

In Christ Alone!

We, the Senior High Youth of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, welcome you to this service as we gather to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, while we share how the Holy Spirit worked in our lives as we attended the 2016 LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans just a couple of weeks ago. Our sharing within worship will be through the music from the Gathering Worship and four testimonies that will take a look at four of the themes we explored at "In Christ Alone!" We pray that the Holy Spirit uses this time of worship to fill you with His joy, remind you of your identity as His child, teach you to walk with His humility, and strengthen your connections within His community of faith here at Mount Calvary!

PRESERVICE: As we gather for worship, there will be video highlights from the gathering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

TESTIMONY #1: In Christ Alone I Find My Joy! (Adrianna Koerber)

(Please Stand and, if possible, clap)

Opening Signal:

"In Christ Alone"

**In Christ alone I find my strength. In Christ alone I can do all things.
Neither death, nor life can separate us, Depth nor height, from the love of Jesus.
I find my hope ... In Christ Alone (2x)**

**In Christ alone I find my peace. From sin's strong grip I am released.
O death, where is your victory? In Christ Alone... I AM FREE!
I find my hope ... In Christ Alone (4 x)**

INVOCATION

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

Amen

TESTIMONY #2: My Identity Is In Christ Alone! (Beth Rockwell)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.

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.

(Please kneel)

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

When I seek to build my life on something other than my identity as Your precious child,

Our Heavenly Father still calls us His own.

When I chase after those things that I know are destructive and hurtful to myself, my family, and my faith,

Our Heavenly Father still calls us His own.

When I take the gifts and talent You have given me and set them up to be more important in my life than my relationship with You,

Our Heavenly Father still calls us His own.

When I set my own sinful self to be the ruler of my life and consider Your will less than relevant in my life,

Our Heavenly Father still calls us His own.

When I exclude myself from participating as part of Your body by skipping times of worship, the study of Your Word, and growing in fellowship with other members of Your church,

Our Heavenly Father still calls us His own.

Because Jesus took your sins on Himself on the cross, your sins are no more. Because God has called you to be His Precious Child, you have been given a new identity, In Christ Alone. As a servant of God representing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Trading My Sorrows"

**I'm trading my sorrow I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness. I'm trading my pain.
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.**

**Chorus: And we say yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord.
Yes Lord, Yes Lord, yes, yes Lord.
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord. Amen.**

**I'm pressed by not crushed, persecuted not abandoned,
Struck down but not destroyed.
I'm blessed beyond the curse for His promise will endure
And His joy is gonna be my strength.**

**Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes with the morning... (Chorus)**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. God our Father, Your Son humbled Himself by becoming flesh to live among us and die for us. Grant us joy in our identity as Your people, who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, so that we might rejoice together in Christian community as we receive and share your love and grace. We pray this in the name of Christ alone, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

(Please Be Seated)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 11:17-20

Therefore say, "Thus says the Lord God: "I will gather you from the people and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel." And when they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey the. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Philippians 4:12-13

I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

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Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"The Church's One Foundation"

Hymn #644

THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the twentieth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-23, 30-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

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

TESTIMONY #3: Echoing the Humility of Christ! (Garrett Counselman)

THE CREED: (Apostles Creed & "We Believe" by the Newsboys)

**In this time of desperation,
When all we know is doubt and fear,
There is only one foundation.
We believe, we believe.
We believe in God the Father.
We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
And He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion.
We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again.
We believe.**

**So, let our faith be more than anthems,
Greater than the songs we sing,
And in our weakness and temptations,
We believe, we believe.**

We join in the Apostles Creed:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

TESTIMONY #4: In Christ Alone we have Community & Calling! (Colton Durbin)

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

CLOSING NOTE FROM PHILIPPIANS (1:3-5)

I thank God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

THE BENEDICTION

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

Amen.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

THE CLOSING HYMN: "In Christ Alone"

**In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All. here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ, alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand
'Till He returns or calls me home here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Dick & Susan Kesler, in honor of their wedding anniversary, and by Laura Haas, in loving memory of her husband, Glenn.

