

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.

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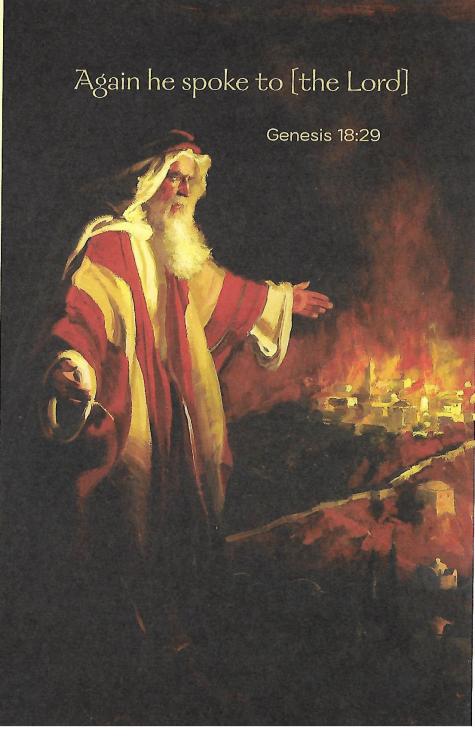
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"CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS AND TO ONE ANOTHER TO SERVE THE WORLD"

As We Gather

God's Word instructs us to stay connected to Christ. We experience that connection as we gather to hear God's Word, dine at our Lord's Table, and pray persistent, bold prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, communities, and world. Today we hear Abraham pleading with God on behalf of Sodom and Gomorrah. We hear Jesus teaching His disciples to pray. Jesus then illustrates the power of bold, persistent prayer and affirms the goodness of the One who hears our prayers. "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time" (1 Timothy 2:5–6).

OPENING SONG:

"You Are My All in All"

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek,
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up, when I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Chorus

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek,
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all (Chorus 2x)

Worthy is Your name

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP: "One Pure and Holy Passion"

Give me one pure and holy passion, Give me one magnificent obsession Give me one glorious ambition for my life; to know and follow hard after You (Repeat)

Chorus

To know and follow hard after You,
to grow as Your disciple in the truth
This world empty, pail, and poor compared to knowing You my Lord
Lead me on and I will run after You,
Lead me on and I will run after You

Give me one pure and holy passion,
Give me one magnificent obsession
Give me one glorious ambition for my life;
to know and follow hard after You (Chorus 2x)

Lead me on and I will run after You

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INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 50:15; 119:145-149*)

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

Amen.

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes.

I call to You; save me, that I may observe Your testimonies.

I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in Your words.

My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on Your promise.

Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love;

O LORD, according to Your justice give me life.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

My brothers and sisters in Christ, where our Lord is, there is forgiveness. We come together in His name, seeking not only His presence but also His grace. Let us, then, confess our sins.

(Please kneel)

Almighty God,

merciful Father, I have sinned in thought, word, and deed. I have not loved you with my whole heart, soul, and mind, and I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I ask your forgiveness not because of my own worthiness, but purely for the sake of the passion, death, and resurrection of my Savior, Jesus Christ. O Lord, forgive me, and by your Spirit, lead me on the paths of righteous living for your name's sake. Amen.

As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, speaking in the name and stead 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.

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE:

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, oh, Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me, save that thou art Thou, my best thought, by day or by night Waking or sleeping, thy presence's my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord Thou my great Father, and I thy true Son Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Chorus

The Father, the Son, and the Spirit, oh, how I need You My wisdom and my vision, ever ancient, ever new King of Kings and Lord of lords
At Your glory, I bow
You're before me, behind me, and all around

Oh, riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only the first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art (Chorus)

Oh, high King of Heaven, my victory won
Oh, may I reach Heaven's joys, oh, bright Heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, oh, ruler of all

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall Still be my vision, oh, ruler of all

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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 18:17–33 (Abraham prays to God, asking for mercy.)

