

As We Gather

How wonderful it is to know that we are saved by God's grace! There are many who believe that to be saved you have to act a certain way, or keep certain rules. Only then are you deserving of God's saving grace. The way we act, the rules we follow are important, indeed, in the lives of all who call themselves followers of Jesus Christ. But this isn't what saves us! We live our lives in response to the grace of God, which alone saves! Praise be to God for His saving grace and love!

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN:

"By Grace I'm Saved"

Hymn #566, st. 1-3

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.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

**Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.**

**O, my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We pray Luther's Morning Prayer together as we sing:

Luther's Morning Prayer

**I thank You, my heavenly Father,
Through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
That You have kept me this night
From all harm and danger;
And I pray that You would keep me this day
also from sin and every evil,
That all my doings and life may please You.
For into Your hands I commend myself,
my body and soul, and all things.
Let Your holy angel be with me,
that the evil foe may have no
power over me.
Amen. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 5:1–7 *(Israel, God's vineyard, is producing wild grapes.)*

¹ Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.
⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Sanctuary Choir

THE EPISTLE READING: Philippians 3:4b–14 (*Nothing compares to knowing Christ and the resurrection.*)

⁴ Though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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. John the eighth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36 (*God's Word points us to His grace and the truth that sets us free to live as His children!*)

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free?'"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Tim Jacobsmeyer
Director of Music

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Amazing Grace"

Hymn #744

THE MESSAGE:

"God's Grace Alone Saves"

Chaplain Mark Bowditch

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.

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

++ The Stewardship Thought ++

**The Pentecost Season is all about the growth of the Christian Church.
We use this time to study God's Word and then go out into our community
To share the love of Jesus as we call people to repentance and faith!**

**"Go and make disciple of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."**

Matthew 28:18-19

THE OFFERTORY:

"We Praise You, O God"

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us,
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

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 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:

"By Grace I'm Saved"

Hymn #566, st. 4-6

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Cheryl Hernandez in loving memory of Dennis Hernandez and Dale Wallace, and by Carolyn Burnam in loving memory of her mother, Alma Shellam.

Hurricane Relief. Our congregation is a generous church family! A check for \$2,500 was sent to Pastor Lee Hopf in Houston, TX to help with flood relief efforts following Hurricane Harvey. Last week, our contingent of people from Mt. Calvary that attended the President's Equip Conference in Jacksonville, FL transported 60 Flood Buckets which were thankfully received by people from all over Florida who are cleaning up following Hurricane Irma. I'm still checking to see what's up in Puerto Rico. The Schullers are in the U.S. on furlough, so they missed Hurricane Maria. Plans were for them to go back the middle of this month, but I don't know if that's going to happen or not. Once again, thanks for your generosity in caring for and loving our "neighbors!"

Pastor Brighton

Prizes for the "Faith and Football" bake-off are as follows: Taste – Rhoda Reilly and Barb Franklin (fried chicken and rice and a whole meal the Saturday after our series concluded!). Team Spirit – Sara and Tyson Van Lannen (Dallas Cowboy Pretzels and White Chocolate). Presentation – Tasha Hudlin (Filled Cookies). Thanks for the delicious "tail gate" snacks!

Luther Movie. We are down to the final 8 tickets left for the Luther movie/documentary on Monday, October 16th at 7:00 pm at the Houston Lakes Cinema. They are available first come, first served at the Information Desk.

Oktoberfest T-Shirts Are Here! Pick up your shirt orders in the narthex. We also have extra shirts if you did not place an order.

Attention All Men: The next installment of the Men's Breakfast for 2017-2018 will be held on Saturday, October 21 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. It's a Guy Thing!

The Linus Blanket year is coming to an end. The blankets will be blessed on LWML Weekend, October 21st & 22nd. Since there is a wedding that Saturday, the blankets will be put out late that afternoon before worship service. Please bring your blankets to the church by Thursday, October 19th. Blankets can be given to Diane Doyle or put under the Linus Project display table. Thank you everyone for making blankets and for your prayers.

Daytime Callers share Christ's love and concern with shut-ins and others who need to know that we at Mt. Calvary care for them. We meet this **Monday, October 9th, in the church conference room at 11:00 am.**

Come Out and Support the Mt. Calvary Volleyball Team. Games are played at Warner Robins Recreation Department Gym, 800 Watson Blvd. This week's game is against Netflix on Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Christ Lutheran Church's Casserole Sale has begun. Order forms are available at the information Desk.

