

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

Pete LeBorious

Associate Pastor

Jamie Dick Music Director

Katie Simmons

Director of Contemporary Worship

Zachary Boeyink

Vicar

Jerry Bisping
Director of Christian
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LUKE 21:27



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 16, 2025

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

As We Gather

We look to the words of St. Paul considering his warning against idleness to the Thessalonians. We live in a word filled with distractions that all vying to keep us rooted in place and prevent us from looking forward to the work that God calls us to do. The Lord in His mercy keeps making bids for our attention offering us the Word and our Church Leaders to keep our attention firmly on the saving work of God. We must look to God and His Word for quidance and actually perform the good works God has prepared us to do instead of allowing ourselves to become bogged down by the world.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is being celebrated today. It is the belief of the Lutheran Church, based on Jesus' own words, that in this Sacrament His body and blood are really present and that forgiveness of sins and the assurance of salvation are offered to all who come confessing their sins and believing in Him. Communion is therefore offered to those who share this confession of faith. Children who are not vet confirmed are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Guests who may have questions about Communion at Mt. Calvary are encouraged to talk to Pastor Andrew or Pastor Pete.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN: "Lord Help Us Walk Your Servants Way" Hvmn #857

THE 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"The King of Love My Shepherd is"

Hymn #709

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Malachi 4:1–6 (*The Lord prepares His people to meet the sun of righteousness.*)

- ¹ "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³ And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.
- ⁴ "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.
- ⁵ "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13 (Paul commends believers to dedicate themselves to honorable work and doing good)

⁶ Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹² Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE



THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

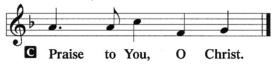
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty first chapter.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:10-19 (Jesus Foretells Wars and Persecution)

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish.
¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Vicar Zachary Boeyink

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

Hymn #722

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:

"The First Song of Isaiah"

Sanctuary Choir

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

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

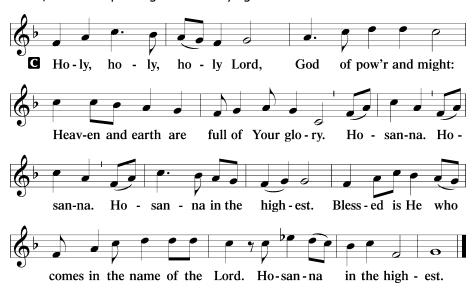
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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.

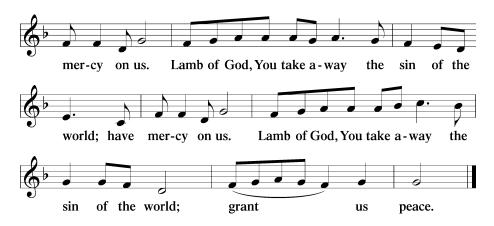
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.





DISTRIBUTION (Today, an Usher will invite your pew to come forward to receive the bread and individual cup or common cup. The center cups in each tray are white grape juice for those who cannot drink alcohol. You may place your individual cup on the communion rail after you have communed.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending"
"Jesus Still Lead On"
"Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

Hymn #336

Hymn #718

Hymn #711

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 HYMN: "I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light" Hymn #411

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers are provided this week by Laura and Brian Harper to the glory of God.

<u>Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Marvin Hopf</u> (Mike's dad), from Lyle & Carrie Wurdeman and Don & Judy Parrott.

<u>December Newsletter Deadline:</u> Due to the fact that many people will be off towards the end of November, the newsletter will have to be created and mailed early. Please have all items for the December newsletter in to the office no later than November 18th.

<u>GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays Seminar.</u> The holiday season can be especially difficult when you're grieving the loss of a loved one. If you or someone you know is struggling, we invite you to join us for *GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays*—a gentle, supportive seminar designed to offer hope and practical help during this season. Join us on **Monday, November 17, from 6–8 pm in classroom 1 of MFH** for this one-night event. For more information, please reach out to **Pastor Howe, Tammy Jenkins**, or visit **GriefShare.org**. You don't have to face the holidays alone—support and comfort are available.

Noisy Can Collection: Since there will be no service on November 29th, our only Noisy Can Collection will be on Sunday, November 30th.

<u>College Midweek Bible Study:</u> This group meets online every Wednesday at 8:30. If you are interested in joining us, e-mail Pastor Pete (DCEPete@gmail.com) to receive a link.

Join us on Sunday, December 6th for an evening full of food and holiday cheer at the annual Progressive Dinner. Appetizers in The Annex at 5 pm will kick off the night. Dinner follows at 6 m in the Fellowship Hall. Desserts at Jo Drinkhahn or Pastor Andrew's house. Santa will stop by for free photos! Childcare will be available so everyone can relax and enjoy the evening! Tickets are \$5.00 per person and go on sale November 22 at the Information Desk. Stop by to sign up and see more details.

