

Reformation Sunday

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Mount Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas

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We realize that it is difficult for some people to stand, or kneel, for long periods of time. Please feel free to sit as necessary during the liturgy and the prayers. Sitting during the confession is also appropriate for those who cannot kneel.

DIVINE SERVICE

SETTING FIVE

This morning in celebration of the Reformation, we will be using Divine Service Setting Five, which is based on Martin Luther's *Deutsch Messe* of 1526. Luther worked for significant reforms in the Roman Mass which brought about preaching, Scripture readings, and liturgy to be presented in the language of the people rather than in Latin. The *Deutsch Messe* provided hymns in place of the Gloria in Excelsis, the Creed, the Sanctus, Agnus Dei, and Nunc Dimittis. The chief aim of the service, he said, was "to preach and teach God's Word" so that the whole service would "center in Word and Sacrament." Many of the hymns used this morning were written and/or used by Luther in the *Deutsch Messe* and are a rich part of our Lutheran heritage.

PRELUDE

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Thy Strong Word *Choir will sing stanza four*

LSB 578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

6. God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father,
beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 148:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Kneel/Stand ~ Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever
offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily
sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for
the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word,
announce the grace of God unto 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.

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46



I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.



LSB 944



1 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
2 Christ, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy.
3 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.



<i>Lord,</i> _____	<i>have</i>	<i>mer</i>	-	-	-	<i>cy.</i>
<i>Christ,</i> _____	<i>have</i>	<i>mer</i>	-	-	-	<i>cy.</i>
<i>Lord,</i> _____	<i>have</i>	<i>mer</i>	-	-	-	<i>cy.</i>

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His

tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

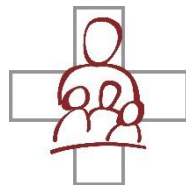
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P The Lord be with you.**C** And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P 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.

C Amen.*Sit***CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

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. ⁷And 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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

Psalms 46:1-11



¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,*

a very present help in | trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,*

though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,

³**though its waters | roar and foam,***

though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,***

the holy habitation of the | Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*

God will help her when | morning dawns.

⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;*

he utters his voice, the | earth melts.

⁷**The Lord of hosts is | with us;***

the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

⁸**Come, behold the works | of the Lord,***

how he has brought desolations | on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;* **CHOIR SINGS VERSE 9-11**

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

he burns the chariots | with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, and know that | I am God.*

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted | in the earth!"

¹¹The Lord of hosts is | with us;*

the God of Jacob is our | fortress.



EPISTLE READING

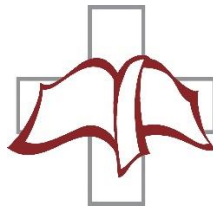
Romans 3:19–28

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. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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. ²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Stand

GOSPEL PROCESSION: Psalm 46:1 Arr. John Behnke

Mount Calvary Choir

In this practice started by Luther over 500 years ago, the Processional Cross leads the Holy Scriptures into the midst of the congregation in order to indicate that Christ is present in the midst of His people through His Word. Please stand and turn and face the cross as it moves to the center aisle and the Holy Gospel is read.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-38, 58-59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." ³⁷I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

GOSPEL PROCESSION: Psalm 46:1 Arr. John Behnke

Mount Calvary Choir

HYMN OF THE DAY: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656

1. A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.
2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.
3. Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.
4. The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife, Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won; The Kingdom ours remaineth.

SERMON: True Freedom

JOHN 8:31-38

Rev. Mike Middaugh

Stand

CREED: We All Believe in One True God

LSB 953



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

Sit

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Our offering is our way of saying, "Thank you" to God for all His gifts to us and to support His work here at Mt. Calvary and around the world. To all our guests this morning, we are happy to have you with us, but you are under no obligation to give an offering. But we would request your prayers for our ministry. We ask all present to please complete an attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate in order that we have a record of your worshipping with us.

