

As We Gather

We celebrate the 499th anniversary of the Reformation of the Christian Church. Tracing our heritage back to Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-Five Theses on October 31, 1517, we join with God's children throughout the world to thank Him for saving us by His grace alone through faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The precious Gospel of Christ's life, death, and resurrection is the central truth of Holy Scripture, and it alone has the power to set us free from sin as we cling to Christ by faith. May the Lord bless us today as we worship Him and abide in His life-saving, life-changing Word! Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word!

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 Brighton.

PRELUDE**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING****OPENING HYMN:***"By Grace I'm Saved"***Hymn #566, St. 1-4****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.

THE KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"This Is The Feast"

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Women	1. —	Worthy	is	Christ,	the	Lamb	who	was	slain,	whose
Men	2. Pow	- er,	rich	- es,	wis	- dom,	and	strength,	and	
Women	3. Sing	with	all	the	peo	- ple	of	God,	and	
Women	4. Bless	- ing,	hon	- or,	glo	- ry,	and	might	be	to
Men	5. For	the	Lamb	_____	who	was	slain	has	be	-



blood	set	us	free	to	be	peo	- ple	of	God.	<i>Refrain</i>
hon	- or,	bless	- ing,	and	glo	- ry	are	His.	<i>Refrain</i>	
join	in	the	hymn	of	all	cre	- a	-	tion:	<i>Stanza 4</i>
God	and	the	Lamb	for	- ev	- er.	A	-	men.	<i>Refrain</i>
gun	His	reign,	Al	- le	- lu	-	ia!		<i>Final Refrain</i>	

Final Refrain



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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Luther's Morning Prayer)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE FIRST READING: Revelation 14:6–7 *(God's messenger brings the eternal gospel.)*

⁶ 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. ⁷ And 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."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM: *"God Is Our Refuge and Strength"* Sanctuary Choir

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 3:19–28 *(God justifies us through faith in Christ.)*

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

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

²⁷ 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. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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 eighth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31–36 (*God sets us free as we abide in Jesus' Word.*)

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ 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?'"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Vicar Aaron Sterling

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

Hymn #575

THE MESSAGE

"The Truth!"

Pastor David Brighton

THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES CREED AND LUTHER'S EXPLANATION:

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. 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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

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

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

++ The Stewardship Thought ++

The three Reformation "solos" –

Sola Gratia (Grace Alone), Sola Fides (Faith Alone) and Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast."

OFFERTORY: *"Create In Me"*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir - it with



in me. Cast me not a-way from Your pres-ence and take not Your



Ho-ly Spir - it from me. Re- store to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion



and up - hold me with Your free Spir - it

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

LUTHER'S EXHORTATION TO COMMUNICANTS

Dearly beloved, since it is our intention to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves as St. Paul tells us to do, for this Holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But if we examine ourselves, we shall find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we cannot set ourselves free. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy upon us and has taken on Himself our nature that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved. And that we should the more confidently believe this and be strengthened by our faith in cheerful obedience to His holy will, He has instituted the Holy Sacrament of His supper, in which He feeds us with His body and gives us to drink of His blood.

Therefore, whoever eats of this bread and drinks of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwells in Christ, and Christ in him, and has eternal life.

We should do this also in remembrance of Him, showing His death, that He was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification and, giving Him our most hearty thanks, take up our cross and follow Him and according to His commandment love one another as He has loved us, for we are all one body, even as we all eat of His body and drink of His blood.

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.



☪ 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

Come to the Warner Robins Recreation Department on Watson Blvd to cheer on our Mt. Calvary Volleyball teams. This week's games are: Thursday – Team 2 vs Netflix @ 7:00; Team 2 vs Crossroads @ 8:00; and Team 1 vs Messengers @ 8:50. Wear a blue shirt. Go Team(s)!!

Rough Wood and Rusty Nails Rehearsals:

Sunday, October 30 6:30 - Angels for Dance routines.

