

**As We Gather**

Everyone knows this is "football country" down here in the South! And believe it or not, there are some comparisons we can make with football to help us in our faith walk. So, for three weekends, September 9/10, September 16/17 and September 23/24, we are going to have a special three-week sermon series on the theme: "Ready, Set, Go!" A Christian community, like a football team, must prepare as they are going to perform well out there in the world. On a football team, each player must practice and perfect their skills if they are to perform well. In a Christian congregation, each disciple of Jesus must grow in their relationship with Jesus if they are to serve well.

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**INSTALLATION OF SMP VICAR PETE LEBORIOUS & AWARDING OF EE CERTIFICATES  
(10:45 AM SERVICE)**

**OPENING HYMN:**

*"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"*

**Hymn #912**

**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**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

**Whose sin is covered.**

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

**And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Brothers and sisters, we gather together as the baptized children of God. Let us come to Him confessing our need of Him and asking for His forgiveness.

*(please kneel)*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**We, Your children, confess to You our waywardness. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds. We are sinful from birth. We do not deserve Your love. Yet by Your own Gospel promise we dare to come before You imploring Your grace. Forgive us our sins, gather us as Your own children, and give us Your love and life. Amen.**

"Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like a child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." 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:**

***"The Lord, My God, Be Praised"***

**The Lord, My God, be praised, my light, my life from heaven.  
My maker, who to me has soul and body given.  
My Father, who will shield and keep me day by day  
And make each moment yield new blessings on my way.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised, my God the ever living,  
To whom the heav'nly host their laud and praise are giving.  
The Lord, my God, be praised, in whose great name I boast,  
God Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith; through the same 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: Joshua 1:1, 5b-9** *(Joshua takes over leadership after Moses dies, as the Israelites prepare to enter the Promised Land.)*

<sup>1</sup> After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, "Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. <sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING: Galatians 2:15-21** *(As followers of Jesus, we are saved by His grace and He now lives in us.)*

<sup>15</sup> We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup> yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

<sup>17</sup> But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup> For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. <sup>19</sup> For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE ALLELUIA VERSE:**

**C** 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. Matthew the eighteenth chapter.

**C** Glo-ry to You, O Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20** (*The "Great Commission"*)

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

Vicar Brad Wellik

**ANTHEM: 10:45**

**"Luther's Morning Prayer"**

Sunday School Children



## 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:

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"*

**Hymn #918**

## A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

## THE POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our Altar Flowers were provided this week** by Lois & Eugene O'Neal, in loving memory of Joel, and by Barb Mabee in honor of Carl's birthday.

**Installation of Vicar Pete.** Today we rejoice to install Pete LeBoriorous as our SMP Vicar. Pete will continue full time as our DCE, but will also be studying for the ministry through the Specific Ministry Program (SMP), which is a four-year distance learning program to become a pastor in the LCMS. As Pete's studies progress, Pete will be making calls, preaching periodically, and learning more about what it takes to be a pastor in the LCMS. Pete joins Laird Van Gorder (SMP Vicar serving at Holy Trinity in Macon) and Brad Wellik as the three vicars under Pastor Brighton's supervision.

**Q & A** Today at 9:30 am, during the Sunday School hour, all adults are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a Question and Answer time concerning future staffing possibilities at Mt. Calvary. Please come and share your thoughts!

**Voters Meeting!** Our next Voters meeting will be on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm. A light lunch will be served at noon. Items on the agenda include a report from the Reformation 500 Committee regarding our Oktoberfest celebration on October 28<sup>th</sup>, reports from boards and staff, introduction of the 2018 budget (to be voted on at the January Voters' meeting), and the selection of the Nominating Committee for the election of board members and church officers in January. All members of the congregation who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to be voting members at Mt. Calvary.

**Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World** We now have more tickets available, first come, first served. Be sure to get your ticket at the Information Desk today! There are also some tickets available on line at tugg.com. It has also been announced that the movie will be on PBS the evening of September 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm eastern time.

**The LCMS is standing with the Texas District** to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey and flooding. Please pray for all involved. To give online, visit [lcms.org/harvey](http://lcms.org/harvey). Text "LCMSHARVEY" to 41444 to give by text. Call the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at 888-930-4438.

