

**As We Gather**

At the end of *"The Wizard of Oz,"* Dorothy says to her family, "There's no place like home." The Christian home is to be that place where we are loved and cared for. The Christian home is to be that place where we learn how to act in loving and caring ways toward others. But most importantly, the Christian home is to be where we learn and believe that God loves us with an everlasting love, that He forgives all our failures and those of others in our home, because Jesus died so that we could be His new creations! May our homes always reflect the love, forgiveness and salvation that are ours in Christ!

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**RECOGNITION OF EVANGELISM TRAINEES (10:45 am)**

**OPENING HYMN:**                    *"O Christ, You Walked the Road"*

**Hymn #424**

**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)*

God of grace and love,

**We come to You today as family members who have sinned and fallen short. We have not given ourselves in love and service. We have followed our own selfish desires, ignoring the needs of those closest to us. Forgive our sins, sensitize us to those closest to us and to all who need our concern. Give us faith and power to love as You love and to serve as You serve us. Amen.**

God has shown grace and love to us. Jesus, God's Son, went to the cross to pay the price for our sin and separation in order that we would be made right and could be part of His family again. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are given power to change and become new each day, so that we might share His love and forgiveness with our family members near and far. Praise God for His grace and love!

**Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:**

***"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"***

**Holy God, we praise Thy Name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, whose grace attends us all our days, look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Direct our steps into the pathway of peace, and bless our families to be places of love and peace. Preserve us in Your righteousness, and at last bring us to Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Joshua 24:14-18** *(Joshua's declaration, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," encourages all the Israelites to promise to do the same.)*

<sup>14</sup> "Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, <sup>17</sup> for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup> And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE ANTHEM:****"The Outreach Hymn"**  
(by Tim Jacobsmeyer)

Sanctuary Choir

**THE EPISTLE READING: Colossians 3:12-17** (Paul's guidelines for living as God's chosen people – love binds us all together.)

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****THE VERSE FOR LENT: "Return to the Lord"**

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the tenth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.****THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:13-16** (Over the disciples' objection, Jesus welcomes the little children and blesses them.)

<sup>13</sup> And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

<sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. <sup>17</sup> And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Mt. Calvary Puppet Ministry

## HYMN OF THE DAY:

*"Oh, Blest the House"*

**Hymn #862**

## THE MESSAGE

**"Being Christian in the Home"**

Pastor David Brighton

## RECOGNITION OF EVANGELISM TRAINEES (8:00 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 season of Lent is a time for us to reflect on our lives and confess our sins to almighty God.

It is also a time to think about how we might more clearly reflect our faith in our God

In our daily lives, so that others might be drawn to the cross and saved!

**"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."** (Rom. 10:13)



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**THE OFFERTORY:**

*"Praise and Thanksgiving"*

**Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer  
For all things living, created good:  
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**Father, providing food for Your children,  
By Your wise guiding teach us to share  
One with another, so that, rejoicing  
With us, all others may know Your care.**

**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:**

*"Our Father, by Whose Name"*

**Hymn #863**

**A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**THE POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our Altar Flowers are provided this week** by Barbara Mabee, in honor of her birthday and of her wedding anniversary.

**Midweek Lenten Service** – This week our Wednesday night series, "The Penitential Psalms" continues as we look at Psalm 38. Written by King David, this psalm is David's outpouring of grief and weariness because of his sin that sends Him running to the Lord with the penitential plea, "O Lord, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God. Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior." Join us at 7:00 pm for worship and don't forget our fellowship meal at 6:00 pm!

**The Altar Guild will meet Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 10:00 am. All members, please plan to attend.

**Spring Work Day** – On Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> we will have our Spring Work Day, immediately after the 8 AM Men's Breakfast. 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) as well as clean and paint a few of the exterior doors. Bring your gloves and clipping tools if you would like to help with any cutting or pruning areas that may need attention. We will be concentrating on getting the church property looking good for Palm Sunday and Easter. All are encouraged to come out and help beautify our church property. Contact John Hunter at 335-3426 for more information.

**Evangelism Explosion Kickoff Lunch – Today Sunday, February 25, at noon.** 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 experience in this training ministry. There is no commitment made or expected by those attending this lunch. **We will meet after the late service in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Recognition of Evangelism Callers:** This weekend we will recognize at all services Josh Johnson, Lois O'Neal, and Vicar Wellik who have successfully completed our Monday Night Evangelism training. They are now recognized internationally by Evangelism Explosion International as certified evangelists.

**A New Evangelism Training Semester:** Monday night, February 26, 6:20 pm we will begin our thirteen-week evangelism training semester. We will meet in the church conference room just past the church offices.

