

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

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 2025

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

As We Gather

The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem is traditionally regarded as the site of Jesus's birth and is a significant destination for Christian pilgrims visiting the Holy Land. First constructed under the direction of Roman Emperor Constantine the Great in AD 326, this church stands on one of the oldest sites continually used for Christian worship. The basilica originally featured a grand arched entrance for its first thousand years. Following the conquest of the Holy Land by Islamic rulers of the Ottoman Empire in AD 1516, the site experienced a period of disuse and neglect. To prevent the entry of horses and cattle, the main entrance was walled up by the Christians responsible for the building at that time, leaving only a small door known as the "Door of Humility." This attitude of humility remains today and serves as the current entrance to the church.

PRESERVICE MUSIC: "Promises" Maverick City Music

OPENING SONG: "You Are My All in All"

There is a truth older than the ages
There is a promise of things yet to come
There is one, born for our salvation
Jesus

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness
There is a kingdom that forever reigns
There is freedom from the chains that bind us
Jesus, Jesus

Chorus

Who walks on the waters
Who speaks to the sea
Who stands in the fire beside me
He roars like a lion
He bled as the lamb
He carries my healing in his hands
Jesus

There is a name I call in times of trouble
There is a song that comforts in the night
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages
He is Jesus, Jesus (Chorus)

Bridge

Messiah, my Savior There is power in Your name You're my rock and, my redeemer

There is power in Your name In Your name (Chorus 2x)

There is no one like you Jesus There is no one like you

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"Holy Forever"

A thousand generations
Falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and
All who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-chorus

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1

And the angels cry, Holy All creation cries, Holy You are lifted high, Holy Holy forever

Chorus 2

Hear your people sing, Holy To the King of Kings, Holy You will always be, Holy Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and
If you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and
If you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen! (Chorus 1 and 2)

(Pre-chorus 2x)

(Chorus 1 and 2)

You will always be, Holy Holy forever

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP: "What A Beautiful Name"

You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down My sin was great Your love was greater What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast
Of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival,
You have no equal
Now and for ever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom,
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all Names

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus

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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.

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, **People: His praise in the assembly of the godly!**

Pastor: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

People: let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Pastor: Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!

People: For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.

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.

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.

SONG OF PRAISE: "Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)"

One day when Heaven, was filled with His praises
One day when sin was, as black as could be
Jesus came forth to, be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He
One day they led Him, up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him, to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins my, Redeemer is He

Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

Living, He loved me, Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day
One day the grave could, conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled, away from the door
Then He arose over, death He had conquered
Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore

Death could not hold Him
The grave could not keep Him, from rising again

Living, He loved me, Dying, He saved me Buried, He carried my sins far away Rising, He justified freely forever One day He's coming Oh glorious day, oh glorious day... glorious day

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming One day the skies with His glories will shine Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing My Savior, Jesus, is mine

Living, He loved me, Dying, He saved me Buried, He carried my sins far away Rising, He justified freely forever One day He's coming

Oh glorious day, oh glorious day. Glorious day, O Glorious day.

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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 66:18-23 (The glory of the Lord.)

¹⁸ "For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹ and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰ And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹ And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. ²² "For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³ From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 12:4-29 (An exhortation to faithful, peaceful living.)

⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.
⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." ⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.
⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹² Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴ Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶ that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30 (Jesus shares insights into His kingdom that is to come.)

He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' Then you will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' That place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. He kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

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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LABOR DAY REFLECTION

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 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 SONG: "This is Amazing Grace"

Who breaks the power
Of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty
And so much stronger
The King of Glory
The King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth
With holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless
In awe and wonder
The King of Glory
The King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You would lay down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos Back into order Who makes the orphan A son and daughter The King of Glory The King of Glory

Who rules the nations
With truth and justice
Shines like the sun
In all of its brilliance
The King of Glory
The King above all kings (chorus)

Bridge (x3)

Worthy is the Lamb
Who was slain
Worthy is the King
Who conquered the grave

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy Worthy Worthy (Chorus)

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THE SENDING

Go in peace!

And serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers are provided this week by Eileen Mittuch in memory of Steve Mittuch.

<u>Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Joseph Bellinger Jr.,</u> Lois Harter's son, from Danny & Kathy Grube.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Bill Zeuner from Barbara Groat.

The Noisy Can Collection will be this weekend (August 30/31). We thank everyone for their donations to help make the noise.

