

As We Gather

What sets this day apart is not the events of just over 500 years ago. Reformation is not merely a past event but an ongoing movement. In every generation, no less our own, God calls His people to reform their hearts and renew their lives. Today we give thanks for our Reformation heritage and the renewal of the Church that took place through the work of the Holy Spirit in and through the lives of the reformers, but we remember that a heritage is no substitute for the ongoing work of reformation and renewal in our own lives! We continue in Christ's gift of freedom only as long as we continue faithful in His Word. We celebrate that Word –our reformation, and our faith – today and every day as we continue our mission of Connecting People to Jesus, and to One Another, to Serve the World!

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 Pete or Pastor Andrew.

PRELUDE**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING****OPENING HYMN:*****"My Hope is Built On Nothing Less"*****Hymn #576****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 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.

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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(Please stand)

THE RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Christ is Our Cornerstone"

Hymn #912

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 2:42-47 (The Fellowship of the Believers)

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 2:1-12 (*The Priesthood of All Believers*)

¹ So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸ and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

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 fifteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:1-11 (*Jesus is the True Vine and We are the Branches*)

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

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 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Andrew Howe

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"A Mighty Fortress"

Hymn #657

THE MESSAGE:

Pastor Gerhard Michael

TIME OF RESPONSE: *Welcome to worship, we are so glad you are here! You are encouraged to fill out an Attendance Card (There is a side for both our guests and members to fill out, and If you will be coming forward for Holy Communion, please read and sign the "Announcement for Communion" portion of the Attendance Card.), place it in the offering plates, which are located at each entrance of the Sanctuary. If you have an offering, your offering may be placed in these plates, preferably before Worship begins. This helps our usher gather our offerings to bring forward and return them before God.*



If you would like to make your offering at Mount Calvary electronically, an easy way is to use the QR Code on the left to access the Vanco online giving option.

CHOIR ANTHEM:

"Saved My Soul" (CityAlight)

Sanctuary Choir

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

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 good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, our refuge and strength, for You are with us. O God of Jacob, You are our fortress. You still our souls and gladden our hearts as You forgive our sins with the body and blood of Your Son. Lead us to Your holy habitation, where we will see the river of life that flows through Your holy city. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying



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.

DISTRIBUTION *(Today, an Usher will invite your pew to come forward to receive the bread and individual cup or common cup. The center cups in each tray are white grape juice for those who cannot drink alcohol. You may place your individual cup on the communion rail after you have communed.)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

*"Christ Be My Leader"
"Beautiful Savior"
"O Word of God Incarnate"
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

**Hymn #861
Hymn #537
Hymn #523
Hymn #702**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. 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:

"Church of God Elect and Glorious"

Hymn #646

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers are provided this week by the Nelson family in honor of Elyse Nelson's second birthday, and by Marcia Brighton and family in loving memory of Pastor David Brighton's birthday.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Marvin Hopf (Mike's dad), from Doug & Deb Fingles.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Judy Nicholas, Michelle Crawford's mother, from Carrie & Lyle Wurdeman.

Middle School Fall Retreat: The retreat will be November 7th-9th (Friday @ 5:00 through Sunday Noon) at the Calvin Center. This is an off-site retreat that is an expected part of the Confirmation program. Our theme for the weekend is "Good Dirt." The cost for the weekend is \$75/person to cover housing, meals, and program expenses.

Thank you to all who have returned or completed a Veterans Verification Form. Please have all forms and pictures to Cynthia Trichinotis at ctrichin@gmail.com or in her mailbox by October 31st.

Veterans Day Celebration: Join us on Sunday, November 9th, as we honor our Veterans! Following the late service, the Board of Fellowship will host a special lunch in appreciation of our Veterans. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the Information Counter.

Midweek Worship Time Change

*Please note the NEW Time for our upcoming Midweek Services

Worship services for Thanksgiving Eve, on November 26, 2025, will be 6:30 pm

Our Worship Services for Advent will be December 3, 10, and 17. There will be two services at 12:00 pm and 6:30 pm (Dinner is at 5:30 pm)

Smoked Boston Butts are available for sale by the Men's Group of Christ Lutheran in Perry. Pick-up is the day before Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 26 from 2-4 pm. The cost is \$45 payable at time of pick-up, for an 8-10 pound Boston Butt. Proceeds are used towards various mission projects. To order, call or text Ric Davis at 478-342-5723.