Veteran's Day Brunch – Calling all Vets! Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 12th for the annual Veteran's Day Brunch. This year, we are making it a "potluck" for the side dishes and desserts. There will be a sign up sheet- on the information desk, to let us know how many we should expect to attend. We are also looking for speakers for a few minutes, to share a memory or two from when you were in the Armed Forces, or the USO. If you would like to speak with the group, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet, or speak with one of the members of the Board of Fellowship. Thank you! Ruthie, Becky, Quentin, Suzanne, Hannah, Heather, Keith, Mike and Darron.

We published a new Member Directory in August. If you didn't pick up one up, but would like to have one, please let Jack in the church office know and he'll put one in your mailbox.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Anita McIntyre, who is recovering from neck surgery.

Courage Trasmer, Mark and Angleen's youngest daughter, who will undergo testing for feeding issues.

Anna Marie vonDebschitz, whose is out of the hospital and back at home.

Jeanene Crawford, who is recovering from lung surgery.

Linda Hartman, who is hospitalized with lung cancer and is very ill.

Don Engle, who is hospitalized.

Crawford Hicks, who is now home, that his skin grafts would all heal.

JoAnn Leininger, who is recovering from a broken vertebrae.

Mike Longbine, who is recovering from eye surgery.

Keep In Your Prayers

Paul Brown, Lena Grube, Nancy Vormelker (Kathy Eubank's sister), Miriam Crawford, Suzanne O'Daniel, Arlene Zeuner, Pat Wolfe, Chet Branscom, Cheryl Stafford, John Harmon, Karen Harmon, Jeannie Hawkins, Carolyn Ramage, Layne Kesler (Dick's granddaughter), Marilyn Schultz, 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

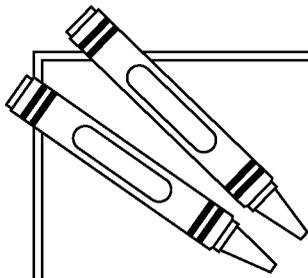
Chris Mittuch, Darrin Landis, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.



"I hope you don't think I'm presumptuous.
I died at a costume party."



"I see that the sermon has
run a little past noon..."



Just for **KIDS**

The Books of the Bible Seek and Find

*All of the books of the Bible are hidden in this puzzle
There are 39 from the Old Testament and 27 from the
New Testament. Use your Bible to help you find the names.
Circle each one. The names can go → ← ↓ ↑ ↘.*

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SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Chaplain Mark Bowditch. **LITURGIST:** Chaplain Mark Bowditch. **ELDERS:** Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Mark Burnette (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Taitum Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Zoe Babcock (Sun 10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Paul Keister, Fred Hursey, Steve Kirchoff & Eric Gossman. Late – Roger Moeller, John Hunter, Jim Morey, Cameron Mastenbrook. **ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie Fingles, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Richard Losert (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Lyle Wurdeman (8 am) & Trevor Hudlin (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Roger Moeller (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Sara Van Lannen (Sat 6 pm), Abigail Halsell (Sun 8 am) and Morgan Hagemann (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie Fingles, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Keith Dierking (Sat 6 pm), Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Bruce Bauman (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Caroline Martin (8 am) and Dwight & Marlene Miller (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Isaiah 25:6-9 and Jude 3

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday 6 pm – 25 Sunday 8 am – 84 Sunday 10:45 am – 162 Total – 271
Karenni Worship - 93

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	Day 74: DTNT (Philemon) 11:00 am Karenni Worship Service (Annex) 6:30 pm SLDT Meeting
Monday	Day 75: DTNT (Heb. 1-2) 10:00 am Ladies Guild 11:00 am Daytime Callers 6:30 pm Women’s Small Group
Tuesday	Day 76: DTNT (Heb. 3-5) 7:30 pm Council
Wednesday	Day 77: DTNT (Heb. 6-8) 5:30 pm Christian Fellowship & Education 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	Day 78: DTNT (Heb. 9-10) 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
Friday	Day 79: DTNT (Heb. 11-13) 9 am–12 pm ESL Class
Saturday	Day 80: DTNT (James 1-3) 3:00 pm Karenni Bible Study (Annex) 5:00 pm Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