Golf Tournament! The other major fundraiser for the Puerto Rico mission team will be a golf tournament at the Waterford South Golf Club on Sunday, September 11th. Cost is \$45 per person which includes: Lunch, tees and sleeve of golf balls, free water and coke during the tournament and the 18-hole tournament. The lunch will be served at 1pm and the shot-gun start will be at 2pm. Get your teams together now or you sign up as an individual and you will be put on a team. Sign-up sheets are at the Information Desk.

Daytime Callers share Christ's love and concern with shut-ins and others who need to know that we at Mt. Calvary care for them. We meet this **Monday, August 8th, in the church conference room at 11:00 am.**

Volleyball Anyone? It's time again to get ready for the Fall Volleyball Season. If you are interested, you can talk to Eric Gossman, D. J. Nelson or Tian Foss. The sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk.

Hear ye, Hear ye!! We need additional puppeteers! If you can talk (check) and read (check) you are 100% qualified to be a puppeteer. The Mt. Calvary puppet ministry serves once per month at the Sunday services. For more information or to volunteer, Please contact Tian Foss 478-953-1178 or email fosst@csp.edu.

Mount Calvary has received a gift in memory of Paul Hoar, Nancy's brother-in-law, from Betty Cummings.

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the ice cream social to support our Puerto Rico Mission Team. Your generous support (\$2,090!) will greatly help us purchase needed supplies. To God the glory! - Puerto Rico Mission Team.

Thank you so much to our nursery volunteers: Liz Hunter, Stella Nuckels, Adrianna Koerber, Andrea Smith, Molly Townsend, Rhoda Reilly, Laura & Libby Parsons, Tian Foss, Hayley Webb, Quentin & Becky Harris, Tyson & Sara Van Lannen, Megan Shores, Ruthie Radcliff, Holly Hartley, and Breanna, Koda, and Lynn Cook. Thank you for giving your time and talents to our smallest Mount Calvary members!!

NYG Thank-You Lunch:

When: Sunday, August 7th, Noon – 1:30 pm

What: A New Orleans style lunch to thank parents and sponsors for helping youth get to the gathering.

Who: All youth who attended the gathering, their parents, and sponsors.

High School - TAG Night: The next High School TAG Night will be Sunday, August 7th, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Annex. TAG Nights are a great way to start the week off right! Join us as we gather for food, fun, and fellowship and explore what God's Word has to say to Christians with the help of "Bruce Almighty".

Wednesday Night Christian Fellowship & Education Resumes! Wednesday, August 10th. Following a family meal (@ 5:30), there are classes (Beginning @ 6:15) for Kindergarten through adults with nursery care for little ones.

Middle School Back-To-School Retreat: The Middle School Youth will be having their Back-To-School Retreat on Friday (12th) @ 6 pm - Saturday, (13th) @ 7pm in the Annex. The cost for the retreat is \$25/person. This weekend is a time for our MS Youth to grow in faith and friendships through Bible Study, Praise & Worship, and Team Building!

Rebecca's Garden Of Hope Meeting: There will be a meeting for everyone helping with Rebecca's Garden @ Mt. Calvary next Sunday, August 14th, from Noon – 1:30. We will provide the lunch you provide the volunteer power! With over 45 children registered we have an exciting Fall ahead of us!

BIBLE STUDIES

Topic: Fellowship Basics

Location: Classroom #1

This class will focus on the basics of our faith and fellowship. People who are considering joining Mt. Calvary should take this course to get a good summary of our Lutheran/Christian beliefs. Members are also urged to take it for a great review of our faith! Come and bring a friend!

Leader: Pastor Brighton

Target Audience: ALL ADULTS

Topic: 1st and 2nd Timothy

Location: Fellowship Hall

In this class we will take a deeper look at Paul's letters to Timothy. These letters are an excellent source of wisdom for us as the people tasked with faithfully protecting Christ's Church today. Through these letters we will have a chance to take a look at many important topics regarding the structure of God's Church, including the different ways which we all have been called to serve in the Church.

Leader: Vicar Aaron Sterling

Target Audience: ALL ADULTS

Topic: He Who Dies with the Most Toys Still Dies

Location: Cry Room

This DVD-based class from the Men's Network examines how "stuff" fills our lives and how our toys (which come in many shapes and sizes) can distract us from life's only worthwhile treasure. The good news is that you can be rich in Christ without have all the money or wealth in the world!