ANTHEM: Be Still and Know

Mt. Calvary Choir

Text: Psalm 46, adapt Setting by: Michael John Trotta, b. 1978

Even if the mountains were to fall into the sea, waters were to surge upon the earth,

Hope still lives in a most holy place, a place that shall not move, for I AM here.

Refrain: Be still and know, be still and know, know that I am your God.

Be still and know you'll find rest, a refuge for your soul.

Be still, be still and know.

When nations roar and kingdoms fall, still you shall not fear.

My strength and hope will keep you on your way;

Wars shall cease and the shields melt with fire; listen then, for you shall hear my voice.

Refrain

Keep your mind on things above and not on earthly things: You're hidden with me in the safest place.

Your old self has died and i s risen again; your death shall be what brings you to new life.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Luther's Prayer of the Church*

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, *especially.....* praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.** *Colossians 3:1*
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** *[Psalm 136]*
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- C** **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.**
- P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



SANCTUS

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

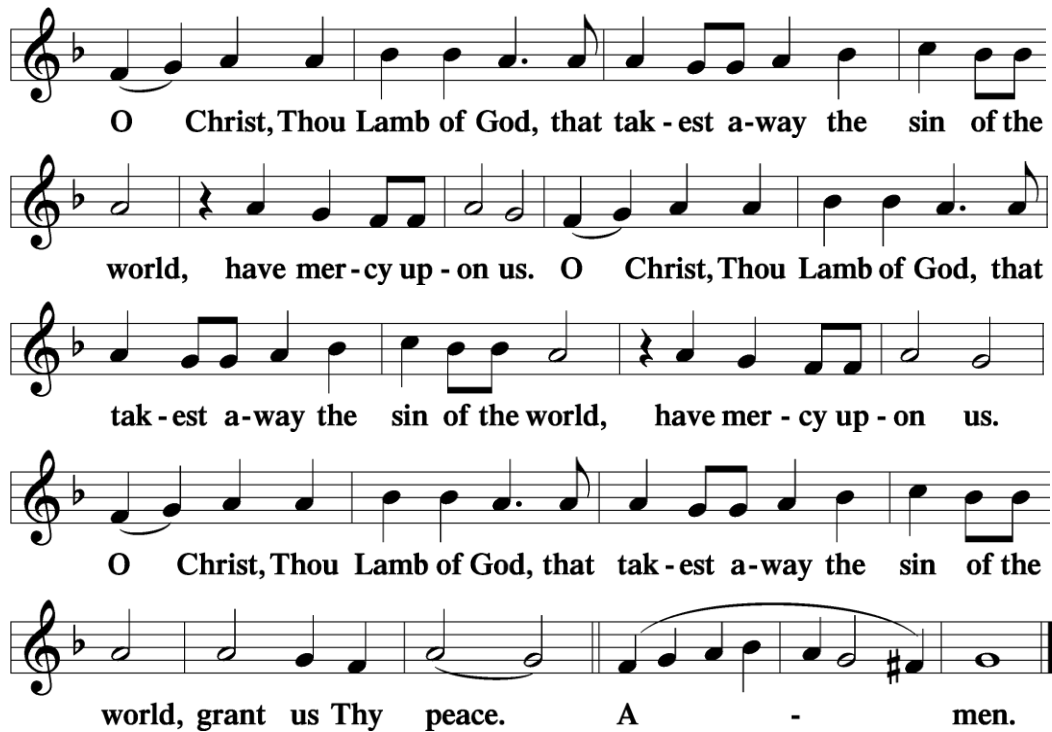
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
Amen.

ANTHEM: Luther's Morning Prayer

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546 Setting & Music: Carl F. Schalk b. 1929-2021

Mt. Calvary Choir



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice *Stanzas 1-5*



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood - ed dark - ly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it
4 But God had seen my wretch - ed state Be - fore the world's foun -
5 God said to His be - lov - ed Son: "It's time to have com -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for
pas - sion. Then go, bright Jew - el of My crown, And bring to



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He
all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; Slay



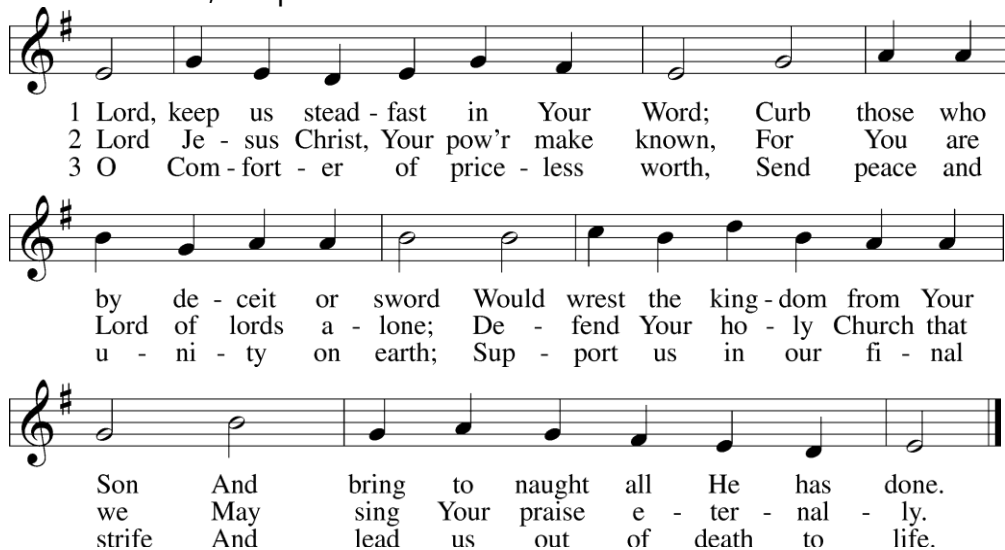
His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.
bit - ter death for them that they May live with You for - ev - er."

LSB 645 Built on the Rock

1. Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.
2. Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.
3. We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.

4. Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.
5. Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

LSB 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

LSB 392 God Loves Me Dearly



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
 2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
 4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
 5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -

va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
 dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
 deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
 ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.

Refrain

There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me
 dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

Stand

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P 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.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P 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.

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644

1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; heir cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
4. Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

POSTLUDE

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: Rev. Mike Middaugh
Celebrant/Liturgist: Rev. Jack Goldberger
Music Dir./Organist: Rev. Craig Meissler
Elders: Karl Johnson Robert Axtell Mike Wille
Ushers: Al Lariosa Nick Hartman, Jr.
Kevin Rabenaldt Jonathan Fruendt
Greeters: Arlene Nitsche Debbie Nitsche

MUSICIANS: Daniel Loudenback, Cole Spengler, Forrest Spengler,
Carter Richardson, Gabriel Aguilar, Sarek Gutierrez

HOLY COMMUNION

- If you are a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to take communion, please indicate on the Attendance Card found in the pew and place in the offering plate. Because participation in the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of the Christian Faith which is confessed at this altar (Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:3; 1 Tim. 1:3; 4:16; 6:3-10; 2 Tim. 1:13; Rom. 16:17) those who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are asked to respectfully refrain from participation today and speak with a pastor after the Divine Service. If you are not communing but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest once you are kneeled at the communion rail.
- Both the common cup and individual cups are offered at each table simultaneously. If you desire the common cup, please hold your hands open and the pastor will provide it to you, while the elders serve the individual cups. It is proper to take hold of the cup when receiving the common cup. This helps prevent spilling and greatly assist the pastor.

