

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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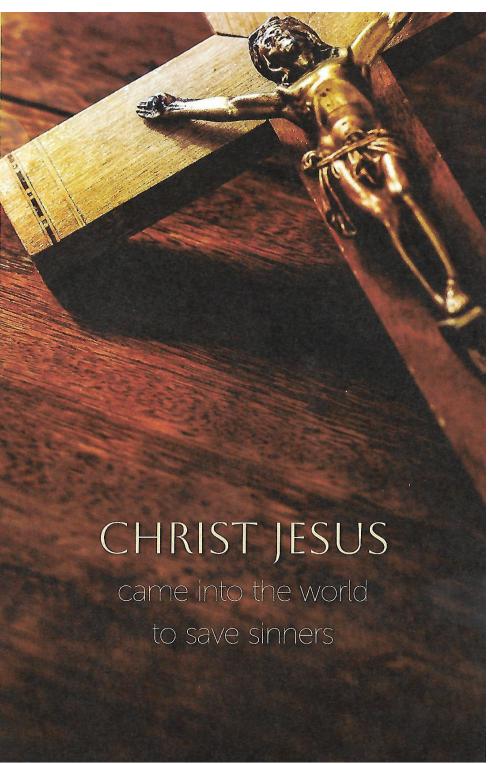
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

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

As We Gather

The charge against Jesus was always the same—He keeps the wrong company. But Jesus has come for sinners, and if you are not a sinner, He does not have anything for you. To emphasize why He has come, our Lord tells the stories of ninety-nine sheep left behind to find one who is lost and a woman who rejoices over finding one lost coin. You are that lost sheep and lost coin for whom Christ has come and in whom heaven rejoices. Jesus has come for you and for you He has offered Himself upon the cross and been laid in the tomb. This is the heavenly joy of the angels above, and it is our earthly joy as well. Christ came for us!

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN: "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" Hymn #697

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.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(Please Stand)

THE ENTRANCE PSALM (Psalm 119:169-176)

I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight.

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Let my cry come before You, O Lord; give me understanding according to Your word! Let my plea come before You; deliver me according to Your word.

I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight.

My lips will pour forth praise, for You teach me Your statutes. My tongue will sing of Your word, for all Your commandments are right.

I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight.

Let my soul live and praise You, and let Your just decrees help me I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments.

I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight. 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:

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Hvmn #711

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; 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: Ezekiel 34:11–24 (The Lord promises to rescue His sheep and to set up a shepherd who will lead them to eternal life.)

¹¹ "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷ "As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸ Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹ And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰ "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²² I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Timothy 1:5–17 (*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*)

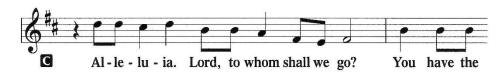
- ⁵ The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶ Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷ desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.
- 8 Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, 9 understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, 10 the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, 11 in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.
- ¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

THE ALLELUIA VERSE:





THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

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



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15:1–10 (Jesus tells the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.)

- ¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."
- ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
- ⁸ "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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.

(Please be seated.)

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE:

Vicar Zachary Boeyink

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Earth and All Stars" Hymn #817 (vs 1,2,3,5,7)

THE MESSAGE Vicar Zachary Boeyink

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" (Thompson) Sanctuary Choir

(Please Stand)

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 Great Thou Art" Hymn #801

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Mount Calvary has received donation in memory of Joseph Bellinger Jr.</u>, Lois Harter's son, from Bill & Jacque Bohm and Betty Cummings.

<u>Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Daniel Adams</u>, Dan's father, from Betty Cummings.

<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 (DCEPete@gmail.com) to receive a link.

Family Movie Night! Join us in the Annex on Friday, September 19th for a special showing of "King of Kings" from Angel Studios. Free concessions including hotdogs, nachos, popcorn, and drinks will be served at 6:00. Movie begins at 6:30. \$1.00 movie theater candy will be available to purchase during intermission. Come enjoy an evening of fellowship, food, and film for families and individuals of all ages!

