

As We Gather

The world has had remedies for sin and evil throughout the centuries, but they are all futile. Peter reminds us that gold and silver could not have saved us from our sins, but only the precious blood of Christ. The Jewish leaders in Jerusalem thought death by Roman crucifixion would silence our Lord's condemnation of their futile ways. It would take nothing less than repentance and Baptism into His name to be saved. And who could blame even the disciples for figuring that Jesus' death belied their hopes and dreams? In the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ set aside all their gloom and brought them to endless joy—joy that is ours today!

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN: **"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"** **Hymn #475**

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.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then 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.

THE KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You. we give You thanks. we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up this fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through 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 2:14a, 36–41 (*Peter's message on Pentecost Day: repent and be baptized.*)

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 1:17–25 (*Peter's message in his first letter: since you have been born again, love one another.*)

¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever."

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 twenty-fourth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:13–35 (*Jesus is recognized in the breaking of the bread.*)

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.

¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Brighton

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy"*

Hymn #590

THE MESSAGE

"The Change"

Pastor David Brighton

THE APOSTLES' 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.

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:

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

Hymn #490

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Bonnie Hudlin, in honor of Trevor & Cali-Grace's birthdays, and by Rob & Michelle Crawford, in loving memory of James Nicholas (Michelle's dad).

"Little Ladies Mother/Daughter Tea Party" - Just two weeks away until our special FREE Tea Party for Moms and their little girls (ages 3-10 years). This is a completely different event than last year's "Ladies Tea" put on by the Youth. If mom can't come, a female family member may fill that slot! If you didn't get an invitation, please just sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. The date is Saturday, May 13 at 11:00 a.m. Girls are invited to wear their prettiest party dress, and come ready to enjoy a VERY "girly" lunch with mom, as well as a little craft to make for Mother's Day. If you would like to attend, you must RSVP (by calling/texting Ruthie at 397-0630 or emailing to bigbluiz@att.net) by May 6th, as there will special things for each little girl! Questions? Contact Ruthie, Becky, Suzanne, Hannah or Heather on the Board of Fellowship

Help Needed! - To make our "Mother/Daughter Tea Party" special, we'd love to have help from some of you ladies in the congregation. If you have the gift of preparing dainty pastries or finger foods, it would make the party even more special for the girls. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you are willing to help. Thank you! Board of Fellowship

Attention All Men: The Men's Breakfast for the month of May will be held on Saturday, May 20 at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The next Men's Breakfast will be in September, the cooks are taking a summer hiatus. So, put your name on the Sign Up Sheet at the Information Desk and join us for food, fellowship and a devotion. It's a Guy Thing!

Mount Calvary has received memorial donations in memory of Ruth Fitzgerald from Doug & Deb Fingles and Dave & Lois Harter.

Church Softball Team! We have two games this week – Monday at 6:30 pm and Tuesday at 8:30 pm. Come on out and cheer on your team! All games are played at Peavy Field.

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

High School Road Rally: The 10th Annual Welcome to High School Road Rally is this Sunday, April 30th, from 3-7 pm. This event is for all TAG Youth in 8th – 12th grade and their friends. The cost is \$5/person to cover dinner (New youth are free). 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 watching each other’s pictures. A great welcome to His School!

Student Leadership Development Team Meeting: The SLDT will meet this Wednesday, May 3rd from 6:30-8 in the Annex. We will finalize a lot of Mission Trip Planning at this meeting.

8th Grade Elder Visit: Students planning on being confirmed this May will meet with the Elders this Wednesday, May 3rd, from 7:30-8 pm in the Annex classroom.

Rebecca’s Garden – Thank-You Cookout: This is a cookout this Friday, May 5th, from 6-8 pm at the LeBorious home (413 Erin Way, W.R.) for everyone who helped with tutoring, registration, cooking, driving, and everything else it took to make RG@MC an amazing experience for our students. There were over 60 volunteers that helped tutor 52 students over the course of the year and we just wanted to take the time to thank them. RSVP at DCEPete91@gmail.com.

Confirmation Weekend: Please note the following events associated with the weekend:

Christ In My Life Dinner: Saturday, May 6th, 5-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This event is for youth being confirmed and their families to share a meal and hear their child’s statement of faith.

Confirmation: Youth will making a public confirmation of the faith they were Baptized into at the 10:45 worship service on Sunday, May 7th.

Names of youth being Confirmed: Christopher Crawford, Maddy Hageman, & Abby Soisson.

Mount Calvary’s Annual Golf Tournament – RESCHEDULED!

The tournament has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 21st, 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!



Don’t forget “The Fish”, our own Mount Calvary free classified ad page. Check out the current issue on the bulletin board, Information Desk, 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.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Marilu Cowan, who has a compression fracture of a vertebrae in her back.
Sue Kesler, who is recovering after having her gall bladder removed.
Dot Bogardus, who has shingles.
Bev Ellgass, who has shingles.
Alyssa Cureton, who is in the Children’s Hospital in Macon.
Ann Nicely, Margaret McLaughlin’s daughter, who will be having surgery on May 3rd.
Richard Uitto, who had a pacemaker put in on April 24th.
Helen Giese, who is back at home now following her rehab.
Steve Hetes, who is at Navicent Rehabilitation Hospital on Northside Drive in Macon.
D. J. Nelson, who has surgery on May 2nd, to remove the cyst on his pancreas.

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, 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: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Aaron Sterling. **ELDERS:** Brian Harper (8 am) and Roger Moeller (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Caleb Durbin (8 am) and Carlee Toler (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – David Rossman, Bob Yeager, Richard Uitto & Fred Tamer. Late – Mike Hopf, Bruce Bauman, Dave Harter, Ed Bodony, Earl Bogardus & Josh Johnson. **ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie Fingles, Kathy Grube, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Darron Counselman (8 am) and Adam Beecher (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Kenn Keyes (Sat 6 pm), Eric Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Bill Gragg (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Zoe Babcock (Sat 6 pm), Taitum Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Libby Parsons (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand and Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Debi Cole (Sat 6 pm), Carol Yeager (Sun 8 am), and Carolyn Burnam (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Eileen Mittuch (8 am) and Earl & Dot Bogardus (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 2:42-47 and 1 Peter 2:19-25

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday 6 pm – 70 Sunday 8 am – 70 Sunday 10:45 am – 195 Total - 335

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	3 – 7 pm	Welcome to High School Road Rally
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Boards
	7:30 pm	Elders
Wednesday	9:30 am	Morning Glories
	6:00 pm	Wednesday Night Bible Study
	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	3:00 pm	Karenni Bible Study (Annex)
	5 – 7 pm	Christ in My Life Dinner
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal

Next Sunday

CONFIRMATION DAY

11:00 AM	Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
6:30 pm	TAG Night

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