet Ministry

THE MESSAGE

"Fix Your Eyes on the Blood of Jesus"

Chaplain Mark Bowditch

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

(KSB #65/LSB #457)

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Jesus' resurrection means forgiveness, new life, and salvation for you and me and all believers! Rejoice that He is risen!

**The angel to the women at the tomb:
"He is not here, for He has risen, as He said."
(Matthew 28:6)**

OFFERTORY HYMN:

"Give Thanks"

**(All sing) Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**(All sing) 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.
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.**

**(English only) Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**(Karenni only) 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.
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.**

(All sing) Give thanks.

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

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (KSB #302/LSB #805)

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We rejoice with Arnie and Selena Reule, who were united in holy matrimony yesterday.

Mother/Daughter Tea - Saturday, May 13th, we will have a Mother/Daughter Tea in the MFH at 11:00 a.m. Girls need to be 10 years old or YOUNGER for this special event! Invitations will be in the church mailboxes, and an RSVP or your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex are necessary for us to make a special morning! If you'd like to invite a friend or neighbor with a little girl, we'd love to have them too! Also, we'd REALLY APPRECIATE any help from some of the other ladies in the church, if you'd like to make a dainty pastry, lady-like sandwiches, or some other tasty treat to make it a "very fancy" time for our little ladies. Please let anyone on the Board of Fellowship know if you can help. Thanks! Ruthie, Becky, Quentin, Hannah, Suzanne, Heather, Keith, Mike and Darron.

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

LWML Mite-y Noisy Can Collection will be next weekend, so bring your coins/bills. Thank you.

Mount Calvary has received a memorial donation in memory of Ruth Fitzgerald from Carl & Barbara Mabee.

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!

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.

Mount Calvary has received a memorial donation in memory of Betty Ragan, Regina's mom, from Carl & Barbara Mabee.

Celebrate Call Day with Tim and Courtney Staffeld as they receive their call into the ministry and find out where they will be going. Go to callday.csl.edu/ at 8:00 pm to watch the service live from the chapel at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. If you want to know who our vicar will be next year, tune into the same web site at 4:00 pm in the afternoon to find out who is assigned to Mt. Calvary!

I'd like to thank my church family for all of the thoughts and prayers you've sent my way during the past weeks. You've all been wonderful and I feel truly blessed to be part of this congregation. Looking forward to being able to go home this coming week! - Helen Giese.

If you would like an Easter lily, feel free to take one home. Please leave the drip pats at the church. Thank You! – Altar Guild

Newsletter Deadline: Please have all items for the May Newsletter to the office by April 24th.

Community Survey Results: On Sunday (April 9) afternoon, our congregation visited about 31 homes. If people were at home, we gave them "Walk With Jesus" and "Children's Ministry" flyers or if not at home, we attached them to a door knob. Ten families participated in the survey, several requested prayers, postcards were mailed to 6 families, and 4 families are prospects for follow up by our Evangelism Explosion Ministry. Many thanks from the Outreach Board to Megan Schafer, Pastor Brighton, Marcia Brighton, and Bruce Bauman for conducting the survey.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Richard Uitto, who will be have a pacemaker installed Monday, April 24th.

Helen Giese, who is at Fairview Park Hospital in Dublin, GA undergoing rehab following her stroke.

Steve Hetes, who is at Navicent Rehabilitation Hospital on Northside Drive in Macon.

D. J. Nelson, who is will be having surgery to remove a cyst on his pancreas on Tuesday, May 2nd.

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, Bev Ellgass, Pat Aldredge, Mary Jean Boyette, Jan Clark, 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

Jeanne Day (Bob's mom), 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: Chaplain Mark Bowditch. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDER:** Don Netzinger. **ACOLYTE:** Maddy Hagemann. **USHERS:** Mike Hopf, Bruce Bauman, Dave Harter, Ed Bodony, Earl Bogardus & Josh Johnson. **ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie Fingles, Kathy Grube, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READER:** Neal Cowan. **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Don Netzinger (Sat 6 pm), Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Roger Moeller (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Lynn Cook (Sat 6 pm), Caleb Durbin (Sun 8 am) and Carlee Toler (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie Fingles, Kathy Grube, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** John Harmon (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am), and Adam Beecher (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Linda Phillips (8 am) and Chet & Nancy Branscom (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Acts 2:14a; 36-41 and 1 Peter 1:17-25

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Maundy Thursday – 145 Good Friday – 196
Easter Sunday 7 am – 122 9 am – 231 11 am – 152 Total - 505
Karenni Worship - 68

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	8:00 am	Regular Worship
	10:45 am	Multi-Ethnic Service
	1:00 pm	Golf Tournament
	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women’s Small Group
Tuesday	4 – 7 pm	Rebecca’s Garden End-of-Year Party at Rigby’s
Wednesday		Call Day
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	3:00 pm	Karenni Bible Study (Annex)
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	3 – 7 pm	Welcome to High School Road Rally