



*Lutheran Church –  
Missouri Synod*

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### **WORSHIP**

*Saturday  
Praise & Worship  
6:00 p.m.*

*Sunday  
8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.*

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Classes for all ages  
9:30 a.m.

**Andrew Howe**  
Senior Pastor

**Pete LeBorious**  
Associate Pastor

**Ellen Prohl**  
Director of  
Parish Music

**Conner Forbes**  
Vicar

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Assistant for Children's  
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Director of Christian  
Outreach, Emeritus

# Who takes away the sin of the world!

## John 1:29



**As We Gather**

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as re-creations. As we are united to Christ in death, we will also be united with Him in resurrection when He returns and raises the dead.

**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 Andrew or Pastor Pete.

**PRELUDE****ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING****OPENING HYMN:***"Father Welcomes"***Hymn #605****THE INVOCATION AND OPENING LITANY**

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

**Amen.**

There is one body and one Spirit.

**There is one hope in God's call to us,**

One Lord, one faith, one Baptism,

**One God and Father of us all.**

As Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father.

**Even so we also should walk in the newness of life.**

**THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Since we are gathered to hear the Word of God, which speaks over us in the waters of Holy Baptism, and to call upon our God in prayer and praise, which is the response of those who have been made His own, let us first confess before our God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We cannot set ourselves free from the entanglement of our sinful condition. Therefore, together as one people, united to Christ's death and resurrection, let us take refuge in the faithfulness of our God, seeking His forgiveness and grace.

*(Please kneel for a time of confession)*

Almighty God,

**Have mercy upon us. Speak over us words of life. Forgive us our sins and lead us with Jesus to life everlasting. Amen.**

Almighty God, our merciful Father, has declared in Holy Baptism that we are His own and has gathered us into the family of His Church, in which He daily and richly forgives all our sins and grants us new life through His Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

(Please stand)

### **THE BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE**

In Holy Baptism our sins are forgiven and we are granted a new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

I ask you anew: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**I do renounce them.**

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**Yes, I believe 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. 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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Yes, 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.**

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, through water and the Spirit You have made us Your own. You forgave us all our sins and brought us to newness of life. Continue to strengthen us with the Holy Spirit and daily increase in us Your gifts of grace: the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**Amen**

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE:     *"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"***

**Hymn #590  
(vs 1, 3-4)**

**Baptized into Your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,  
Your Spirit now shall live within.**

**My faithful God, You fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.**

**All that I am and love most dearly—  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely;  
Help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but Yours alone.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1–9** *(The Chosen One of the Lord)*

<sup>1</sup> Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. <sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 6:1-11** *(In our Baptism we are joined with Christ in His death, that we may also walk in newness of life with Him!)*

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

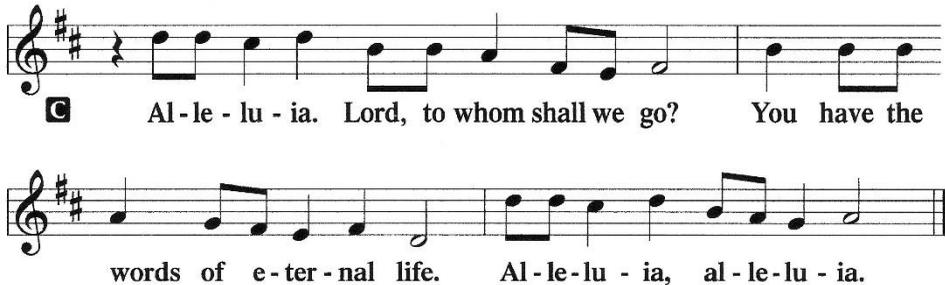
<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin.

<sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

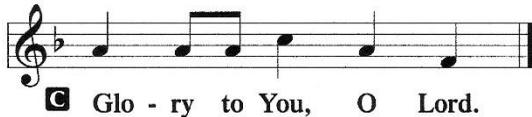
**THE ALLELUIA VERSE:**



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. Matthew the third chapter

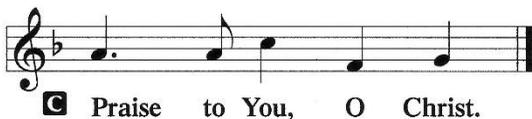


Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13–17** (*Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan River.*)

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:**

Pastor Pete LeBorious

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY:** *"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"*

**Hymn #405**

**TIME OF RESPONSE:** *Welcome to worship, we are so glad you are here! You are encouraged to fill out an Attendance Card (There is a side for both our guests and members to fill out, and If you will be coming forward for Holy Communion, please read and sign the "Announcement for Communion" portion of the Attendance Card.), place it in the offering plates, which are located at each entrance of the Sanctuary. If you have an offering, your offering may be placed in these plates, preferably before Worship begins. This helps our usher gather our offerings to bring forward and return them before God.*



If you would like to make your offering at Mount Calvary electronically, an easy way is to use the QR Code on the left to access the Vanco online giving option.