**The Christus Chorus from Concordia University in St. Paul, MN** is touring Georgia and Florida over their Spring break and they will be at Mt. Calvary IN CONCERT at 7:15 pm on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>! Their tour has the theme, "Saved by Grace." Don't miss this opportunity to hear this beautiful chorus as they "sing us into Holy Week!" Following the concert, we will need volunteers to house the Chorus members on Saturday night and take them to Christ Lutheran in Perry on Palm Sunday morning, where they will also be performing. If you would like to help house two young ladies or two young men, please sign up at the Information Desk or talk to Ruth Lange to get more details. **Please note: We will still have our regular Saturday "Praise and Worship" service at 6:00 pm to celebrate Palm Sunday.**

**Warner Robins Food Bank** - The following items are needed by our local food bank in the coming weeks. Please help support this project by donating the following items on the various weekends:

- Feb (25, 26) – Detergent, Bleach, Pasta, Rice
- Mar (3, 4) – Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Dental Floss, Canned "Kids" meals, Cookies, Cakes
- Mar (10,11) - Baby wipes, feminine products and canned fruit
- Mar (17,18) - Combs, Brushes, canned soups and crackers
- Mar (24,25) - Detergents, Bleach, Dryer sheets, Taco mix and taco shells
- Mar 31 – Apr 1 - Napkins, Paper towels, gravy packets, Puddings, and Jello
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**Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Chet Branscom** from Danny & Kathy Grube.

**Our Ushers for March:** Early – Dick Kesler, Eric Gossman, Doug Fingles, Doug Branham & Dick Hamilton. Late – Bob Day, Don Netzing, Adam Beecher, Dave Miller & Larry Ellgass.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**John Lange**, who will have back surgery on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Cynthia Trichinotis**, who is recovering from heart surgery.

**Carol Quednow**, who has moved to the Zebulon Park Health and Rehabilitation Center in Macon.

**Lora Rook**, Nora Croffut's sister, who is hospitalized in ICU

**Dwight Miller**, who will have surgery for a bad heart valve on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Lora Rook, Barbara Wallace, Linda Watson, Shirley Ermi, Tim Cronin (Alyce Quillin's son), Carol Quednow, JoAnn Burge, David Snow (son of Ray & Doris Snow), JoAnn Smith, Susan Wallace, 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**

Donna Burkhardt, Joe Hill (Cynthia Nelson's dad), Barry Rice (Becky McVay's brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom) and Bruce Oswalt (Krystal Ferguson's father).

### **Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas**

Chris Walker (Karen Johnson's son), Christopher Dierking, Darrin Landis, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.



# PUZZLE

## Praise him!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd cheered for him. Complete this puzzle to discover what they used (also see John 12:13).

**Directions:** In the number grid below, draw lines by starting with the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

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102-107-92-102  
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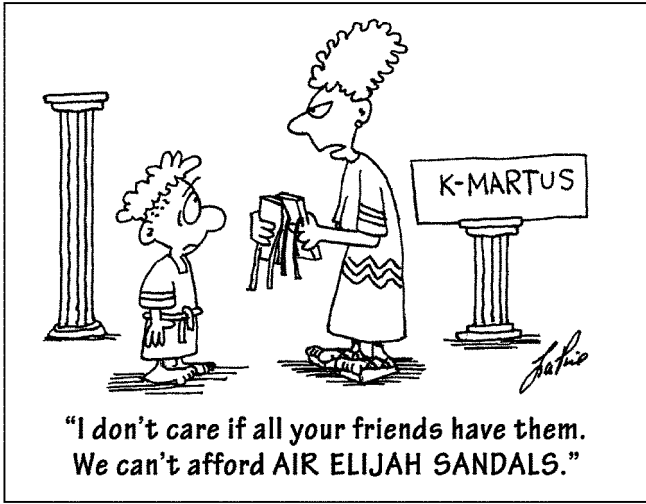
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### SERVING US TODAY

**PREACHER:** Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Brad Wellik. **ELDERS:** Erv Robinson (8 am) and Mark Burnette (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Tucker Gossman (8 am) and Morgan Hagemann (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early - Erv Robinson, Paul Keister, Fred Hursey, Steve Kirchoff & Lloyd Rauch. Late – Roger Moeller, John Hunter, Jim Morey & Cameron Mastenbrook. **ALTAR GUILD:** Heather Johnson, Barbara Locke, Pat Stetzler & Angleen Trasmer. **LAY READERS:** Carrie Wurdeman (8 am) and Jeff Townsend (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Open (8 am) & Open (10:45 am).

### SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Don Netzinger (Wed 7 pm), Kenn Keyes (Sat 6 pm), Erv Robinson (Sun 8 am) and Roger Moeller (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Logan Currenton (Wed 7 pm), Colton Wurdeman (Sat 6 m), Morgan Hagemann (Sun 8 am) and Seth Nelson (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Heather Johnson, Barbara Locke, Pat Stetzler & Angleen Trasmer. **LAY READERS:** John Trichinotis (Wed 7 pm), John Trichinotis (Sat 6 pm), Dick Kesler (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Alyce Quillin & Margaret McLaughlin (8 am) and Mike & Marsha Longbine (10:45 am).

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Genesis 1:26-31 and Ephesians 6:5-9

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday - 40 Early – 90 Late - 141 Total –271**  
**Wednesday Night Lent Worship - 115**

### THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	12:00 pm	EE Kickoff Luncheon
	6:30 pm	TAG Night
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	4–6:30 pm	RG& MC Tutoring
Wednesday	9:30 am	Craft & Chat
	6:00 pm	Dinner
	7:00 pm	Worship
	7:45 pm	Choir after Worship
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Director of Music Call Committee Meeting
Friday	6:00 pm	Middle School Winter Retreat (thru 6 pm Sat)
Saturday	10:00 am	Altar Guild Meeting
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	6:30 pm	TAG Night
	7:30-8 pm	Mission Trip Meeting