We know it is early but Social Ministry begins planning for our annual Thanksgiving Basket project in October. Times are tough now for many people and if that includes you or anyone you know, we would love to provide a bag filled with food that includes a turkey. Give names with phone numbers to Maggie Monahan by Oct. 25th of anyone that we could share this Thanksgiving blessing with. All recipient information will be kept confidential.

College Midweek Bible Study: This group meets online every Wednesday at 8:30. If you are interested in joining us, e-mail Pastor Pete (DCEPete@gmail.com) to receive a link.

Last Chance to Get Your Faces in the 45th Anniversary Pictorial Directory: The company that is working with us on creating the directory has offered to do a make-up day if enough people are interested. If you ARE interested, please write your name and phone number on the Pictorial Directory Make Up roster on the information desk. Once we know what the response is, the company will designate a date for the photography sessions.

Mark Your Calendars! The Annual Progressive Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 7. If you're interested in hosting appetizers or desserts this year, please contact Paula Babcock or Darron Counselman.

Faith Lutheran's Free Community Clothing Closet is especially in need of gently used children's clothing, ages infant through teen, jackets, men's T-shirts and size small women's clothing. A donation bin is available across from the lower level elevator. If you have questions, please contact Ruth Lange (478-235-5586). Thank you for your donations to support our community.

College Midweek Bible Study: We've made the switch for our college Bible Study. This group meets online every Wednesday at 8:30. If you (or a college student you know) are interested in joining us, e-mail Pastor Pete (DCEPete@gmail.com) to receive a link.

Change of Plans – Middle School Youth: Keep the date, change the name. We have replaced the FL/GA District Middle School Gathering with a retreat. The weekend is still the same (November 7th-9th) but we won't be leaving until 5:00 Friday afternoon. In addition the cost for the weekend is only \$75 (financial assistance is available).

Young Adult Bible Class: Young Adults gather for fellowship and to study the Gospel of Matthew Sundays, @ 8:30 at Sonja and Pastor Pete's home (413 Erin Way).

Trunk-Or-Treat – Church Outreach Event: Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 29th! In addition to Trunk-Or-Treating that evening, there will also be the Pumpkin Patch, Inflatables, A Pumpkin Decorating Contest, a Costume Parade & Contest, and a Hot Dog Dinner. We need people to sign-up to have a TRUNK. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome center.

No SLDT Meeting: There will be no SLDT Meeting this week due to the 45th Anniversary Dinner. Our next meeting will be November 9th.

High School Fall Team/Service Retreat: The retreat will be November 14th & 15th (Friday @ 5:00 through Saturday @ 5:00). We will be doing a combination of team building and service activities and our Bible Study & Worship theme is "Shift!" The cost for the retreat is only \$25/person to cover meals and program expenses.

LERT Chainsaw Training: The Florida-Georgia District will provide Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) Chainsaw training **at Mt Calvary Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 15th, from 8 - 5.** The chainsaw training serves to increase our dedicated LERT volunteers' capabilities share the love of Christ by helping those who haven't the means or skills to perform this dangerous work following a disaster. The District wants to equip LERT members with the ability to provide this service safely and efficiently. You must have previously completed the LERT basic training class to participate in this class. They could train us if we need basic on November 14th. **Training Costs:** Morning classroom only (Work on LERT chainsaw team but not as chainsaw operator) –\$15 per individual or \$25 per couple. Morning and Afternoon (LERT qualified Chainsaw Operator) – \$50 per individual, \$85 per couple, or \$100 per family (3 or more). Contact Pastor Andrew if you are interested.

Pumpkin Patch

Open daily (October 9th – 31st) Noon-7:00 pm.

Invite family, friends, and neighbors to come for some fun and buy a pumpkin.