**SONG OF RESPONSE:**

***"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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men."

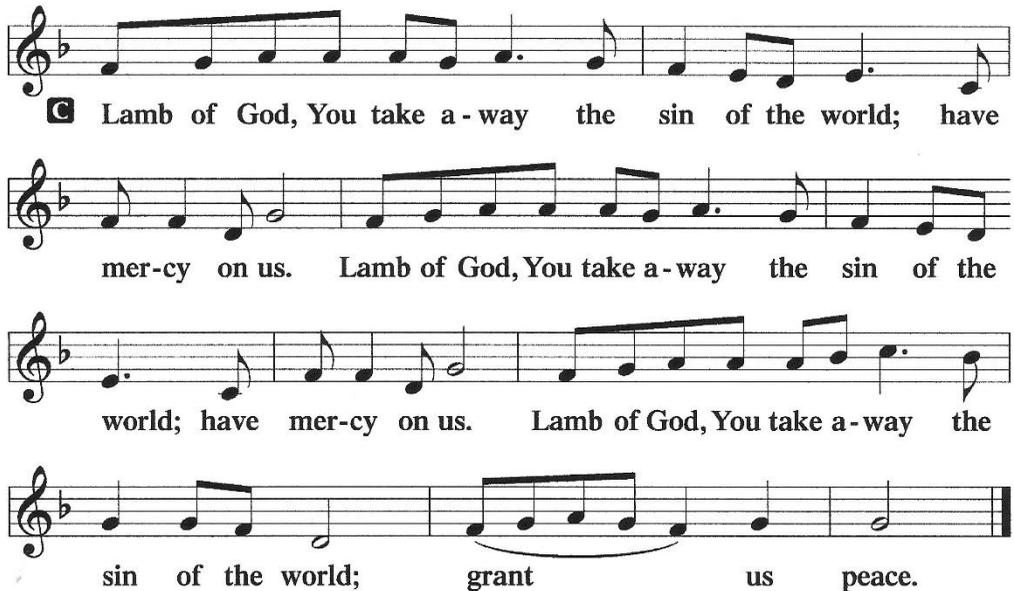
**THE PRAYERS:** After each petition, the Worship Leader will say, "Lord in Your mercy", and the congregation will respond, "hear our prayer".



## 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  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION** (*An Usher will invite your pew to come forward to receive the bread and individual cup or common cup. The center cups in each tray are white grape juice for those who cannot drink alcohol*)

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*"Just as I Am, without One Plea"  
"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

**Hymn #570  
Hymn #725**

### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

**Amen**

### 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.**

### THE CLOSING HYMN:

*"Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me"*

**Hymn #722**

### A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

## THE POSTLUDE

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Next Voters Meeting is Sunday, January 22** - We would encourage all our members to attend our next Voters Meeting. Lunch will be served immediately following our 10:45 am Worship Service – please sign up for the meal at the Information desk.. Our focus will be to approve our 2023 Ministry Budget and hold our annual Board and Officer election.

**The 2023 Altar Flower Chart is up. Pick your favorite dedication dates soon.**

**Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Ray Bohm, Bill's brother,** from Barbara & Carl Mabee, Don & Monelle Netzing, Jim & Barbara Morey, Nancy Branscom, John & Liz Hunter and Don & Judy Parrott.

**Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Jan Clark** from John & Liz Hunter.

**Altar Flower Dedications:** The flowers on the altar are there for the glory of God and to beautify the church. They represent sacrifice and therefore must be live flowers. It is a privilege to be able to glorify God, remember loved ones and honor birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Please consider signing up for altar flowers for the glory of God and to beautify the church. There is a very large number of empty slots on our flower chart and we rely on the congregation to provide most of the funds to purchase the flowers. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

**Please Check Your Church Directory** for accuracy. I will be preparing and printing a new one within the next couple of weeks. Let me know about any changes you'd like made. The largest number of changes are usually about adult children moving to a different address or folks switching from landlines to cell phones. - Jack

**You are invited to Christ Lutheran School 2023 Open house Jan 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** (208 Langston Rd Perry) Come visit and explore the option of a Lutheran education. We are currently enrolling Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students for the 2023-2024 school year. Join us for refreshments, kids' activities, and meet our teacher, current students and parents. CLS participates in the GaSSO scholarship program. For more information on CLS contact Pastor Lehenbauer 478-397-5914 or Beth Strickland 803-397-7886.

**Our Faith in Action team (funeral meals) is in need of additional people.** We especially need callers for the months of January, April, November and December. Job descriptions of callers, set-up, cleanup and food preparation can be found on the information desk in the narthex or you can contact Maggie Monahan at 706-315-0769.