¹⁷ The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸ seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹ For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." ²⁰ Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹ I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

- ²³ Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."
- ²⁷ Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³ And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Colossians 2:6–19 (*Stay rooted in Christ to be able to stand firm in your faith.*)

- ⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
- ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.
- ¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 11:1–13 (Jesus teaches His disciples to pray.)

- ¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."
- ⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in 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. 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.

THE MESSAGE: Vicar Zachary Boeyink

THE 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 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:

"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 dark - ness 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 des - tiny
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

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

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

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 BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

THE CLOSING SONG:

"Your Grace is Enough"

Great is Your faithfulness Oh God You wrestle with the sinner's heart You lead me by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus

So remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise Oh God

Chorus

Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God You use the weak to lead the strong You lead us in the song of your salvation And all Your people sing along (Pre-Chorus)

Chorus (x2)

Pre-Chorus

Chorus Your grace is enough Heaven reaching down to us Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough I'm covered in Your love Your grace is enough for me

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THE SENDING

Go in peace!

And serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Our Altar Flowers are provided this week</u> by Doug & Deb Fingles in honor of Jenny & Patrick's birthdays.

Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Bill Zeuner from Ron Groat, Edward Dixon Jr., Jay Helms, David Helms, Robyn Rapp, Karen O'Keefe, Jim & Barbara Morey, Doug & Deb Fingles, Mark Dieckmann and Joan Smith.

<u>August Newsletter Deadline:</u> Please have all items for the August Newsletter in to the office by July 27th.

Student Leadership Development Team Information:

Applications: Active High School Youth can apply to serve on the Fall Session of the SLDT. Applications are available on the counter in the Annex and are due no later than July 27th.

Planning Retreat: Sunday, July 27th 3:00 pm – Monday, July 28th 1:00 pm.

<u>Griefshare Support Group:</u> Have you or someone you know experienced the pain of losing a loved one? Please consider joining us at GriefShare this August. A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. Our first session is August 4th from 6-8 pm. Contact Tammy Jenkins, Pastor Andrew or griefshare.org for more information.

TEACHERS NEEDED! As we prepare for another year of Christian Education, we are still looking to add members to our Sunday School team. If you can help with teaching, crafts, scrapbooking, or movies, we would love for you to join us. Talk to Pastor Pete if you are able to help out with any of these ministry areas! We are currently making adjustments to our Wednesday night children's ministry... watch for more details.

<u>Volunteers Needed.</u> October will be here before we know it. The Assimilation Board needs volunteers to work with them on the new 45th Anniversary Picture Directory. We want to make sure that the new directory is a quality product and represents our church's past and present accurately. Volunteers from our senior youth group are encouraged to sign up as well. Please contact Debby Miller 316-573-6565 for more information. There will also be a sign-up sheet on the information counter.

Sunday School Staff Meeting: Sunday, July 27th, following late service in the Education Wing. This meeting is for all adults interested in helping with Children's Sunday School. We will be looking at the theme for the upcoming year, child safety, and our weekly schedule. Pastor Pete will have some refreshments to carry us all through the meeting. Please make every effort to attend this meeting!

Rally Day: We will begin another year of Christian Education with Rally Day on Sunday, August 3rd. Our 3rd grade children will receive a Bible, 6th graders will be walked across the lawn to the Youth Annex, and a new year of classes will begin for everyone!

Special Voters Meeting on Sunday, August 10 - We are hosting a special Voters Meeting on Sunday, August 10 at 12:00 pm to vote on the Brighton Memorial Pavilion. Lunch will be provided before our meeting begins. Packets of information have been placed at the information counter. Please consider participating in this meeting.

- Church Council

Young Adult Small Group: This group meets every Sunday night, from 8:30 – 10 at Pastor Pete and Sonja's house. (413 Erin Way).