ALCOHOL-REMOVED WINE/GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE

- For those who are allergic, or for health reasons, and unable to drink regular wine, alcohol-removed wine is available for Holy Communion. The alcohol-removed wine is white in color and in the individual cups in the center of each tray.
- Gluten-free wafers are also available. Please notify one of the pastors before the service that you would prefer the gluten-free option. The reception of this wine and the gluten-free wafers in no way affects the theological meaning or benefits of this Sacrament.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP During this hour, God comes to us in His Word and Sacrament, and we respond in prayer and praise! Here are a few practical tips for minimizing distractions and maximizing participation:

- **IN ORDER THAT WE HAVE** a record of your worshipping with us, we would ask all present to **please complete an attendance card** found in the pew and place in the offering plate.
- We ask that you turn off or put away your phones and electronic devices so that you can participate fully in what God is doing during this special time dedicated to Him.
- While it is sometimes necessary to quiet an infant or toddler with a small snack or a bottle, **we ask that no other foods or beverages** be brought into the sanctuary.

- The ministerial staff is always available to you should you have spiritual care needs. Please contact the front office to arrange for pastoral care.
- Hearing devices are available for the hearing impaired. Please speak with one of the ushers.

CHILDREN & WORSHIP We love children and are happy they are here with us! Just as a child learns to speak by imitating the voice of mom or dad, so too a child learns to worship by participating in the service at an early age. If you have questions about how to incorporate your child into the worship life of the congregation in an age-appropriate way, please see one of the pastors. **Assistance for children with special needs during worship and Sunday school is also available – see and usher for details.** **A nursery** is also available. Parents can use it when quieting a child or changing a diaper. The service can be heard in the nursery. **Activity items** are available for your child(ren) in the narthex. Please make sure all items are returned at the end of the service.

MIDWEEK STUDIES

Tuesday Morning Class | Tues | 10:00-11:30am {Parish Hall} Immediately following Matins (10:00am)

Men's Study | 1st & 3rd Wed | 6:00pm {Parish Hall} All men are invited! Contact Roman Gomez.

Men's Study | 1st & 3rd Sat | 8:00-9:30am {Parish Hall} The study of Acts. Led by Daniel Ochoa.

Women's Study | 3rd Mon | 7:30-8:30pm {Meets at members' homes} Contact Shirley Wille.

Women's Study | 2nd & 4th Mon | 6:00-7:30pm {Library} We have started *Divine Directions: How God Guides Your Path* (Sharla Fritz, CPH). In this study, Sharla Fritz guides us through eight biblical travels. From Moses' journey to the Promised Land and Ruth's journey in life, we will see that following our own itinerary never goes as planned.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SERVICES continue to be live streamed and archived on our website. Bible class/Sunday school for all ages is at 8:45am with our Divine Service at 10:00am.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings by Evelyn and Jim Lee.

PRAYERS – Michelle Thompson recovering from surgery, Marlene Walker at NE Hospital, Bill O'Brien recovering from outpatient surgery, Ralph Domel, Linda Dietz at Silver Tree Rehab, Richard Miyauchi, Sue Weller, Jan Miyauchi, Patsy Bond, Jeff Harwood, Barbara & Sandy Krywoszej, Darrell Donnell, Heidi Farmer, Joshua Gabel, Richard Wieding, Debbie Kuehling, Dave Weller, Hayley Trujillo, our home-bound members: Raymond & Sue Robel, Janet Schneider, Joyce Warren, Jim Wegge, Art Wendt, Ann Werling.

PASTORAL CARE, VISITATION, & PRAYERS – If it is your desire to share a health condition, hospitalization, or procedure for which you would like a pastoral visit, it is important for us to know as much information ahead of time as possible. Please contact the church office with all the pertinent information. If you are hospitalized or in rehab, it helps us a great deal to keep us updated as to where you are as well as the room number if possible. If you wish for you or your loved one to be included in the Prayers of the Church on Sunday morning, please contact the church office as soon as you can.

LORD'S SUPPER – If you are physically unable to get to church and would like to receive the Lord's Supper in your home, please contact the church office so that we can schedule a date and time with one of the pastors.



