

In view of Pastor Qualman's retirement plans, a task force has been formed to gather information from our congregation that will be used by the Elders' call committee. The communicant members of the Congregation are being asked to prayerfully read and complete a **PASTOR PROFILE SURVEY** regarding current and future worship and service at Mt. Calvary. The surveys will be available in hard copy as well as a link on our webpage to complete online. The deadline for completing the survey is Sunday, November 19. Boxes are available in the Narthex and the Church office for you to return the surveys. If you have questions, please ask one of the task force members: Joslyn Hensley, Becky Weikel, Justin Hollek, Pastor La Verne Fitch, Harold Streicher, Beverly Albers, or James Lehmann.

*This Week At Mt. Calvary:*

Sunday:	REFORMATION DAY	
	Ensemble Rehearsal .....	8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Communion .....	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School (Education Building) .....	10:00 a.m.
	LYF Bible Study (Youth Room) .....	10:15 a.m.
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) .....	10:15 a.m.
Monday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance .....	9:00 a.m.
	Preschool Chapel.....	10:15 a.m.
	Happy Scrappers (Fellowship House) .....	2:00 p.m.
	Sunday Worship TV Broadcast (Cable Channel 16).....	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	Newsletter Assembly (Multipurpose Room) .....	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) .....	10:00 a.m.
	Confirmation Class (Fellowship House).....	4:15 p.m.
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room) .....	5:00 p.m.
	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church) .....	6:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline .....	9:00 a.m.
Friday:	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room) .....	12:15 p.m.
Sunday:	ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE	
	Ensemble Rehearsal .....	8:15 a.m.
	Worship Service with Communion .....	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School (Education Building) .....	10:00 a.m.
	LYF Bible Study (Youth Room) .....	10:15 a.m.
	No Bible Class.....	
	<b>VOTERS ASSEMBLY (Church)</b> .....	10:15 a.m.

**ABOUT THE COVER:** *As we mark and celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, we rejoice that God still speaks the truth of our salvation, the truth that still sets people free. In spite of what some may think, we still need to proclaim and to hear the very clear Word of God that in Jesus Christ alone, we have salvation.*

**MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL**

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*Our Mission: "Committed to reaching out with the love of Jesus."*





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**Greeters:**..... Donna Kappler, Gladys Teinert  
**Video:**..... Randy Albers  
**Sound:** ..... Ralph Streicher  
**Altar Guild:** ..... Beverly Albers  
**Chancel Flowers:** ..... OPEN

Pastor Fitch will conclude his series on Luther: Life, Legacy, Leadership at the 10:15 a.m. **BIBLE CLASS TODAY.** Looking at 'Changes and Reactions' concerning Reformation 500 and Luther being 'Faithful Unto Death'. We invite you to join us!

Today, we are taking a **FREE WILL OFFERING** to defray the cost of the new front doors. The stained glass was given as a memorial; however, the doors and all the repair to the woodwork were not included in the memorial. There remains about \$5,000 in unbudgeted expenses. Your offering to help defray that expense will be greatly appreciated!

**REFORMATION 500 BI-CIRCUIT WORSHIP SERVICE** Join your brothers and sisters in Christ in celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! **TODAY at 4 PM**, the congregations of Circuits 22 and 23 (Lee, Fayette, and Bastrop counties) are hosting a special worship service at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin for this occasion. Scripture readings and hymns will highlight the Reformation truth that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, taught in Scripture alone, because of Christ alone. The offering received at this service will go to support the ministry of Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas. You are also invited to a dessert reception in St. Paul's gym after the service; please bring a German-themed dessert to share (for example, coffee cake). Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ during this 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

The Preschool has started their **COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER**, which will run from October 16-October 30th. There is an order form in the Narthex if you would like to place an order or you can contact Lori Hollek at the preschool # 968-5913 or preschool@mtcalvary-lcms.org. The money raised will go towards adding activities to the playground as well as have a magician and the Zoo Man come for a visit. We thank you for your continued support of the Preschool!

Pastor Matt Behrens will hold his final **WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS** on November 1, from 5:00 PM-6:30 PM in the Multipurpose Room. Snacks will be served beginning at 5:00 both evenings so those of you who work can come at any time and those of you who are in Bells Choir can walk out in time for the Bell Choir to begin practicing. New members are welcome so please plan to attend and bring a friend.

We will be holding our **FALL VOTERS ASSEMBLY** on Sunday, November 5th, immediately following the worship service. We will be holding our officer and board elections and we will be approving our 2018 Proposed Budget. A copy of the agenda is posted on the bulletin board off the narthex.

**HYMN OF INVOCATION:**..... “By Grace I’m Saved” ..... # 566 vs. 1, 2, 7

**INVOCATION**

*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.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

- P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have placed other gods before You. We have failed to fear, love, and trust in You above all things. We humbly ask that for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P** For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** Amen.

**☩ SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩**

**INTROIT**.....*Psalm 34*

I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O Lord, and shall not be put to shame.





Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God, *John 20:31*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL:**.....John 8:31-36

**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 him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

(after the reading)

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

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.

**PAX DOMINI**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

.....“Steal Away”..... by Howard Helvey  
 Performed by the Mt. Calvary Ensemble  
 Accompanied by Nigel Yarbrough  
 .....“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”..... # 655

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.**

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**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."

Sit

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**..... "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ..... # 656

**SERMON:** ..... "Free to Be for 500 Years!" ..... John 8:36

**NICENE CREED**

**C** 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 worshiped 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.

**OFFERTORY**

*(Members and visitors are invited to record their attendance in the red folders at this time. If you are visiting with us today, please fill out a "Welcome" card from the front of the red attendance folder or in the pews, and hand it to an usher.)*

**OFFERING**.....

*1 Timothy 6:17-19 - Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Stand*

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray to the Lord, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, beseeching Him to have mercy and hear us.

Lord God, while we travel as pilgrims here on earth, give us comfort in the knowledge that You have called us to be Your disciples through water and the Word. In the midst of difficult times, when waters roar and foam and mountains tremble, give us confidence in knowing that we have been set free by the Son, and so we are free indeed! The Lord of hosts is with us;

**C the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**P** Lord God, as Your children, we are called to love You, our neighbor, and even our enemy. Give us willing hearts to love our neighbor as ourselves because You first loved us. The Lord of hosts is with us;

**C the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**P** Lord God, You are greater than the one who is in the world, prowling and seeking to devour us. Deliver us from the old evil foe, knowing that he cannot harm us because he has been defeated by Your Son's death and resurrection. Give us strength to resist Satan, and keep us firm in the faith You have given us. The Lord of hosts is with us;

**C the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**P** Lord God, Your Son bought us with His lifeblood as the price. In Him, we are set free from sin, death, and the power of the devil. By Your Holy Spirit working through Your Word, preserve us in the one true faith, that we might abide in You until You bring us to the place You have prepared for us in Your house. The Lord of hosts is with us;

**C the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

### **SPECIAL PETITIONS**

**Undergoing Cancer Treatment:** Rhonda Bond (Linda Poncik's friend); Ashley Fehrle (Ruby Fehrle's grand-daughter); Erinn Guggenheimer (Beverly Newell's cousin); Michelle Kiesling Henson (friend of Tami Pietsch and Lisa Caridi); Ben Huerta (Marissa Lehmann's father); Casey Hyman (Betty Pecora's nephew); Wanda Keene (Ruby Fehrle's niece); Amanda Knox; Amy Lochte; Vivian Matthews (Dorothy Witt's friend); David Mueller (Lorena Mueller's son); Bubba Schneider; Lindsey Schouten (Lorri Sanchez's cousin); Kathleen

Tintner (Sylvia Hebert's friend); Dionie Tolman (Gladys Teinert's friend); and Leroy Wittmann.

**Health and Other Concerns:** Gladys Ahlschlager; Rebekka Aleman (great-granddaughter of Victor & Elva Bohot); Velma Behrens; Carol Bigott (friend of Elsie Michalk); Calvin Bohot; Elva Bohot; Victor Bohot; Olga Buchhorn; Heather Butler (Joyce Newman's granddaughter); Woody and Carolyn Butler (Joan Miertschin's cousin); Deb Conway; Lanny Conway; Lillie Diller; Joyce Dippel; Edna Ebner; Lorine Fischer; Dr. Mike Fitzpatrick; Jennifer Freeman (Judy Zuhn's daughter); Ron Fritsch (Joan Miertschin's friend); Kim Haskins; Sylvia Hebert; Frances Hentschel; Toni Hill (Beverly Newell's sister-in-law); Doug Hlavaty (Cheryl Roitsch's friend); Shirley Hudson (Elsie Michalk's friend); Irene Koopmann; Wayne Koopmann; Brice Kuhlmann (Leah Wolf's father); Junell Ladewig; Sandra Ladewig (Junell Ladewig's daughter-in-law); Gladys Mach; Pat Michael; Marvin Miertschin; David Newman; Beverly Oliver (friend of Elva Bohot); Robert Pavlik; Mary Rauch (Mary Walker's cousin); Bill Sagebiel; Mary Lou Scoggins (Betty Pecora's friend); A. F. Seifert; Penny Sengler (BJ Ullrich's daughter); Jaime Smith; Ray Streger; William Trlica; Florence Tschatschula; Larry Urban; Kim Vanek; Robert Vanek; Mary Walker; Ruby Weatherton (Lisa Caridi's cousin); Mike Wherry (Junell Ladewig's son-in-law).

**Silent prayer for situations and people not listed in the bulletin.**

**P** Lord God, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, confident that for the sake of Jesus, You hear and answer. Lord, have mercy!

**C Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

### **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have proclaimed an eternal Gospel to all who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. For this Gospel, centered in Jesus Christ, we give You glory, and we worship You, who made heaven and earth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### **SANCTUS**