

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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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!

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" Hymn #918

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy 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.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*Psalm 34:1–4, 8, 22*)

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.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Hymn #809

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O Lord, Jesus Christ, You have directed us to trust in You for all that is needful in our lives. Preserve us by Your perpetual mercy and lead us to trust in Your gracious guidance in all things. As the Spirit works in our lives and days, lead us to whatever is profitable for our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

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.

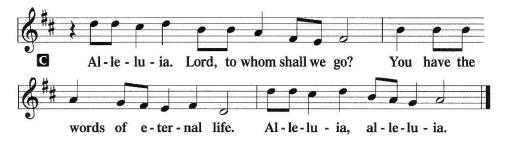
⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. 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 ALLELUIA VERSE:



THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

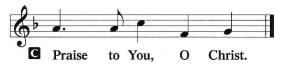


THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:22–40 (Jesus calls His disciples to make serving Him the priority.)

 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.



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 CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Pastor Pete LeBorious

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"I'm But a Stranger Here"

Hymn #748

THE MESSAGE Pastor Pete LeBorious

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.

ANTHEM: "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

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 HYMN: "How Firm a Foundation" Hymn #729

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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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.

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

<u>Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Jeffrey Harter</u>, 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.

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!

College Midweek Bible Study: 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

Barbara Bauman, who is recovering from a fall.

Allen Hickman, who was hospitalized this past week.

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.

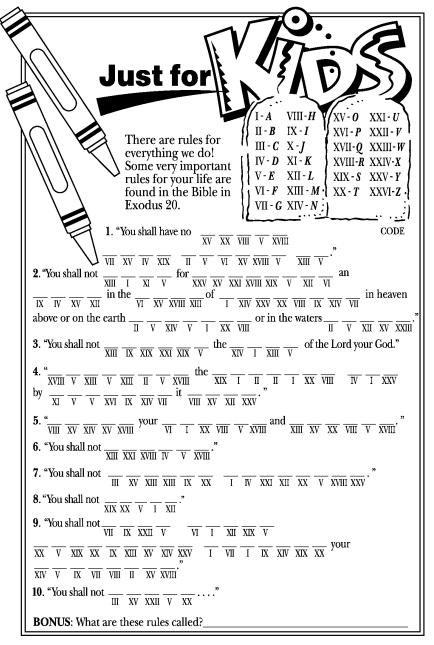
(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)

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).



Bonus: The Ten Commandments

10." You shall not covet...."

1. "You shall have no other gods before me." 2." You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below." 3." You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God." 4. "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it not misuse the name of the Lord your God." 4. "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." 5. "Honor your father and mother." 6. "You shall not murder." 7. "You shall not commit adultery." 8. "You shall not steat." 9. "You shall not sire false testimony against your neighbor" adultery." 8. "You shall not steat." 9. "You shall not sire false testimony against your neighbor"

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor Pete LeBorious. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Zachary Boeyink. **ELDERS:** Mark Dieckmann (8 am) and Dave Yingling (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Michael Nuckels (8 am) and Alyson Curenton (10:45 am). **LAY READERS:** Doug Fingles (8 am) and Mary Ellen Gragg (10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Liz Hunter, Barbara Locke & Linna Nielsen. **GREETERS:** Darron & Val Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Dave & Ruthie Radcliff (Sun (10:45 am).

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

12:00 pm	Voters Meeting
6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting
6:00 pm	GriefShare Support Group
6:30 pm	Council
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:15 pm	Christian Education
8:30 pm	College Bible Study
10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
6:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
6:30 pm	TAG Night
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