Church Leadership Retreat on November 1st: Reminder: Staff, Boards, and Council members will have our "Joining Jesus on His Mission" leadership retreat with Pastor Greg Finke. Pastor Finke will begin at 9:00am. A Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Come join us as we continue to join Jesus on His mission here at Mt. Calvary. Pastor Finke will be our guest preacher next weekend and serve as our 9:30 am Bible Study leader on Sunday morning.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The family of Marie Louise Parkinson, Barbara Mabee's friend, who died on October 16th.

Pat Aldredge, who is suffering with back pain.

Charles Hudock, Carol Yeager's brother, who is recovering from a pacemaker procedure.

Laura Harper, who is recovering from surgery.

Marie Louise Parkinson, Barb Mabee's friend, who has been moved to hospice with a brain tumor.

Keith Busha, who is in need of prayers of healing and seeking a diagnosis from his doctors.

John "Jack" Trichnotis, Cynthia Trichinotis' grandson, who is recovering from a heart ablation

Thanksgiving to God for Mt. Calvary's 45 years of Ministry

For those impacted by the government shutdown

(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.)

Keep In Your Prayers

Shelly Bowen Carson (Amy White's friend), Nick Kesler (Liz Hunter's brother), Frank McVay (Tony's father), Beth Strickland, Grayson Adams, Linda Phillips, Lisalee Starkman, Bobby Platt (Joan Smith's son-in-law), Pastor Craig Michaelson (an LCMS pastor in Las Vegas, Liz Hunter, Jennifer Boeyink (Vicar Zachary's stepmother), Pastor Gerhard Michael, George Schulz, Richard Uitto and Jimmy Eschke (Alyce Quillin's cousin).

Those Battling Cancer

Pastor Aaron Sterling, Dawna Dugan (Dina Gossman's sister), Bob Yeager, Marie White, Chris Mabee, Michael Deskin (Walt & Cheryl Stafford's son-in-law), Andy Doute (Elizabeth and Lonny Walker's son-in-law), Jeff Grube, John Hanrahan (Mark Dieckmann's brother-in-law), Jenny Tillery (Ed and Kim Rekau's daughter), Walt Stafford, Erika Swaim (Marcia Brighton's mother), Scott Ramsey (Amanda McVay's uncle), Allison Brewer (Jan and Steve Kirchoff's daughter), Marcia Copeland (Maggie Monahan's sister), Jenny Hursey (Fred & Nancy's daughter-in-law), Wilson Baughman, Tom Guilford (Sylvia's oldest son), Matt Voskuil (Debi Cole's son), Jamey Sillence and Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt).

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor Gerhard Michael. **LITURGIST:** Pastor Andrew Howe. **ELDERS:** Don Barnes (8 am) and Walt Seefeld (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Kelsey Campbell (8 am) and Lily Beecher (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Erv Robinson, Paul Keister, Fred Hursey & Steve Kirchoff. Late – Roger Moeller, John Hunter, Dave Yingling & Jim Morey. **LAY READERS:** Doug Fingles (8 am) and Jeff Grube (10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Valerie Counselman, Nancy Hoar & Kim Leslie. **GREETERS:** Doug & Deb Fingles (8 am) and Kevin & Paula Babcock (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Bill Bohm (Sat 6 pm), John Van Buskirk (Sun 8 am) and Dave Yingling (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Jude Van Buskirk (Sun 8 am) and Lily Johnson (Sun 10:45 am). **LAY READERS:** Ginger Martin (Sat 6 pm), Kathy Robinson (Sun 8 am) and Dave Radcliff (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Dina Gossman, Suzanne O'Daniel & Ruthie Radcliff. **GREETERS:** Don Barnes (Sun 8 am) and Barbara Mabee (10:45 am).

Last Week's Attendance

Saturday – 35 Early – 82 Late – 84 Total – 201

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	8:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Monday	1:00 pm	Women's Small Group
	6:00 pm	GriefShare Support Group
	7:15 pm	Bell Choir
Tuesday	3:45 pm	RG@MC
Wednesday	5:30 – 8 pm	Trunk-or-Treat (MS & HS Youth in the Annex)
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	4:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study