Leader: Don Netzinger

Target Audience: Men Only

Topic: The Gospel of Mark

Location: Fellowship Hall, Classroom #2

Mark is often called Peter's biographer because he spent time with Peter in Rome before Peter's martyrdom. In this fast-moving narrative Mark tells the story of our suffering Savior, the meaning of His sacrifice and resurrection for us, and the call to follow Him in a life of servanthood and sacrifice.

Leader: Liz Hunter

Target Audience: Women Only

Guys, take a look! There is a Men's Gathering at the Perry fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday (August 12-13). "The Awakening 2016" is for all men in the area and will feature speakers like Mike Huckabee, Sonny Perdue, and Tim Worley (UGA and Pittsburgh Steelers running back), along with great music and fellowship. The cost is \$30 for the two days and includes a T-shirt and Chick-Fil-A lunch on Saturday. You can register at www.TheAwakening2016.com.

Van Drivers Needed! On August 16th, Rebecca's Garden of Hope, our tutoring/mentoring program will begin. We have received permission for our church van to be in the bus line at three area elementary schools so that we can transport children to church for the tutoring sessions. We need several drivers and "ride along" folks to keep them company. The time commitment is every Tuesday from about 3:00 pm till 4:30 pm. We hope to have multiple drivers and "ride along" folks. Please talk to DCE Pete LeBorious or Pastor Brighton if you are interested, or to get more information to help you make a decision.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Gary Jennings, Margaret Jennings' son/Beverly Webb's brother, who died July 31st.

Monelle Netzinger, who had back surgery on Friday at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville.

Sue Crawford, Rob's mother, who is battling heart problems and COPD.

Holly Hartley, who is having complications following a root canal.

David Snow, Ray & Doris' son, who is experiencing kidney failure and has a mass on his pancreas.

Betty Ragan, Regina's mom, who fell and broke her leg near the hip socket.

Diane Doyle, who will have stents taken out of her pancreas on August 10th.

Josh Johnson, who continues to have issues with his heart.

Keep In Your Prayers

Carol Quednow, Sandi Jacobsmeyer, Bobby & Pat Wolfe, Bill Gragg, Mary Ellen Gragg, Jake Huffman, Delores Lewis, Jerry Bisping, Rachel Harmon (granddaughter of John & Karen Harmon), Jerry Eschke (Margaret McLaughlin's son), Betsy Luppino, Carol LeBorious (Pete's mother), Sherry Parsons, Mason Snow (grandson of Ray & Doris Snow), Josie Kong (Evy Keyes' mom), Deloris Denzine and Karen Johnson.

(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)

Those Battling Cancer

Those battling cancer: Anne Kesler-Harter (Daughter of Dick & Susan Kesler), Barry Rice (Becky McVay's brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt), Paula Babcock, Kathy Grube, Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom) and Bruce Oswald (Krystal Ferguson's father).

Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas

Aaron Gittner, Benjamin Brighton, Emily Whaley, Rodney Hood, Darrin Landis, Denver Yarbrough, Michael Welch, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Youth. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Aaron Sterling. **ELDERS:** Eric Gossman (8 am) and Mark Burnette (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Andrew LeBorious (8 am) and Carlee Toler (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Youth. **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Glaser, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Youth. **SLIDE PREPARER:** Gary Webb. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Nick Jenkins. Late – D. J & Caleb Nelson.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Open (Sat 6 pm), Gary Hadley (Sun 8 am) and Bill Gragg (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Nathan LeBorious (Sun 8 am) and Libby Parsons (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Glaser, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Bill Bohm (Sat 6 pm), Dick Kesler 8 am) and Cindy Schafer (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Tyson & Sara Van Lannen (Sun 8 am) and Chet & Nancy Branscom (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Jeremiah 23:16-29 and Hebrews 11:17-40; 12:1-3

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 60 Early – 92 Late – 149 Total – 301

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	Rally Day	
Monday	11:00 am	Daytime Callers
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Council
Wednesday	Wednesday	Nights Resume
	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Study Classes
	6:15 pm	Children/Youth Classes
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	6:00 pm	Middle School Fall Retreat (thru Sat, 7 pm)
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting