



# *Membership Covenant*

## **Our Mission Statement**

Serving the LORD by loving each other, building each other up, and reaching out with the gospel.  
To accomplish our mission, we will:

- Preach and teach the Word of God in its truth and purity.
- Be united in carrying out God's mission.
- Conduct relevant worship.
- Serve God and our community with all of our gifts and abilities.
- Provide opportunities for Christian fellowship.

## **Our Vision Statement**

We will be a vibrant, growing family of Christians that:

- Provides worship that is Biblical, inviting, dynamic and creative, and maintains the truth of God's Word.
- Proclaims God's truth (the Word) and love (Jesus' great gift).
- Nurtures the faith of all generations through enhanced educational programs.
- Strengthens families through expanded family and youth ministry programs and Mount Calvary Evangelical Lutheran School.
- Equips all members to share God's Word with others through personal evangelism.
- Reflects God's love for all by expressing our Christian love for one another and carrying that love to our community and beyond through service activities.

## Our Purpose

Our purpose is to be a church that reaches people with the gospel.

It is with this mission in mind that we invite you to prayerfully consider membership in our congregation. We invite you to grow closer to Christ with us and to commit your life to this same purpose—to share God’s Word with today’s world.

To that end, please answer the following questions.

### PREPARATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- A. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior?
- B. Do you believe that the books of the Old and New Testament are God’s inspired Word, without any errors?
- C. Do you believe that the teachings of the Lutheran Church, as you have learned them in Luther’s Small Catechism (BIC), are the true and unaltered teachings of the Word of God?

If so, you are invited to become a communicant member of Mount Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church and School.

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Because it is our mission to share God’s Word with the world, we ask every member of Mount Calvary to make the following commitments.

#### Commitment to the Means of Grace

1. As a believer in my Savior Jesus Christ, I will worship the Triune God regularly at Mount Calvary.

*Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching.*

2. As a believer in my Savior Jesus Christ, I will be active in daily devotional reading and the study of God’s Word according to my time and ability—on my own, with my family, and with others.

*Colossians 3:16 Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom.*

3. As a believer in my Savior Jesus Christ, I will do all that I can to bring my own children and others to their Savior.

*Proverbs 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

4. As a believer in my Savior Jesus Christ, I will make regular use of the Sacraments, that is, I will baptize my children as soon as possible, I will remember my own baptism, and I will receive the Lord's Supper often.

*Acts 2:38,39 Repent, and be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins...The promise is for you and your children...*

*1 Corinthians 11:24 Do this in remembrance of me.*

### **Commitment to Christian Living**

5. As a believer in my Savior Jesus Christ, I will not live in obvious acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19-21), but lead a Christian life (Galatians 5:22-25).

*Galatians 5:19-25 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

6. As a believer in my Savior Jesus Christ, I will welcome Christian admonition according to Matthew 18:15-18.

*Matthew 18:15-18 If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. 16 But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*

7. As a believer in my Savior Jesus Christ, I will refuse to hold membership in any organization whose teachings and practices conflict with the Word of God.

*Romans 16:17 I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.*

8. As a believer in my Savior Jesus Christ, I will use my time and abilities in service to the Lord.

*Romans 12:4,5 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

9. As a believer in my Savior Jesus Christ, I will recognize that I am only a manager of a portion of God's estate and give generously, regularly, and cheerfully to support the work of the church and to help others in need.

*Psalm 24:1 The earth is the LORD's and everything in it.*

*2 Corinthians 9:7,8 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

### **Commitment to Christian Witnessing**

10. As a believer in my Savior Jesus Christ, I will personally look for opportunities in my own life to share the gospel with others and will participate in the outreach efforts of Mount Calvary.

*Acts 1:8 You will be my witnesses.*

*2 Corinthians 5:20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.*

11. As a believer in my Savior Jesus Christ, I will remember in my daily prayers both my congregation and those who do not yet know Jesus as their Savior.

*2 Thessalonians 3:1 Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.*

*1 Timothy 2:3-4 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

If you desire to make these commitments to your Savior Jesus Christ and your fellow Christians at Mount Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, please sign below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP – MOUNT CALVARY'S COMMITMENT TO YOU**

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church and School makes the following commitments to you as you become a part of the Mount Calvary family of believers.

1. Mount Calvary Lutheran Church and School commits to proclaiming the true Word of God in our worship and Bible studies.
2. Mount Calvary Lutheran Church and School commits to providing you with resources for the Christian education of your children.

3. Mount Calvary Lutheran Church and School commits to providing you with opportunities to use your abilities in service to the Lord.
4. Mount Calvary Lutheran Church and School commits to providing you with shepherds (pastors, teachers, staff ministers, volunteers) who will watch over you and provide you with Christian counsel and encouragement.
5. Mount Calvary Lutheran Church and School commits to keeping you and your fellow members of Mount Calvary focused on our mission of sharing God’s Word with today’s world.

In the name of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church and School, we make these commitments to you.

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# CORE VALUES

**LEARN MORE**

**Mission-minded**  
*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*  
 (Matthew 28:19-20)

**CHRIST-CENTERED**  
*“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”*  
 (Philippians 1:21)

**LOVING**  
*“We love because he first loved us.”*  
 (1 John 4:19)

**ATTENDING**  
*“Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”*  
 (Hebrews 10:25)

**YEARNING**  
*“I long for your salvation, Lord, and your law gives me delight.”*  
 (Psalm 119:174)

**TOGETHER**  
*“Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.”*  
 (Colossians 3:11)

**ASSURED**  
*“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”*  
 (1 John 3:1a)

**VICTORIOUS**  
*“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”*  
 (Romans 8:37)

**REDEEMED**  
*“You were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”*  
 (1 Corinthians 6:20)

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