**I would like to thank my Mount Calvary family** for words of comfort and encouragement, prayers and memorials as my brother, Ray, battled with and achieved the ultimate victory over cancer when he joined the heavenly host in celebrating Jesus' birthday on Christmas Eve. Bill Bohm

**Let the Praises Ring!** A couple more bell ringers are needed for our Mount Calvary bell choirs! The LOW bells! We would love to have you join us to ring God's praises this spring season. I will have a few of the low bells out before and after services today. Join me up front before or after the service, if you would like to find out what they are like to ring! (Hint- they are lot of fun to play!) - Ellen

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**The family of Chris Branscom**, who died January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**The Family of Cheryl Linn**, Marcia Brighton's sister, who died January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**John Lange**, who is home from cancer treatment at Mayo Clinic this last week.

**Ron Howe**, Pastor Andrew's grandfather, who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and battling other health issues.

**Angela Selle**, a former member, who is hospitalized and going through tests.

**Carol Lange**, John's sister, who is recovering from cancer surgery.

### **Servants in Christ's Church**

**Pastor Ryan Taylor**, our 12<sup>th</sup> Vicar, who serves at Immanuel Lutheran in St. Charles, MO.

**Pastor Daniel Brammeier**, one of our district Pastors who serves at Trinity Lutheran in Woodstock, GA

**Pastor David Miller**, one of our Synod Pastors who serves at Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Atlanta, GA.

**Pastor Gerhard Michael**, one of our former Pastors and former District President who now serves at St. Peter Lutheran in Dahlonaga, GA.

**Pastor Greg Walton**, one of our former District Presidents who serves at Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Steve Kirchoff, Champ Aldredge, Spenser Robbins (Monelle Netzinger's nephew), Chuck Mollenkopf, Susan Wallace, Mike Hill (Cynthia Nelson's brother), Jeannie Hawkins, Glenda Brown (Debi Cole and Christi Bacon's sister), Johnny Clark (Judy Parrott's brother), Don Engle, Melissa (Debbie Hardy's daughter), Lois O'Neal, Ed Rekau.

*(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**

Beverly Kite (Monelle Netzinger's niece), Lloyd Rauch, Larry Jordan (Holly Hartley's father), Joseph Paoletta (Cynthia Trichinotis's ex-husband), Perry Shearouse (Carolyn Burnam's son-in-law), Betty Bohm (Bill's sister), Allison Brewer (Jan and Steve Kirchoff's daughter), Marcia Copeland (Maggie Monahan's sister), Tammy Buchli (Doe's mother), Mark Lawson, Jenny Hursey (Fred & Nancy's daughter-in-law), Wilson Baughman, Merwin Dieckmann (Mark's father), Tom Guilford (Sylvia's oldest son), Matt Voskuil (Debi Cole's son), Jamey Silence, Joe Hill (Cynthia Nelson's dad) and Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt).

## SERVING US TODAY

**PREACHER:** Pastor Pete LeBorious. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Conner Forbes. **ELDERS:** Don Barnes (8 am) and Roger Moeller (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Charlie Fischer (8 am) and Ava Mauck (10:45 am). **LAY READERS:** Bennett Buetow (8 am) and Adam Beecher (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Don Parrott, Darron Counselman, Dale Hawkins, Roger Foss & Mark Dieckmann. Late – Paul Ferguson, Sam Culpepper & Champ Aldredge. **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Liz Hunter, Hannah Van Buskirk & Toli Van Buskirk. **GREETERS:** Darron & Valerie Counselman (8 am) and Barbara Mabee (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **ORGAN:** Ellen Prohl.

## SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Jimmy Martin (Sat 6 pm), Erv Robinson (Sun 8 am) and John Harmon (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Ryan Sillence (Sun 8 am) and Gunner Lockerman (Sun 10:45 am). **LAY READERS:** Linna Nielsen (Sat 6 pm), Steve Soisson (Sun 8 am) and Roger Moeller (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Liz Hunter, Hannah Van Buskirk & Toli Van Buskirk. **GREETERS:** Gary & Lexie Hadley (Sun 8 am) and Don Netzing (Sun 10:45 am).

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday – 51 Early – 68 Late – 93 Total - 212**

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 9:1-4 and 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

## THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting
	8:00 pm	Young Adult Bible Class
Monday	1:00 pm	Women's Small Group
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
	7:15 pm	Handbell Choir
Tuesday	4:30 pm	RG@MC Tutoring
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:15 pm	Christian Education
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	11:00 am	Senior Fellowship
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	12:00 pm	Voters Meeting
	6:30 pm	HS TAG Night
	8:00 pm	Young Adult Bible Class