

As We Gather

Today we're talking about being Christian at work. How do we do this? Do we need to make sure we don't "cuss" so that everyone knows we're Christian? Is there a certain "modest" dress code we should follow at work so that everyone knows we're Christian? As funny as that might sound, some would say that's exactly what we should do. Those are good things to remember . . . but maybe there's more to it than simply not saying certain words or not wearing certain clothes. The "work" we do every day – whether we work in the home or outside the home – is to give God the glory by our words and actions.

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 have not communed before at Mt. Calvary are asked to talk to Pastor Brighton.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN: *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* **Hymn #425**

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

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 sin in the presence of God and one another.

(please kneel)

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!**

**See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an offering made
For ev'ry soul of man.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above
The Church in earth and heav'n.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, Your work was to do the will of Him who sent You and You accomplished the Father's will by Your all-availing sacrifice on the cross and Your triumphant resurrection from the grave. We ask You to sanctify our work, that by our words and actions, all may know that we serve You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 2:1-9 *(God's work is creation. Man's work is to care for God's creation.)*

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵ When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶ and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 6:5-9 (*Both slaves and masters are servants of Christ.*)

⁵ Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, ⁶ not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷ rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, ⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. ⁹ Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

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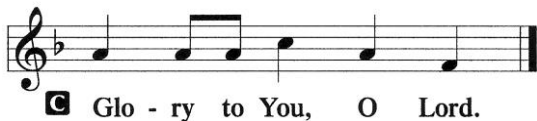
THE VERSE FOR LENT: "Return to the Lord"



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. John the second chapter.



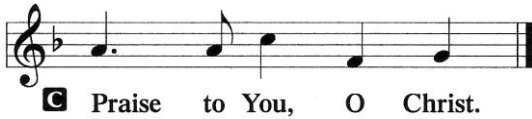
Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:13-22 (*Jesus does the Father's work by clearing out the temple.*)

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Brighton

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

Hymn #738

THE MESSAGE:

"Being Christian at Work"

Pastor David Brighton

THE NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

++ 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)



An easy way to make your weekly contribution to Mount Calvary is to use the QR Code on the left to access the Vanco online giving option.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

**On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation!**

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal Feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.

L 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 cups in each tray are white grape juice for pregnant moms or those allergic to alcohol.*)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"* Hymn #623
 "When I Behold Jesus Christ" Hymn #542
 "You Are the Way; Through You Alone" Hymn #526

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: *"Almighty Father, Bless the Word"* Hymn #923

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers are provided this week by Gary & Lexie Hadley, in honor of Gary's birthday and in memory of their son, Trevor's, birthday; by Regina Ragan, in memory of her husband, Bill Lacefield, and her mother, Betty Ragan; and by Riley Hood in memory of Mary Hood's March 5th birthday.

Midweek Lenten Service – This week our Wednesday night series, "The Penitential Psalms" continues as we consider at Psalm 51. David's heartfelt penitence after the prophet Nathan confronts David with his sin of adultery with Bathsheba and then having her husband, Uriah, killed. David recognizes that his sin is, first and foremost, an affront to God and David's plea, "Create in me a clean heart, O God" is the plea of the penitent down through the centuries. Join us at 7:00 pm for worship and don't forget our fellowship meal at 6:00 pm!

Thank you for all the prayers, memorials and beautiful sympathy cards sent on the passing of my husband. I feel blessed to be a member of such a compassionate congregation. - Joan Smith.

Spring Work Day – On Saturday, March 17th 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.

Community Survey: The Outreach Board will conduct a community survey on Sunday, March 18, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The purpose is: 1) let people know we care about them and 2) inform them of our Easter Worship Services. The survey is easy to do. First, we ask if they have a church home. If not, we ask three more questions, record their answers, and give them a flyer with information about our Easter and regular worship services. It takes less than five minutes at each home. There is a short training session before the visits. Teams of at least two people make the visits. We really need more volunteers for these semiannual surveys designed to “connect people to Jesus.” There is a sign-up sheet and a copy of the survey form in the narthex on the information counter. If you have any questions, talk to Bruce Bauman.

Red Cross Blood Drive: MCLC is sponsoring a blood drive on Thursday, March 15, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. in the fellowship hall. Minimum requirements to donate are age 17, 110 pounds, and good health. There are two ways to schedule an appointment: use the sign-up sheet on the information counter or go to the Red Cross website, “redcrossblood.org” (enter zip code 31088 and find MCLC). Donating a pint of blood can save up to 3 lives. Our goal is at least 22 pints. If you haven’t donated blood before, please consider starting now! The March Newsletter provides more information on the blood donation process. Also, we need 2 volunteers per hour to register donators and help with Red Cross provided refreshments. To volunteer or ask questions, contact Bruce Bauman.

Did You Know? The average adult has 10 to 12 pints of blood in their body. Nearly 5 million people need blood transfusions each year. One in ten persons entering the hospital needs blood. The American Red Cross supplies over 40% of the nation’s blood. Blood is a perishable product that can only come from generous volunteer blood donors. Blood is a special gift that each of us holds. By sharing it, you can give someone another chance at life.

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 24th! 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:

- 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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Margaret McLaughlin, who fell and bumped her head.

Riley Hood, who is hospitalized.

Deloris Denzine, who is now under hospice care.

John Lange, who is recovering from back surgery.

Cynthia Trichinotis, who is recovering from heart surgery.

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

Dwight Miller, who will have surgery for a bad heart valve on March 29th.

Keep In Your Prayers

Barbara Wallace, Linda Watson, Shirley Ermi, Tim Cronin (Alyce Quillin's son), JoAnn Burge, David Snow (son of Ray & Doris Snow), Susan Wallace 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.

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Brad Wellik. **ELDERS:** Erv Robinson (8 am) and Roger Moeller (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Morgan Hagemann (8 am) and Seth Nelson (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Dick Kesler, Eric Gossman, Doug Fingles, Doug Branham & Dick Hamilton. Late – Bob Day, Don Netzinger, Adam Beecher, Dave Miller & Larry Ellgass. **ALTAR GUILD:** Heather Johnson, Barbara Locke, Pat Stetzler & Angleen Trasmer. **LAY READERS:** Dick Kesler (8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Open (8 am) & Open (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Darron Counselman (Wed 7 pm), Mark Burnette (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Don Netzinger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Tucker Gossman (Wed 7 pm), Carlee Toler (Sun 8 am) and Abigail Halsell (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie Fingles & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Rhoda Reilly (Wed 7 pm), Keith Dierking (Sat 6 pm), Brain Harper (Sun 8 am) and Dave Harter (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Nora Crofutt (8 am) and Earl & Dot Bogardus (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Exodus 35:1-5a, 20-21 and Ephesians 4:11-16

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday - 51 Early – 105 Late - 142 Total –298
Wednesday Night Lent Worship - 97

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	6:30 pm	TAG Night
	7:30-8 pm	Mission Trip Meeting
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	4–6:30 pm	RG& MC Tutoring
	6:30 pm	Boards
	7:30 pm	Elders
Wednesday	9:30 am	Morning Glories
	6:00 pm	Dinner
	7:00 pm	Worship
	7:45 pm	Choir after Worship
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	6 – 9 pm	Middle School Party
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting