

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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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2025

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

As We Gather

In His earthly life, Jesus chose to be a "peripatetic" teacher. Rather than staying in one place and having His learners come to Him, He went from place to place with disciples or followers who listened to the truths He taught as they went along. Walking with Jesus was the greatest of blessings! Whether we hear the Gospel teachings of our Lord in the same setting week by week and year by year or find ourselves in a variety of worship locations and settings, we, too, find blessing in hearing Him as did His first followers. The hymn writer Sigismund von Birken invites us simply: "Let us ever walk with Jesus." May we be blessed in our walking and in our listening today!

OPENING SONG:

"Sing to the King"

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign Glory to Jesus The Lamb that was slain Life and salvation His empire shall bring And joy to the nations When Jesus is King (Repeat)

Chorus

Come let us sing a song
A song declaring We belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King

For His returning We watch and we pray
We will be ready The dawn of that day
We'll join in singing With all the redeemed
'Cause Satan is vanquished And Jesus is King
(Chorus x2)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

"Walk By Faith"

Will I believe you when you say Your hand will guide my everyway Will I receive the words you say Every moment of every day

Chorus

I will walk by faith, even when I cannot see Well because this broken road prepares Your will for me

> Well help me to rid my endless fears You've been so faithful for all my years With one breath You make me new Your grace covers all I do (Chorus 1)

Well I'm broken, but I still see Your face
Well You've spoken, pouring your words of grace (Chorus 2x)

Oh hallelujah, hallelu Oh hallelujah, hallelu

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INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 34:1–4, 8, 22*)

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

Amen.

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

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:

"Living Hope"

How great the chasm that lay between us How high the mountain I could not climb In desperation, I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
to wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of Kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ my living hope (Repeat)

Then came the morning that sealed the promise Your buried body began to breathe Out of the silence the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me (Repeat)

Jesus Yours is the victory (Chorus)

Jesus Christ my living hope

God You are, my living hope

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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 15:1–6 (God makes a special promise to Abraham.)

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."

⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 11:1–16 (*The examples of faith exhibited by some of God's people.*)

- ¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.
- ⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.
- ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.
- ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:22–40 (Jesus calls His disciples to make serving Him the priority.)

 22 And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on.

²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 35 "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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: Pastor Pete LeBorious

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:

"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer There is no more for heaven now to give He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to his Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven The future sure, the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

> Yet not I, but through Christ in me! Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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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:

"Trust in God"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire time after time
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calv'ry is more than enough

Chorus

I trust In God, my Savior The One who will never fail He will never fail

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps
So this is my story, and this is my song
Praising my risen King and Savior all the day long (Chorus x2)

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him, that's why I trust Him (Repeat)

Chorus (x2)

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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 this week are provided by</u> Faye Lacey in honor of her wedding anniversary, and by Ruthie Radcliff in memory of Marjorie Hogan.

<u>Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Bill Zeuner</u> from Jan & Steve Kirchoff, John & Liz Hunter, Betty Cummings and Jim & Barbara Morey.

Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Jeffrey Harter, Dave's son, from Jan & Steve Kirchoff, John & Liz Hunter, Betty Cummings and Jim & Barbara Morey.

<u>Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Rebekah Guilford</u>, Sylvia's granddaughter, from Betty Cummings.

<u>Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Martha Ann Carter</u>, Shiela Grube's mother, from Betty Cummings.

<u>Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Sam Burmer</u>, Luci Dick's cousin, from Betty Cummings.

Rebecca's Garden Volunteer Orientation Meeting: An orientation meeting for all those volunteering for the 25/26 Rebecca's Garden school year will be held on Saturday, August 23, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Mount Calvary Fellowship Hall. Please contact Karen Harmon at 478-918-3685 with any questions.

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

<u>College Midweek Bible Study:</u> We have begun a new group for our college age students. Currently we are meeting in person at the McDonalds on the corner of Lake Joy and Russell Parkway every Wednesday at 8:30 pm. Later this month we will be switching to a Zoom study so that our away college students can stay connected. (This class will also be Wednesdays at 8:30 pm.) Talk to Pastor Pete for more details.

Team Building Retreat – Middle School Youth & Parents: Our Middle School Youth will gathering August 22nd & 23rd for a weekend of faith and fellowship building. Our Bible Study and Worship theme for the weekend is "Walking With God." In addition to Bible Studies and Worship we will be doing team building activities. The event goes from 5:00 Friday evening to 5:00 Saturday evening. NEW THIS YEAR! We are encouraging ALL PARENTS to join us Friday night to get to know one another better through Bible Study and team building activities.

Join Us for a Danube River Tour! You're invited to join Pastor John and Renee Lehenbauer for an unforgettable Danube River tour, September 29 – October 9, 2026. Experience the beauty, history, and culture of Europe from the comfort of a river cruise, with inspiring fellowship and daily opportunities to reflect on God's hand in world events. For more information, please contact Renee Lehenbauer at 478-397-5905. Spots are limited. Reserve early!

TAG Night – High School: The first TAG Night of the school year will be next Sunday, August 17th, from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Annex. TAG Nights are a time for our youth to gather for games, food, and a Biblically-centered discussion of life.

Partners with Shirley Hills Elementary School: Shirley Hills Elementary School has again partnered with RG@MC to provide free after-school tutoring to eligible SH students during the 2025/26 school years. RG@MC will meet after school on Tuesdays from 3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., beginning September 9, 2025, through April 28, 2026. Student transportation from school to Mount Calvary is provided by the church van. Mount Calvary provides transportation home in the van for up to 13 students. Undertaking a church ministry, even as worthwhile and rewarding as RG@MC, is not for the faint of heart. Prayerful planning, implementation and ongoing administration require much time, effort, commitment, patience, perseverance and especially faith. By the grace of God, each year, faithful volunteers from our congregation have served as tutors, mentors, administrators, cooks, caregivers, music leaders, van drivers and riders, and helpers. And each year, more volunteers are needed. If you would like to volunteer to help or have questions, please contact: Karen Harmon at (478) 918-3685

Young Adult Small Group: Our Young Adults (23+) will kick off the new year with a cook out at Pastor Pete and Sonja's home (413 Erin Way) on Sunday, August 31st, from 5:30-8 pm. We will resume meeting for Bible Study the following week (September 7th) at 8:30.

<u>College Midweek Bible Study:</u> This class will not be meeting this week but will resume on Wednesday, August 20th, as we switch to a Zoom study to stay connected with our college students who are out of town. (This class will also be Wednesdays at 8:30 pm.) Talk to Pastor Pete for more details.

Youth Weekend: August 22nd & 23rd

Worship: Our worship's readings and message will reflect on God's work through the gathering experience as well as including some music from the National Youth Gathering (Both hymns and contemporary) with the youth singing from the balcony.

Thank-you Dinner (August 23rd, 5:30-7:30): The youth will be hosting a dinner for their sponsors and parents this evening. We will be sharing highlights and stories from the trip as we enjoy a New Orleans meal together.

The Annual Gulf Shores Family Servant Event takes place on October 5-8. On these dates, we do some service projects for Camp Dixie LCMS in Elberta, Alabama in the mornings. In return, the camp allows us to stay for free and have afternoons for free time. Adults, youth, and children accompanied by their parents are welcome. For further information, sign up online at tinyurl.com/55ayyaty.

Wednesday Nights Resume: To try to reduce confusion over times, we have simplified our Wednesday Night schedule this Fall: Dinner is at 5:30. All classes (Adult, High School, Confirmation, and Children's Music) begin at 6:15. Choir begins at 7:30.

In Partnership with Jambos, LWML Ladies Guild is Hosting a Pajama Drive

When: The month of September **Where**: Here at Mount Calvary

You ask, what is Jambos? Jambos is a nonprofit organization on a mission to bring comfort to children in foster care system by providing them with brand new pajamas. It is important that you participate by giving the gift of comfort to children in Foster Care and sharing light with countless families. You will be spreading joy across Georgia when you donate NEW, with tags still on them, pajamas in sizes from preemie/newborn all the way up to adult XXL. Thank you in advance for your generosity in giving pajamas. - Sharing God's Love - Jacque Bohm (coordinator)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Gerry Mabee, Carl's brother, who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

Don Parrott, who is recovering from a procedure.

Bob Yeager, who has been hospitalized in Atlanta and recovering from a procedure.

Dave Nielsen, who has transitioned to a rehab center.

Cynthia Trichinotis, 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

Sue Glaser, 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) and Regina Ragan.

Those Battling Cancer

Dawna Dugan (Dina Gossman's sister), 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: Pastor Pete LeBorious. LITURGIST: Pastor Pete LeBorious. ELDER: Bill Bohm. LAY

READER: Rob Crawford. **ALTAR GUILD**: Liz Hunter, Barbara Locke & Linna Nielsen.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Bill Bohm (Sat 6 pm), Eric Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Walt Seefeld (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES**: Charlie Fischer (Sun 8 am) and Emma Beecher (Sun 10:45 am). **LAY READERS**: Becky McVay (Sat 6 pm), Carrie Wurdeman (Sun 8 am) and John Hunter (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD**: Liz Hunter, Barbara Locke & Linna Nielsen. **GREETERS**: Alyce Quillin (Sun 8 am) and Don Netzinger (10:45 am).

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u> Saturday – 28 Early – 63 Late – 97 Total – 188

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	12:00 pm	Voters Meeting
	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting
Monday	6:00 pm	GriefShare Support Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Council
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:15 pm	Christian Education
	8:30 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	6:30 pm	TAG Night