

As We Gather

"It's still all about Jesus." It was all about Jesus when the Lord God first promised a Savior to Adam, Eve, and their descendants. It was all about Jesus with every foretelling of the coming Christ by Old Testament prophets. It was all about Jesus at the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. It was all about Jesus as the apostle Paul penned, "We hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law" (Romans 3:28). It was all about Jesus when Martin Luther posted his Ninety-Five Theses on October 31, 1517. It's still all about Jesus today as we receive the Means of Grace—Word and Sacrament. It will be all about Jesus when He returns in glory on the Last Day. As we observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we celebrate that it always has been, and always will be, all about Jesus!

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is being celebrated today. It is the belief of the Lutheran Church, based on Jesus' own words, that in this Sacrament His body and blood are really present and that forgiveness of sins and the assurance of salvation are offered to all who come confessing their sins and believing in Him. Communion is therefore offered to those who share this confession of faith. Children who are not yet confirmed are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Guests who may have questions about Communion at Mt. Calvary are encouraged to talk to Pastor Brighton.

PRELUDE**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING****OPENING HYMN:***"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"***Hymn #575****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

Confession has two parts.

First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

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 placed other gods before You. We have failed to fear, love, and trust in You above all things. We humbly ask that for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Paul writes, "For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to 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:

"This Is the Feast"

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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| Women | 1. — | Wor-thy | is | Christ, | the | Lamb | who | was | slain, | whose |
| Men | 2. | Pow - er, | rich - es, | wis - dom, | and | strength, | and | | | |
| Women | 3. | Sing | with | all | the | peo - ple | of | God, | and | |
| Women | 4. | Bless - ing, | hon - or, | glo - ry, | and | might | be | to | | |
| Men | 5. | For | the | Lamb | who | was | slain | has | be - | |

blood	set	us	free	to	be	peo - ple	of	God.	<i>Refrain</i>
hon - or,	bles -	ing,	and	glo -	ry	are	His.	<i>Refrain</i>	
join	in	the	hymn	of	all	cre - a -	tion:	<i>Stanza 4</i>	
God	and	the	Lamb	for -	ev -	er.	A -	men.	<i>Refrain</i>
gun	His	reign,	Al -	le -	lu	-	ia!	<i>Final Refrain</i>	

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 FIRST READING: Revelation 14:6–7 *(Fear God and give Him glory.)*

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 3:19–28 *(We are justified by faith.)*

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31–36 (*The truth will set you free.*)

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.



Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Vicar Brad Wellik

DRAMA: "Here I Stand"

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" **Hymn #657**

THE MESSAGE: "It's Still All About Jesus" Pastor David Brighton

SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED AND LUTHER'S EXPLANATION

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

THE PRAYERS: After each petition, the Worship Leader will say, "Lord in Your mercy," and the congregation will respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *"Create In Me"*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir - it with
in me. Cast me not a-way from Your pres-ence and take not Your
Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion
and up - hold me with Your free Spir - it

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION (Luther's Works, Vol. 53, pp. 79-80)

LUTHER'S ADMONITION TO COMMUNICANTS

I admonish you in Christ that you discern the Testament of Christ in true faith, and, above all, take to heart the words wherein Christ imparts to us His body and His blood for the remission of our sins. That you remember and give thanks for His boundless love which He proved to us when He redeemed us from God's wrath, sin, death, and hell by His own blood. And that in this faith you externally receive the bread and wine, (that is) His body and His blood, as the pledge and guarantee of this. In His name therefore, and according to the command that He gave, let us use and receive the Testament.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

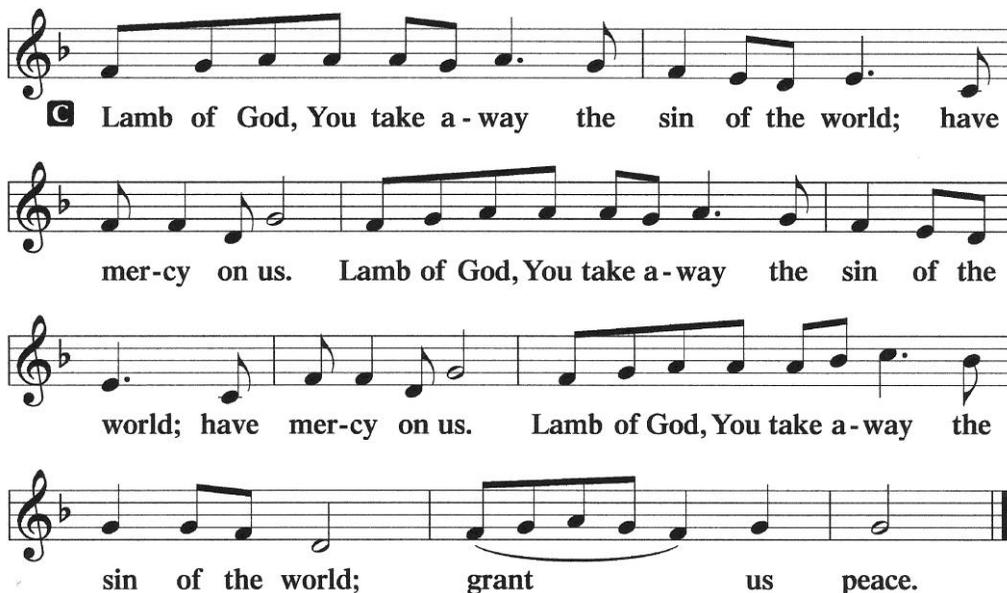
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.



☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION *(The center cup in each tray is white grape juice for pregnant moms or those allergic to alcohol.)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"* Hymn #637
"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" Hymn #563
"Preserve Your Word, O Savior" Hymn #658

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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: *"The Church's One Foundation"* Hymn #644

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

PrimeTimers (50 & older) Christmas Party - We now have a menu and price for the party at Southern Landings at 309 Statham's Way on Thursday, December 21 at 6 PM. Dinner is \$24.00 including tax and gratuity. Chicken Piccata, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, tea and coffee. Edna and Marie will bring some kind of cake and sweets. If a couple of you can help with some sweets, please let us know. The meal has been streamlined so we could have a low cost. Chuck Mollenkopf will do our White Elephant Gift Exchange and Tim Jacobsmeyer will do some wonderful Christmas music for us. Checks **MUST** be made out to Edna Hicks and given to us **no later than Sunday, December 10th**. You may bring a guest, but their name must be written on the sign-up sheet. We look forward to seeing you there. In case you didn't know we have had this dinner party for 20 plus years now. - Contact Marie White, Edna Hicks or Don Netzing if you have any questions.

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

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.

LWML Project Linus - For many years Project Linus has been a mission project for the ladies here at Mount Calvary. The finished blankets for this area are donated to the Children's Hospital in Macon, the Pediatrics Department at Houston Medical Center, Rainbow House and Hospice House here in Warner Robins. The blankets provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers". This year we are happy to report that we completed more than 500 blankets, exceeding the number we donated last year (469). We would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to all who participated in this project. Looking forward to next year's project.

-- Your Sisters in Christ, Linda Phillips & Diane Doyle

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 4th 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.

Community Survey: Our semi-annual community survey is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, November 11th, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. We want to identify people who do not have a church home and will hand out flyers that provide information about our Thanksgiving service, our Christmas services, and our *Rough Wood and Rusty Nails* Christmas program. A sign-up sheet will be located on the information counter in the Narthex. The survey form attached to the sign-up sheet is short and simple. We go in teams of two or three to assigned church neighborhood homes after a short training session at church. If you have any questions, please talk to Bruce Bauman.

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 Ball'd & Beautiful on Monday at 7:00 pm, and Crossroads on Thursday at 6:15 pm.

Georgia Right to Life "Thanks-for-Giving" Life Banquet will be held at the Wellston Center on 155 Maple Street in Warner Robins on Tuesday, November 14th, from 6:30-8:30 pm. A free dinner will be served and Pastor Jerry Walls will be the featured speaker. Seating is limited, so respond via the web at goo.gl/giXHMg on or before November 7th.

Rough Wood and Rusty Nails rehearsal & meeting next Sunday, November 5, at 12 pm.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Joe Hill, Cynthia Nelson's dad, who had a stroke in the back of his left eye. He can't see out of that eye and is awaiting test results to see what can be done.

Michelle Jones, Leo and Joann Ladzinske's daughter, who is recovering from colon surgery.

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, 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

Christopher Dierking, Chris Mittuch, Darrin Landis, 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:** Pastor David Brighton/Vicar Brad Wellik. **ELDERS:** 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). **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:** Steve Kirchoff (Sun 8 am) and Dave Harter (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), Eric Jenkins (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Sara Van Lannen (Sat 6 pm) Colton Wurdeman (Sun 8 am) and Seth Nelson (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O’Daniel & Maureen Young. **LAY READER:** Pruet Burge (Sat 6 pm), Lexie Hadley (Sun 8 am) and Dave Radcliff (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Darron & Valerie Counselman (8 am) and Jim & Barbara Morey (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Revelation 7:2-17 and 1 John 3:1-3

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday 6 pm – 43 Sunday 8 am – 72 Sunday 10:45 am – 164 Total – 279

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

**Today Celebration of 500th Anniversary of Reformation
Day 95: DTNT (Rev. 20-22)**

11:00 am Karenni Worship Service (Annex)

12 – 4 pm HS Yard Work for the Elderly

Monday 6:20 pm Evangelism Callers

6:30 pm Women’s Small Group

Tuesday 4 – 6:30 pm RG@MC

Wednesday 9:30 am Morning Glories

5:30 pm Christian Fellowship & Education

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study

Friday 9 am–12 pm ESL Class

Saturday 3:00 pm Karenni Bible Study (Annex)

5:00 pm Adult Bible Study

5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Next Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends

Pledge Sunday

11:00 am Karenni Worship Service (Annex)

12:00 pm Rough Wood & Rusty Nails Meeting

