

**As We Gather**

Today our focus is on God's holy Word – the Bible. This book is unlike any other because as we read it's pages we are reading words written by men, but inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that what we read are the very words from God Himself. The Bible tells us of God's plan of salvation following Adam and Eve's sin of disobedience in the Garden of Eden plunged the human race into sin and put all their descendants under God's curse. Jesus' sacrificial death at Calvary was the death knell for Satan and the victory only Jesus could win for us over sin, death and hell! Therefore, God's Word is a treasure because it answers our most important questions about life, both here and in eternity!

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**OPENING HYMN:**                    *"Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"*                    **Hymn #589**

**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**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

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

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

Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

*(please kneel)*

Gracious heavenly Father,

**We confess that our faith wavers at times. We allow things of this world to distract us and that gives Satan the opportunity to lead us astray. We know that Your Word leads us into Your truth, but too often we let other things take priority over our study and meditation on Your Word. Forgive us, and turn us again to Yourself and to Your Word as the source of our salvation and the source of wisdom for daily living. Grant us to serve You in peace and joy. 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.

**HYMN OF PRAISE:**      *"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"*

**Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise triumphantly.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, You have shown us the way to heaven in Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Word in the flesh and You have revealed Your plan of salvation to us in Your holy Word. We ask You to give us both the desire and commitment to be faithful in our study of Your Word as it points to Jesus, our Savior; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 55:6-12** *(God's Word shall accomplish the purpose for which He sends it.)*

<sup>6</sup> "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup> "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10** (*Paul commends the Thessalonians for spreading the Gospel.*)

<sup>1</sup> Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, <sup>2</sup> We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

<sup>8</sup> For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup> For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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**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. Matthew the twenty-second chapter.

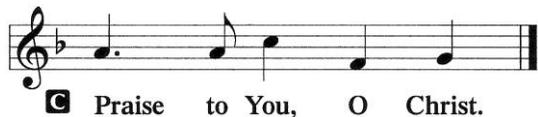
Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15–22** (*Jesus teaches about rendering civil authorities their due.*)

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. <sup>16</sup> And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites?

<sup>19</sup> Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup> They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup> When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Angleen Trasmer (8:00 am)  
Megan Schafer (10:45 am)

THE CHILDREN'S ANTHEM (10:45 am)

"500"

Sunday School Kids

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

*"Thy Strong Word"*

Hymn #578 st. 1-4

THE MESSAGE:

"Scripture Alone"

Pastor David Brighton

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:45 am)

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

## **LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE MITE-Y NOISY CAN COLLECTION**

(The "noisy" offering of coins is received today. This offering makes a lot of "noise" in the mission work of our Lutheran Women's Missionary League that it helps to support!)

### **THE OFFERTORY:**

***"Lutheran Women, One and All"***

**Lutheran women, one and all,  
We have heard the Gospel call.  
We by faith have seen our Lord  
Crucified and then restored.  
We have seen Him pay the price,  
For our sins a sacrifice.  
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim  
And unite to praise His name.**

**Lutheran women, young and old,  
Well we know His challenge bold:  
Help to take the Gospel light  
To a world in darkest night,  
By example in the home,  
By inviting those who roam,  
By our prayers for sinners lost,  
By our gifts for missions' cost.**

**Lutheran women, coast to coast,  
In the Lord a mighty host,  
Let us all united be  
In the Holy Trinity,  
One in faith, in hope, and love,  
Working for the Lord above,  
Till, our earthly labors done,  
We in heaven shall be one.**

Elmer A. Kettner

**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 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:**

*"Thy Strong Word"*

**Hymn #578, st. 5,6**

## **A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

## **THE POSTLUDE**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LWML Sunday!** Today we recognize the work of our Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and all the great work they do to share the Gospel here at home and abroad. The national LWML triennial list of ministries supported is over \$1.5 million and our local LWML ladies raise money through our "Mite-y Noisy Can Collection," which we will collect today. Please take a look at the many blankets made by our LWML ladies displayed on the Communion rail. These blankets are given to the Children's Hospital in Macon, the Pediatrics Unit at Houston Medical Center in Warner Robins and Rainbow House, also here in Warner Robins.

**Welcome to our new members!** This morning we receive fifteen people into our church family and that is cause for rejoicing! Please refer to the bulletin insert for names, addresses, and phone numbers and put the insert into your church phone directory. Please make these new members feel welcome in our family here at Mt. Calvary!

**Our Altar Flowers were provided this week** by Steve & Jackie Kaestner in honor of grandson Mason's birthday, and by Carl & Charleen Beahm, to the glory of God.

**Our Wireless Personal Listening Systems are working properly again.** A loose wire and some weak batteries had rendered them pretty much useless, but thanks to a trusty trustee, we're back in business. Please see an usher if you need to use one of these.

**The PrimeTimers' Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange is ON!** It will be held at The Landings Club House Restaurant on Thursday, December 21 at 6 pm. We will get back to you with the menu and the cost. There is a \$700.00 room fee but we can get it waived if we have 60 people. There will be a sign up sheet on the Information Desk and we need you to sign up NOW. Thank you! If you are 50 or older and have not come before, please consider coming this year. It is such a FUN-filled evening, you won't regret it. It is a special time during this Holy Christmas season to be with your church family for wonderful memories. Questions? Contact Marie White, Edna Hicks or Don Netzinger.

**Mount Calvary has received gifts in memory of Carolyn Ramage** from Joan Steese and Carl & Barbara Mabee.

**Newsletter Deadline:** Please have all items for the November newsletter to the office by Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Please help our ladies with the bazaar coming up November 18<sup>th</sup>.** Start or finish your crafts & check your recipes.