Ronald McDonald House Shopping – High School Youth: We are trying something new on Saturday, September 6th. We will meet at the Annex at 10:00 and go grocery shopping for the Ronald McDonald House in Macon. After we deliver the groceries, we will stop for lunch on the way home. There is no cost for this event but youth are asked to bring money for lunch.

Young Adult Small Group: Next Sunday our Young Adult group will kick off the new year with a cookout at Pastor Pete and Sonja's home (413 Erin Way) this 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> We've made the switch for our college Bible Study. This group meets online every Wednesday at 8:30. If you (or a college student you know) are interested in joining us, e-mail Pastor Pete (<u>DCEPete@qmail.com</u>) to receive a link.

<u>Outreach Party – High School Youth:</u> Saturday, August 30th, 7-10 pm in the Annex. These events are designed for our youth to bring friends and introduce them to our fellowship at Mount Calvary. The cost is \$5/person to cover snacks, pizza, and drinks BUT, friends get in free with a Party Pass.

<u>Did you hear?</u> Mount Calvary is celebrating its 45th Anniversary this year. Please mark Sunday, October 26th on your calendar and watch for announcements with more details.

Friday Night Party – Middle School Youth: This Friday, September 5th, 6-9 pm in the Annex. These parties are a time for our youth to gather and grow as the body of Christ as we play together and have a Gospel-centered devotion. The cost is \$5/person to cover snacks, pizza, and drinks.

Fall Follies Ladies' Tea Party: Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 14th, for the Fall Follies Tea Party. This event is sponsored by the Student Leadership Development Team. Tickets are available after worship beginning this weekend for \$10/person

ATTENTION ALL MEN: We are experiencing a shortage of Ushers for all services. This service to God and Mt. Calvary does not take up any of your free time. The Ushers provide the Elders with a support team to pass out bulletins, greet people at sanctuary door, assist with communion, ensure we have an accurate attendance count, and following services check sanctuary to ensure all is in order for the following service. Each Ushers team is scheduled for three (3) months each year in addition to the requirements of special services during our church year. This may seem like a lot of effort but in reality is very easy to accomplish. If you are interested or have further questions please contact Don Parrott at cell number 478-335-3684 or email at parrottd1@cox.net.

Special Opportunity to Serve: We are in need of volunteers - All are welcome to join the **Altar Guild.** Whether you can give a little time or a lot, your hands and heart can make a difference. No prior experience is needed—just a willing spirit! If you feel called to serve, please reach out to **Toli Van Buskirk / 478-396-1395 /altarguildmclc@gmail.com.**

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Peter 4:10

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Andy Doute, Elizabeth and Lonny Walker's son-in-law, who is recovering from shoulder surgery. **Marie White**, who is recovering from a fall.

Susan McEachern, who is recovering from Covid.

(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

Debby Hardy, Allen Hickman, Barbara Bauman, Bob Yeager, Gerry Mabee (Carl's brother), Don Parrott, Dave Nielsen, Cynthia Trichinotis, Sue Glaser, Beverly Bachmeier (Katherine Eubanks and Richard Uitto's sister), Eugene O'Neal, Jean Clark (Judy Parrott's sister), Marie White, Karen Harmon and Ned Watson.

Those Battling Cancer

Dawna Dugan (Dina Gossman's sister), Bob Yeager, Marie White, Chris Mabee, 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 Boeyink. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Zachary Boeyink. **ELDER:** Jimmy Martin. **LAY READER:** Roger Moeller. **ALTAR GUILD:** Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand, Nancy Hoar & Kim Leslie.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Bill Bohm (Sat 6 pm), John Van Buskirk (Sun 8 am) and Dave Yingling (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES**: Open (Sun 8 am) and Open (Sun 10:45 am). **LAY READERS**: Bill Bohm (Sat 6 pm), Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Barbara Bauman (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD**: Dina Gossman, Suzanne O'Daniel & Ruthie Radcliff. **GREETERS**: Barbara Locke (Sun 8 am) and Jo Drinkhahn & Edna Hicks (10:45 am).

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u> Saturday - 51 Early - 76 Late - 101 Total - 228

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY		
Monday	CLOSED FO	OR LABOR DAY
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Boards
	7:00 pm	Elders
Wednesday	10:00 am	Morning Glories
	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
Friday	6 – 9 pm	Middle School Party
Saturday	10:00 am	Ronald McDonald House Shopping
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Today	6:30 pm	TAG Night
	8:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study