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.

Correction to Rebecca's Garden Start Time: The September Newsletter has an incorrect start time for Rebecca's Garden on the calendar. The correct starting time will be 3:45 pm on Tuesdays for the 2025-2026 school year. That is when Shirley Hills Elementary School students usually arrive at the Fellowship Hall in the Mt. Calvary van. Please contact Karen Harmon at (478) 918-3685 with any questions.

Anniversary Celebration Announcement: With great joy we announce the celebration of Mount Calvary's 45th Anniversary. Join us @ 5:30 pm on October 26th, 2025 for a special celebratory dinner in the Fellowship Hall. We are "fixing our eyes on Jesus" as we honor our past and move forward in God's faithfulness. Invitations with RSVP information will be sent out soon. Please RSVP when that comes available.

Young Adult Small Group: Our Young Adults meets for Bible Study every Sunday (8:30 pm) at Sonja & Pastor Pete's home (413 Erin Way).

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

<u>Confirmation Workshop – 8th Grade Youth:</u> This is the first of three workshops required for 8th grade youth planning on being confirmed in the spring. Due to the Voters Assembly this workshop was moved to Sunday, October 5th, from noon-1:30. Lunch will be provided for the youth. While I know this is the beginning of Fall Break, it is important for your child to be there!

Sunday School Team Meeting: The Children's Sunday School Team will meet on Sunday, September 21st, from Noon-1:30. We will be cover the next two rotations, the SonShine Shop, and the new door locking system. A light lunch will be provided.

<u>Voters' Assembly:</u> The next regularly scheduled Voters' Assembly will be on Sunday, September 28th following late service. Lunch will be served at Noon with the meeting beginning no later than 12:30. We hope to see you there.

<u>Change of Plans – Middle School Youth:</u> Keep the date, change the name. We have replaced the FL/GA District Middle School Gathering with a retreat. The weekend is still the same (November 7th-9th) but we won't be leaving until 5:00 Friday afternoon. In addition the cost for the weekend is only \$75 (financial assistance is available).

<u>Trunk-Or-Treat – Church Outreach Event:</u> Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 29th! In addition to Trunk-Or-Treating that evening, there will also be the Pumpkin Patch, Inflatables, A Pumpkin Decorating Contest, A Costume Parade & Contest, and a Hot Dog Dinner. Sign-Ups will be out next weekend for Trunks and helpers.

Fall Follies Ladies' Tea Party: Don't forget to join us this Sunday, September 14th, from noon – 1:30 for the Fall Follies Tea Party. This event is sponsored by the Student Leadership Development Team. Tickets are available at the door for \$10/person.

Pumpkin Patch

Open daily (October 9th - 31st) Noon-7:00 pm

Invite family, friends, and neighbors to come for some fun and buy a pumpkin

WAGONS NEEDED! We need a few garden wagons for the pumpkin patch. If you can help us out in this area, you can drop the off in Pastor Pete's office anytime after October 1st.

<u>Pumpkin Patch Set-Up – TAG Families:</u> Saturday, October 4th, from 10-Noon. The more helpers we have helping, the quicker we will be done with setting up.

Pumpkin Unloading – TAG Families & Anyone else who wants to help: Thursday, October 9th. We should find out the exact time the truck will arrive the day before and Pastor Pete will let you know when to show up and help unload. There will be pizza and drinks for workers.

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)

Volunteer Tutors Needed for Rebecca's Garden

Since 2016, Rebecca's Garden Tutoring and Mentoring Program (RG@MC) has been Mount Calvary's ongoing ministry to our "neighborhood" in partnership with Shirley Hills Elementary School. This year, we have received an increased number of student referrals who are performing below grade level. As a result, we are in need of additional volunteer tutors to teach basic reading and math, once a week, for about an hour on most Tuesdays (except holidays) from September 2025 through April 2026. No teaching or tutoring experience is necessary, and we have plenty of resources and human helpers available to guide you through each step.