Red Cross Blood Drive Results – Mt Calvary hosted another Red Cross blood drive on July 17th. The event resulted in **20 units of blood** being collected. I would like to thank all of the blood donors and volunteers that helped make our drive another success. If you can donate, the Red Cross is always looking for donors to participate in any of their local ongoing blood drives. Check their *Redcrossblood.org* website for locations and times. **Looking ahead, our next Mt Calvary blood drive is scheduled for Thursday, November 13th.** Please mark your calendar and spread the word about that date. Blood supplies are always in short supply but more so during the holiday season. Roger Moeller, Mt Calvary Blood Drive Coordinator.

Food Bank Donations: Week of July 28: toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent

TAG Fall Family Kick-Off: Sunday, August 3rd, 5:30-8:00. Join us for fellowship/games, dinner, and a time of sharing information. This event is for all families with young people going into graces 6-12 this school year. We look forward to seeing you there!

** CHANGES TO MONDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY & LADIES GUILD MEETING **

The Monday Afternoon Bible Study was schedule to start up again in August but has been delayed until September. The 1^{st} is Labor Day, so September 8^{th} will be the next meeting for this group. The Ladies Guild was to start backup in August also but has been delayed until September 8^{th} for their next meeting.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The family of Jeffrey Harter, Dave's son, who died on July 21st.

Dave Nielsen, who has been hospitalized and will transition to a rehab center.

Cynthia Trichinotis, who is recovering from a procedure.

Dawna Dugan, Dina Gossman's sister, who is going through radiation therapy and chemotherapy for throat cancer.

Sue Glaser, who is recovering from a procedure.

(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.)

Keep In Your Prayers

Beverly Bachmeier (Katherine Eubanks and Richard Uitto's sister), Eugene O'Neal, Jean Clark (Judy Parrott's sister), Marie White, Karen Harmon, Ned Watson, Melinda Hopf, Ross Paoletta (Cynthia Trichinotis' son), Regina Ragan, David Bohm, Dolores Hill (Cynthia Nelson's mother), Steven White (John & Marie's son), Bev Ellgass.

Those Battling Cancer

Bob Yeager, Marie White, Chris Mabee, Dan Adams (Daniel's father), Michael Deskin (Walt & Cheryl Stafford's son-in-law), Andy Doute (Elizabeth and Lonny Walker's son-in-law), Diane Adair (Joan Smith's sister), Lori Stadler (Joan Smith's niece), Jeff Grube, John Hanrahan (Mark Dieckmann's brother-in-law), Judy Nicholas (Michelle Crawford's mother), Jenny Tillery (Ed and Kim Rekau's daughter), Walt Stafford, Erika Swaim (Marcia Brighton's mother), Scott Ramsey (Amanda McVay's uncle), Allison Brewer (Jan and Steve Kirchoff's daughter), Marcia Copeland (Maggie Monahan's sister), Jenny Hursey (Fred & Nancy's daughter-in-law), Wilson Baughman, Tom Guilford (Sylvia's oldest son), Matt Voskuil (Debi Cole's son), Jamey Sillence and Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt).

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Vicar Zachary Boeying. LITURGIST: Pastor Andrew Howe. ELDER: Bill Bohm. LAY

READER: Bill Bohm. **ALTAR GUILD:** Ginger Martin, Linda O'Donnell & Kathy Robinson.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Bill Bohm (Sat 6 pm), John Van Buskirk (Sun 8 am) and Walt Seefeld (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES**: Lily Johnson (Sun 8 am) and Lily Johnson (Sun 10:45 am). **LAY READERS**: Ginger Martin (Sat 6 pm), Doug Fingles (Sun 8 am) and Seth Nelson (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD**: Ginger Martin, Linda O'Donnell & Kathy Robinson. **GREETERS**: Tyson Van Lannen (Sun 8 am) and Betty Cummings & Nancy Hoar (10:45 am).

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u> Saturday – 39 Early – 62 Late – 81 Total – 182

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	3:00 pm	SLDT Planning Retreat
		(thru Monday @ 1pm)
Wednesday	8:30-10 pm	College Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	RALLY DAY	
	5:30 pm	TAG Fall Family Kick-Off