**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.

**Fall Workday** – Our Fall Workday has been scheduled for the first Saturday in November (on the 4<sup>th</sup> at 0900) meeting in the MFH. Please join the Trustees as they plan to work from approximately 9 AM to Noon. We plan to spruce up the church grounds (small trees, bushes, litter, walkways, parking areas), organizing the Garage/Shop areas, clean and paint a few of the exterior doors and a few guard railings. Bring your gloves and clipping tools if you would like to help with any cutting or pruning areas that may need attention. All are encouraged to come out and help beautify our church property. Contact John Hunter at 335-3426 for more information.

**Veteran's Day Brunch on Sunday, November 12 at noon.** 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, so we will be able to know how many for which to plan. If you have a picture of yourself while you were in the military, that we could borrow to put in our slideshow, please contact Keith Dierking at kd120@windstream.net or call him at 953-5094, ASAP. If you would be interested in sharing some of your memories from that era, please speak with one of the members of the Board of Fellowship. Thank you! Ruthie, Becky, Quentin, Suzanne, Hannah, Heather, Keith, Mike and Darron.

**Come Out and Support the Mt. Calvary Volleyball Team.** Games are played at Warner Robins Recreation Department Gym, 800 Watson Blvd. This week's games are against Netflix on Tuesday at 8:00 pm, and FRIENDS on Thursday at 6:5 pm.

**Sunday School Staff Meeting:** The Sunday School Staff will be meeting this Sunday, October 22nd, from Noon - 1:30. Pete will provide a light lunch.

**MS Corn Maze:** The Middle School Youth will be going to the corn maze at Lane's Orchard this Sunday, October 22nd, from Noon - 3:00. They will meet in the conference room at noon then head out to Lanes after a quick lunch (pizza). The cost for the afternoon is \$15/person which covers lunch, the corn maze, a hay ride, and an ice cream snack.

**Yard Work For The Elderly:** The youth will be doing Yard Work for our Elderly members next Sunday, October 29th, from Noon - 4 pm. This is a free service to help out our older members with fall tasks. If you can put us to work, please contact Pete to get on the work list. (Due to time constraints, we don't go beyond the Warner Robins area.)

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**The family of Carolyn Rumage**, who died October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Courage Trasmer**, thanks that she's made a great recovery since the penny she swallowed was removed.

**Michelle Jones**, Leo and Joann Ladzinske's daughter, who will be having colon surgery on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Dick Kesler**, who is recovering from double hernia surgery at his son's home in Ohio.

**Glen Mabee**, Carl's brother, who is recovering from open heart surgery.

### Keep In Your Prayers

Heather Mabee, Don Engle, Anita McIntyre, Annamarie vonDebschitz, Jeanene Crawford, Crawford Hicks, JoAnn Leininger, Mike Longbine, 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 Rumage, Deloris Denzine and Karen Johnson.

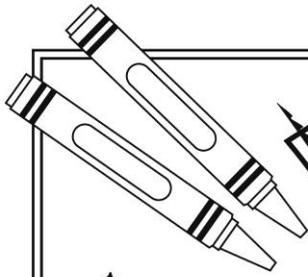
*(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)*

### 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.



# PUZZLE

## A promise to the earth



After the flood in Genesis, God promised to “never again ... destroy all living creatures” (Genesis 8:21, NIV).

**Directions:** Using the picture clues below, write each small word in the blanks to complete God’s promise in Genesis 8:22, NIV.

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cease.”

GENESIS 8:22, NIV

Answer: As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” Genesis 8:22, NIV

### SERVING US TODAY

**PREACHER:** Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Brad Wellik. **ELDERS:** Eric Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Don Netzinger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Tucker Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Colton Wurdeman (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:** Marcia Brighton, Jan Clark, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Deb Fingles (Sun 8 am) and Carolyn Burnam (Sun 10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Lyle Wurdeman (8 am) & Trevor Hudlin (10:45 am).

### SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Glen Thompson (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Sara Van Lannen (Sun 8 am) and Carlee Toler (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Jan Clark, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Becky McVay (Sat 6 pm), Steve Kirchoff (Sun 8 am) and Dave Harter (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Tyson & Sara Van Lannen (8 am) and John & Marie White (10:45 am).

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Revelation 14:6-7 and Romans 3:19-28

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday 6 pm – 44    Sunday 8 am – 93    Sunday 10:45 am – 128    Total – 265**  
**Karenni Worship - 77**

### THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today **Day 88: DTNT (Rev. 1-3)**  
**LWML Sunday**  
**New Member Sunday**  
11:00 am Karenni Worship Service (Annex)  
12 – 3 pm Middle School Corn Maze  
6:30 pm SLDT Meeting

Monday **Day 89: DTNT (Rev. 4-6)**  
6:20 pm Evangelism Callers  
6:30 pm Women's Small Group

Tuesday **Day 90: DTNT (Rev. 7-9)**  
4 – 6:30 pm RG@MC

Wednesday **Day 91: DTNT (Rev. 10-11)**  
9:30 am Craft & Chat  
**6 – 7:30 pm Trunk or Treat**  
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday **Day 92: DTNT (Rev 12-13)**  
10:00 am Ladies Bible Study

Friday **Day 93: DTNT (Rev. 14-16)**  
9 am–12 pm ESL Class

Saturday **Day 94: DTNT (Rev 17-19)**  
**2 – 4 pm OKTOBERFEST**  
5:00 pm Adult Bible Study

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