Finally, if you have ever read a story book to or played a counting/numbers game with a young friend, sibling, your child or grandchild, then you are more than qualified to be a tutor for Rebecca's Garden. Oh, and the pay is incredible! You will experience a heartwarming and priceless reward by helping an elementary student, who simply needs a warm smile and support, to learn and reinforce the basic skills for succeeding academically. If you are able to make a difference by tutoring a student, please contact **Karen Harmon at (478) 918-3685.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The family of Judy Nicholas, Michelle Crawford's mother, who died on September 10th.

Pastor Aaron Sterling, a former vicar of Mt. Calvary, who has been diagnosed with cancer and recovering from surgery.

Bobby Platt, Joan Smith's son-in-law, who is recovering from back surgery.

Beth Strickland, who will have shoulder surgery on September 19th.

Linda Phillips, who will have a pacemaker put in on September 15th.

Mollie Keister, who is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Barb Morey, who is recovering from pacemaker repair procedure.

Jennifer Boeyink, Vicar Zachary's stepmother, who is recovering form surgery.

Pastor Craig Michaelson, an LCMS pastor in Las Vegas, who is having some health concerns.

Liz Hunter, who is having some health concerns.

Pastor Michael, who is recovering from gall bladder surgery and an infection.

Lisalee Starkman, who is recovering from surgery.

(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

George Schulz, Debbie Hardy, Richard Uitto, Jimmy Eschke (Alyce Quillin's cousin), Susan McEachern, Andy Doute (Elizabeth and Lonny Walker's son-in-law), Marie White, Allen Hickman, Barbara Bauman, Gerry Mabee (Carl's brother), Dave Nielsen, Cynthia Trichinotis and Sue Glaser.

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), 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**: Pastor Andrew Howe. **ELDERS**: Mark Dieckmann (8 am) and Joe Johnson (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES**: Andrew Fischer (8 am) and Sara Mathews (10:45 am). **USHERS**: Early – Don Parrott, Darron Counselman & Mark Dieckmann. Late – Paul Ferguson, Sam Culpepper & Chuck Mollenkopf. **LAY READERS**: Steve Kirchoff (8 am) and Adam Beecher (10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD**: Dina Gossman, Suzanne O'Daniel & Ruthie Radcliff. **GREETERS**: Rodney & Bonnie Hood (8 am) and Maggie Monahan (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Bill Bohm (Sat 6 pm), Eric Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Joe Johnson (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES**: Jude Van Buskirk (Sun 8 am) and Lily Beecher (Sun 10:45 am). **LAY READERS**: Becky McVay (Sat 6 pm), Deb Fingles (Sun 8 am) and Pat Aldredge (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD**: Linda Busha, Deb Fingles, Lexie Hadley & Pat Sperry. **GREETERS**: Doug & Deb Fingles (Sun 8 am) and Betty Cummings & Nancy Hoar (10:45 am).

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u> Saturday – 39 Early – 84 Late – 113 Total – 236

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| Today | 12-1:30 pm | Fall Follies Ladies' Tea Party | |
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| | 6:30 pm | SLDT Meeting | |
| | 8:30 pm | Young Adult Bible Study | |
| Monday | 1:00 pm | Women's Small Group | |
| | 6:00 pm | GriefShare Support Group | |
| | 7:15 pm | Bell Choir | |
| Tuesday | 3:45 pm | RG&MC Tutoring | |
| | 6:30 pm | Council | |
| Wednesday | 5:30 pm | Dinner | |
| | 6:15 pm | Christian Education | |
| | 7:30 pm | Sanctuary Choir | |
| | 8:30 pm | College Bible Study | |
| Thursday | 10:00 am | Ladies Bible Study | |
| | 11:00 am | Senior Fellowship | |
| | 4:30 pm | Praise Team Rehearsal | |
| Saturday | 5:00 pm | Adult Bible Study | |
| Next Sunday | 12-1:30 pm | Sunday School Team Meeting | |
| | 6:30 pm | TAG Night | |
| | 8:30 pm | Young Adult Bible Study | |
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