<u>Christmas Party Schedule for Youth/Young Adults:</u> Participants are asked to bring their favorite holiday goodie to share for each of the following parties.

Middle School – Friday, December 5th, 6-8 pm in the Annex. Youth are also asked to bring \$10 to help cover the costs of the Angel Tree presents we will be shopping for as part of our party.

College/Young Adult – Sunday, December 14th, 6-9 pm at Sonja & Pastor Pete's home. Participants are also asked to bring a gift (valued around \$15) for the exchange.

High School – Sunday, December 21st, 6-8 pm at Sonja & Pastor Pete's home. Participants are also asked to bring a gift (valued around \$15) for the exchange.

TAG Night – High School Youth: High School Youth are encouraged to join us this Sunday, November 16, from 6:30-8:00 pm for games, snacks, and a Bible-Centered discussion about using the gifts God has given us.

Young Adult Bible Study: The young adults meet at Sonja and Pastor Pete's (413 Erin Way) from 8:30-10 pm for Bible Study and Fellowship. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew.

Important Update on Make-up Sessions for Directory Pictures: Make up Photo Sessions will not be scheduled until we have at least 30 appointments. Right now, we have approximately 20 appointments on the sign-up sheet at the Informational Desk (families of 4 or more will count as 2 appointments). Potential dates with 30 appointments – December 4th or the 8th, 35-38 appointments – December 13th or the 14th (All pictures are guaranteed to be back before Christmas). Time is running out to secure the above dates. please sign up ASAP or contact Debby Miller 316-573-6565.

Sunday School Team Meeting: The Sunday School staff will be meeting this Sunday, November 16, from Noon-1:30. We will be discussing upcoming rotations, the Children's Christmas Program rehearsal schedule, and changes to the Rotation Schedule as a result of rehearsals. Lunch will be provided.

<u>November 30th – Hanging of the Greens:</u> Come one, come all as we work together as a one church body to prepare for the Advent and Christmas seasons--many hands make light work. We will begin immediately following the 10 am service.



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The family of Cliff Hardy, Debbie's uncle, who died on November 12th.

Jay Foertner, Vicar Zachary's friend, who has fallen and broken several bones.

Barbara Mabee, who is recovering from wrist surgery.

Susan McEachern, who is in need of prayers of healing.

Barbara Bauman, who is recovering from pacemaker surgery.

For those impacted by the government shutdown

(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, Chris Mabee, Keith Busha, Pat Aldredge, John "Jack" Trichinotis (Cynthia Trichinotis' grandson), Laura Harper, Charles Hudock (Carol Yeager's brother), Shelly Bowen Carson (Amy White's friend), Nick Kesler (Liz Hunter's brother), Frank McVay (Tony's father), Beth Strickland, Grayson Adams and Linda Phillips.

Those Battling Cancer

Pastor Aaron Sterling, 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), 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**: Don Barnes (8 am) and Dave Yingling (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES**: Michael Nuckels (8 am) and Sara Mathews (10:45 am). **USHERS**: Early – Doug Fingles, Eric Gossman, Keith Busha & Keith Busha. Late – Bob Day, Don Netzinger, Adam Beecher & Steve Hetes. **LAY READERS**: Darron Counselman (8 am) and D. J. Nelson (10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD**: Whitney Howe, Deb Fingles & Lexie Hadley. **GREETERS**: Eric & Dina Gossman (8 am) and Dave & Ruthie Radcliff (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Walt Seefeld (Sun 8 am) and Joe Johnson (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES**: Andrew Fischer (Sun 8 am) and Kelsey Campbell (Sun 10:45 am). **LAY READERS**: Pruett Burge (Sat 6 pm), Lexie Hadley (Sun 8 am) and Mary Ellen Gragg (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD**: Whitney Howe, Deb Fingles & Lexie Hadley. **GREETERS**: Darron & Val Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Marcia Brighton & Dabby Miller (10:45 am).

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u> Saturday – 36 Early – 76 Late – 121 Total – 233

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY			
	Today	6:30 pm	TAG Night
		8:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study
	Monday	1:00 pm	Women's Small Group
		7:15 pm	Bell Choir
	Tuesday	3:45 pm	RG@MC Tutoring
	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
	Friday	6:00 pm	HS Soup Making
	Saturday	7:30 am-1:30 p	m LWML Bazaar Diner (SLDT Sponsored)
		5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
١	Next Sunday	12:00 pm	Confirmation Workshop
			for 8 th Grade
		6:00 pm	TAG Night
		8:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study