SANDWICHES FOR CAM – JOIN US! We have been preparing **300 sandwiches** two times per month for Christian Assistance Ministries. (CAM). CAM currently distributes 300

sandwiches **per day** to those in need in our community. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time to help with the sandwich making. Interested? **SANDWICH DAY ON TUESDAY!**



YOU CAN HELP FUND THE PURCHASE OF SANDWICH SUPPLIES BY MAKING A CONTRIBUTION IN THE BREAD BOX LOCATED ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

SHARED SPACE - We are asking all individuals/groups to remember to clean up after themselves! Much of our space is shared with others and it is not fair for others to clean and put up after someone else. If you spill something, clean it up. If you use any dishes in either kitchen, **please wash, dry, and put them back where they belong.** If you use the refrigerators, please note that items left in there for an extended period will be thrown away in their containers. Chairs and tables should be put back as found. Thank you for your help!

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS: If you are not currently a member of Mt. Calvary but would like to know what membership entails and our process for receiving new members, please speak to one of our elders, or one of the pastors. For those coming from a non-Lutheran background we offer new-member adult confirmation classes upon request. For those who are transferring from another LCMS Lutheran Church, the transfer process is often quick, but the pastors would still wish to speak with you, and answer questions you may have about Mt. Calvary. Membership is an important commitment to a local congregation, both to receive spiritual care from, and to give support to, the ministry of a congregation which is a Biblical model we still follow today.

WOMEN'S RETREAT!

Rejoice Always (1 Thessalonians 5:16) Mt. Calvary's Women's Retreat will be November 7-9 at Camp Lone Star. The theme this year is Experience the Joy—Then Share it! *Rejoice Always* (1 Thessalonians 5:16) Cost for the retreat is \$125.00 which includes 2 nights and 4 meals. Partial scholarships will be available. We will again be staying in the Johnson Retreat Center. Registration forms are in the narthex! Invite a friend or two!

LUTHERAN WITNESS – Despite publication and postage costs continuing to rise, Concordia Publishing House has not increased the cost of publication of the Lutheran Witness for 2026. In turn, the Texas District will not increase the annual subscription cost and it will remain \$24.75 for 2026. Incidentally, the subscription rate for a direct order to Concordia Publishing House is \$29.99 a year and **does not** include the Texas Messenger. If you wish to subscribe to the Lutheran Witness, please have your payment turned in to the church no later than November 2nd, 2025. A LW envelope is included in your box with your September envelopes. Checks should be made payable to Mt. Calvary – please indicate that payment is for the Lutheran Witness so we know to keep your name on the subscription list. If payment is not received by November 2nd, your name will be removed until payment is received. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. Any questions or concerns, please contact Susan Melancon.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - We invite you to bring a picture of your loved one(s) who have gone to be with the Lord. Pictures will be displayed on a table in the narthex on All Saints' Sunday (November 2nd). We ask ***that pictures be on a standing frame and no larger than 8x10***. Please make sure your name and phone number are on the back of the picture. You may drop them off now through October 31st in the church office. Please include a post it note of the name of your loved one and relation to you. We will make out cards in the office to put with the pictures.

JOIN THE LADIES OF THE MARY-MARTHA GUILD for their October Brunch on Tuesday, October 28th at 12:30pm in the Parish Hall for fellowship, lunch and a devotion.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is all about Jesus. Each shoebox is an opportunity to introduce a boy or girl to our Lord and Savior. Earlier this year shoeboxes were delivered to children in Cambodia and those living deep in the Amazon rainforest of Peru. In previous years boxes from Mount Calvary were placed in the hands of children in South Africa and the Dominican Republic. Each box needs to have a shoebox label taped on it to signify boy/girl and age group. Please have your boxes at the church no later than Sunday, November 16. If you have any questions, please contact Jeri Lara.

USHERS NEEDED!!! We can always use new ushers and those willing to be subs. Please contact Kevin Rabenaldt if you are willing to serve.

CANDY AND NON-CANDY items needed for Trunk 'r Treat....please put your donations in the basket in the narthex. Candy should be individually wrapped. Thank you.

LIEDERKRANZ - We are welcoming men from 18 years to 70 years to join our choir. We sing four-part harmonies, and mostly religious songs. But we do community out-reach for events. Details about the choir can be reviewed at our web site - www.saliederkrantz.org Individuals do not have to be musically trained to join the choir. Just a desire to sing, with group of Christian men.

BIBLES NEEDED! CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY is in need of bibles. If you have any bibles at home that you no longer need, please consider donating them to CAM. Remove any personal information from them before donating. A bin for CAM is available in the Parish Hall foyer.

CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (CAM) Needs are canned vegetables, men's jeans, belts, tennis/athletic shoes, casual pants/shorts, diapers (sizes 6,7,8,). Your donations are greatly appreciated!

THE AGAPE MINISTRY most needed items: canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, rice, fresh or frozen meat. Other items needed are canned vegetables, canned fruit, mac & cheese, tomato sauce/pasta sauce, soup, beans (dry or canned), spaghetti, cereal, cookies, crackers, laundry detergent, toilet paper, bar soap, pet food. Also accepted are used clothing, household items, linens, shoes, purses, new underwear, socks, etc.

ANIMAL DEFENSE LEAGUE URGENT NEEDS: Canned Dog Food, Canned Cat Food, Blankets, Dog Treats, XL KONG Toys, Bottles, KMR (1st step), Puppy Esbilac, Puppy pads, Miracle nipples, Food scales, Heating pads, and Warming discs. All food items should be unopened. Please separate newspapers and empty medicine bottles into bags.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – November 2nd, "Worn In" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Are you feeling worn down or worn out? Through faith, God conforms us to the pattern of Christ.

(Numbers 20:13)) Times/Stations: 6:00am on WOAI 1200; 9:00am on KAWZ 88.7 FM; or 8:00am on KWED 1580 AM (Seguin).

READ, LISTEN, WATCH – 1517.org is a nonprofit organization that exists to declare and defend the



Good News that you are forgiven and free on account of Christ alone. 1517 features hundreds of podcasts, articles, and videos all with the purpose of preaching and teaching Reformation Theology and Christ for You. 1517 is a completely free resource thanks to partnership and support from dozens of LCMS churches here in Texas, and around the country. If you have not already, go to 1517.org to access their large library of online resources.

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, October 26th: "We need pro-life laws and alternative-to-abortion options to provide bridges and buy time for us to share the Gospel of salvation in Christ. Yet we cannot settle for a favorable court ruling, a strong piece of legislation, or a life-favoring politician ... Ultimately, though, changed hearts provide the alternative of eternal hope when despair and desperation tempt us to do bad things." *Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday – 134 Adult Class – 48 PreK-HS – 22
Tuesday Matins – 19

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

October

26 Stella Starr
28 Jim Wegge
30 Brad Boeckner
30 Janet Schneider
31 Loveta Cummings

November

1 Leslie Greehey
1 Veronica Hansmann

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2025

Today	8:30am	Fellowship/Coffee
	8:45am	Sunday school/Adult Bible class
	10:00am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
Monday	6:00pm	Women's Study (Library)
Tuesday	10:00am	Matins (Sanctuary – please enter at Parish Hall doors) Followed by Tuesday Morning Class (Parish Hall)
Wednesday	10:00am	Quilting
Friday	7:00pm	AA – Shook Big Book Group {Parish Hall}
Next Sunday	8:30am	Fellowship/Coffee
	8:45am	Sunday school/Adult Bible class
	10:00am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion



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David Thompson, Sexton

Susan Melancon, Office Manager

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm; Friday 8:00am-noon

TODAY!!!

Trunk 'R Treat FROM 5:00-7:00 PM

Bounce House, Cake Walk, games and food!

***Tacos, sausage wraps, hot dogs, cookies,
and drinks will be provided. Candy and
popcorn will also be available.***