Wednesday, November 2 7:00 - Mary, Elizabeth, Wise Men, Toddler Jesus

Sunday, November 6 - 12:15 Carpenters, Man Without a Plan and family, Shepherds
5:30 Caesar, Guards,

We Will Honor Our Veterans at Our Annual Veterans' Day meal on November 13th, following the late service. We will provide fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans and peach cobbler for dessert, as well as tea and coffee. We have the slide presentation from last year, but, if you did not attend, or you are new to the Church, please provide your military picture to Keith Dierking by Sunday November 6th. You can leave the picture in Keith's mailbox or you can email him the picture at (kd120@windstream.net). Featured speaker this year will be Don Netzinger, please come out to listen as Don tells us some interesting facts from the past.

- Your Board of Fellowship

Mt. Calvary has received a gift in memory of Bobby Wolfe from Erv & Kathy Robinson.

Community Survey - Our semi-annual community survey is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday afternoons, November 12 and 13, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. We want to identify people who do not have a church home and will hand out flyers that provide information about our Thanksgiving service, our Christmas services, and our *Rough Wood and Rusty Nails* Christmas program. A sign-up sheet is located on the information counter in the Narthex. The survey form attached to the sign-up sheet is short and simple. We go in teams of two or three to assigned church neighborhood homes/apartments after a short training session at church. If you have any questions, please talk to Bruce Bauman. Thank you.

Our Ushers for November: Early – Laird Van Gorder, Brent Durbin, Dick Kesler & Kent Hansen.
Late – D. J. Nelson, Don Netzinger, Adam Beecher, Dave Miller, Bob Day & Larry Ellgass.

Church Calendar: If you have events for the church calendar, please contact Pete or the church office to check for space availability and get the events on the schedule. With the addition of our ESL and RG@MC Ministries, our facilities are in use a lot more frequently and there is no guarantee that an area will be available if your group just "stops by".

Middle School District Youth Gathering: Parents of Middle School Youth, Pete needs to know if your child will be coming to the gathering in the early van (Noon) or the late van (4-ish). Please let him know so transportation arrangements can be made.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Laura Haas, who remains hospitalized with a number of medical concerns, especially lack of kidney function.

The family of Bobby Wolfe, who died October 22nd.

Tracie Frey, who continues to recover from back surgery.

Alyce Quillin, who is recovering from heart surgery.

Richard Uitto, who is at home recovering from neck surgery.

Keep In Your Prayers

Doris Snow, Erika Swaim (Marcia Brighton's mother), Margaret Jennings, Mike Longbine, Sheila Grube, Monika Reynolds, Kurt Rover, 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), Kathy Grube, Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom) and Bruce Oswalt (Krystal Ferguson's father).

Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas

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

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton/Vicar Aaron Sterling. **ELDERS:** Darron Counselman (8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Abby Soisson (8 am) and Koda Cook (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Erv Robinson, Paul Keister, Fred Hursey, Steve Kirchoff & Eric Gossman. Late – Dwight Miller, Roger Moeller, John Hunter, Jim Morey & Cameron Mastenbrook. **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Glaser, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Laird Van Gorder (8 am) and Dave Harter (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Tanner Gossman. Late – Trevor Hudlin.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Open (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger **ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Sara Van Lannen (Sun 8 am) and Lynn Cook (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sallie Brinkley, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Kathy Robinson (8 am) and Dave Radcliff (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Paul & Mollie Keister (Sun 8 am) and Paul & Dottie Brown (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Revelation 7:2-17 and 1 John 3:1-3

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 45 Early – 75 Late – 117 Total – 237

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	11:30 am	ReformationFest at Christ Lutheran, Perry
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	4 – 7 pm	RG@MC Tutoring
	6:30 pm	Boards
	7:30 pm	Elders
Wednesday	9:30 am	Morning Glories
	5:30 pm	Christian Fellowship & Education
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	12:00 pm	MS District Youth Gathering thru Sunday @ 5 pm
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	NEW MEMBER SUNDAY	
	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	
	12:00 pm	New Members Luncheon
	6:30 pm	TAG Night