**Pastor Lee Hopf**, a son of this congregation, serves at Trinity Klein Lutheran Church in Spring, TX, just north of Houston. Lee and his congregation are on high ground and were spared the flooding. Pastor Hopf said their efforts are focused on the massive clean-up that is just beginning and six groups went out from his church on Thursday. If you would like to give a contribution directly to Pastor Hopf and his congregation's relief efforts, please make out a check or designate through Vanco that your contribution is to go to "Hurricane Relief" and we will send one check from Mt. Calvary to help with the relief efforts in Houston through Trinity.

**September Sermon Series: Faith and Football.** This is a chance to worship our God, celebrate our Christian community together and have some fun during football season! Here's the schedule:

Sept. 9/10 – "Ready!" Every Christian community, like a football team must prepare for the game.

**\* \* \* Wear your favorite local high school football team's colors! \* \* \***

Sept. 16/17 – "Set!" Everyone must know where they fit in on the team.

**\* \* \* Wear your favorite college football team's colors! \* \* \***

Sept. 23/24 – "Go!" All the preparation is so we can play the game/live as Christians in the world.

**\* \* \* Wear your favorite professional football team's colors! \* \* \***

ANY/EVERY WEEK: Bring a snack to share after worship (sweets, veggies, fruit), that highlights your football team's colors. Prizes awarded for most creative, best use of color and best tasting!

**Recognition of Evangelism Callers** - This weekend we recognize Neal Cowan, Megan Schafer, and Glen Thompson for their successful completion of our evangelism training. They are now recognized throughout the world by Evangelism Explosion International as trained evangelists.

**Monday Night Evangelism Ministry** - The fall training semester begins tomorrow Monday, September 11, 6:20 pm. We will meet in the conference room.

**Daytime Callers** - Daytime callers will meet this coming Monday, September 11, 11:00 am, in the conference room.

**Summer Picnic and Concert on the Lawn!** Mark your calendar for Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 for a really nice, end-of-the-summer evening together. On the grassy area between the church and annex, we will be having a local band, War Town Heroes, come and play for us. They will be doing a large variety of music, including Christian, country, oldies, and a few others! Bring your dinner, a friend, and a lawn chair or blanket for this FREE concert! See you there! Board of Fellowship.

**Our Rebecca's Garden of Hope Program needs volunteers** to prepare simple meals on Tuesdays for the children in the program. Please contact Jan Clark for more info (987-6555).

**Evangelism Explosion Kickoff Lunch** - This lunch is for those who are interested in learning more about our evangelism training on Monday evenings. Lunch is free. There will be a video, and our evangelism callers will share their experiences in this training ministry. There is no commitment made or expected by those attending this lunch. **We will meet Sunday, September 10, 12:00 – 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Attention All Men:** The first Men's Breakfast for 2017-2018 will be held NEXT Saturday, September 16 at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. So, put your name on the Sign-Up Sheet at the Information Desk and join us for food, fellowship and a devotion. We might even have a Men's Chorus piece to practice. It's a Guy Thing!

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Pat Wolfe**, who is recovering from injuries suffered in an auto accident.

**Chet Branscom**, who is in a lot of pain.

**Cheryl Stafford**, who is recovering from shoulder surgery.

**Jeannie Hawkins**, as her broken arm heals.

**Mike Longbine**, who will have eye surgery on September 18.

**Arlene Zeuner**, who is battling shoulder problems.

**Annamarie vonDebschitz**, pray for getting her strength back so she can help her family.

**John Harmon**, for healing of his broken leg.

**Karen Harmon**, who is battling pneumonia.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Jeanene Crawford, Crawford Hicks, Carolyn Ramage, Layne Kesler (Dick's granddaughter), Caleb Nelson, Marilyn Schultz, Steve Kaestner, Bill Bohm, Jan Fingles (Doug's mom), Tom Guilford, John White, Shirley Ermi, Gene Brantley, Susan Bridwell (Barbara Jernigan's sister), 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**

Joe Hill (Cynthia Nelson's dad), 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 Oswald (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.

**Facebook Group:** If you are a person who goes on Facebook, keep in mind that there are a couple of groups for you to check out / join. Besides the main "Mount Calvary Lutheran Church" with general church information, there is also the "Teens About God" group that contains information about upcoming events, release forms, and even TAG's picture archives! This past week we have also added the group "Family Ministry at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church." This group will include children's ministry information, family devotional ideas, tips for parents in the pews, and pictures from our Children's Ministry events. These groups are a great way to stay connected to what is happening at church but should never become a replacement for the people of God gathering in Fellowship, Study, and Worship!

## **WARNER ROBINS FOOD BANK PROJECT**

MT Calvary supports our local Warner Robins Food Bank with donations of non-perishable food and home necessities (i.e. toiletries, Paper products, and detergents). We are starting to collect items again for our local community.

When you donate items to the Food Bank you help over 150 families in our local area. The director of the Food Bank stated last month, if it had not been for the donations from MT Calvary they would had to turn away some families. It is such a Blessing that our congregation can help fulfill the need to these families.

We are asking for everyone to donate as much as they can for the month of September. Your donations are truly appreciated. **THANK YOU!**

### **What to bring the week of 11 – 17 Sept 2017?**

- Can or dry beans
- Mac & Cheese
- Rice
- Can Fruit or Applesauce

### **What to bring the week of 18 – 24 Sept 2017?**

- Toothpaste and Tooth brushes
- Bath Soap
- Dish and/or Laundry Detergent

### **What to bring the week of 25 – 30 Sept 2017?**

- Can vegetables
- Can Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Cornbread Mix
- Cake or Biscuit Mix

## **September is Stewardship Emphasis Month**

Below are some passages about Stewardship. As our Synod says, "Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of God's family — the church — in managing life's resources for His purposes." God gives us all spiritual gifts to use for His church. Our Stewardship Board is here to encourage you to use your gifts and resources for the good of God's church.

### **1 Corinthians 12: 4-6**

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

### **Romans: 6**

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.

### **Ephesians 4:11-13**

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

### **Ephesians 3:14-15**

"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named."

### **1 Peter 4:10**

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

## SERVING US TODAY

**PREACHER:** Pastor Dave Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Brad Wellik. **ELDERS:** Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Mark Burnette (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Abigail Halsell (Sun 8 am) and Morgan Hagemann (Sun 10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Don Parrott, Darron Counselman, Dale Hawkins & Roger Foss. Late – Sam Culpepper, Dale Channell, Champ Aldredge & Mark Burnette. **ALTAR GUILD:** Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin & Kathy Robinson. **LAY READERS:** Doug Fingles (Sun 8 am) and Carolyn Burnam (Sun 10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Open (8 am) & Open (10:45 am).

## SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Don Netzinger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Seth Nelson (Sat 6 pm), Tucker Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Carlee Toler (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin & Kathy Robinson. **LAY READERS:** Sue Glaser (Sat 6 pm), Carrie Wurdeman (Sun 8 am) and Pat Aldredge (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Barbara Locke (8 am) and Jane & Mike Faga (10:45 am).

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Micah 4:1-10 and Colossians 3:12-17

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday 6 pm – 38    Sunday 8 am – 87    Sunday 10:45 am – 140    Total – 265**  
**Karenni Worship - 94**

## THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	<b>Day 46: DTNT (Rom. 4-6)</b> 11:00 am    Karenni Worship Service (Annex) 6:30 pm    SLDT Meeting
Monday	<b>Day 47: DTNT (Rom. 7-8)</b> 10:00 am    Ladies Guild 11:00 am    Daytime Callers 6:20 pm    Evangelism Callers (New Class) 6:30 pm    Women's Small Group
Tuesday	<b>Day 48: DTNT (Rom. 9-11)</b> 4-6:30 pm    RG@MC Tutoring 7:00 pm    Council
Wednesday	<b>Day 49: DTNT (Rom. 12-14)</b> 5:30 pm    Christian Fellowship & Education 7:00 pm    Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	<b>Day 50: DTNT (Rom. 15-16)</b> 10:00 am    Ladies Bible Study
Friday	<b>Day 51: DTNT (1 Cor. 1-2)</b>
Saturday	<b>Day 52: DTNT (1 Cor. 3-5)</b> 8:00 am    Men's Breakfast 3:00 pm    Karenni Bible Study (Annex) 5:00 pm    Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm    Praise Team Rehearsal

