

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 Outreach, Emeritus

Then..

you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked

Malachi 3:18



LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 23, 2025

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

As We Gather

There is a phrase familiar to both preschoolers and powerbrokers. When they see that someone else has something they want, they declare, "That's mine!" seizing either toys or territory for themselves. This phrase is not unfamiliar to our God either. But where humans are motivated by selfishness, the Lord acts out of love. He claims you as His own because He loves you and He wants you to be with Him for eternity. You are His treasured possession! He will never leave you behind like a toddler may accidentally abandon her teddy bear, or neglect you like a king would treat those who supported his rival. When the Lord says, "You are Mine," you have His pledge of enduring faithfulness, today and unto eternity!

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" Hymn #549

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

Amen.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

Now thus says the LORD, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are Mine."

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.

(Please Stand)

THE RESPONSIVE PSALM (Psalm 134)

Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord

who minister by night in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary

and praise the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion,

He who is the Maker of heaven and earth.

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:

"O Worship the King"

Hymn #804

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; 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: Malachi 3:13–18 (The Lord makes His claim on His treasured possession)

¹³ "Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' ¹⁴ You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵ And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape."'

¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷ "They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Colossians 1:13–20 (By His blood, the Christ who holds all things together also holds us in His kingdom.)

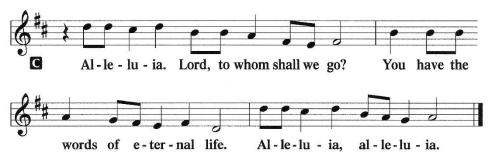
- ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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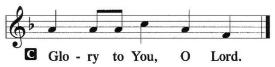
(Please Stand)

THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

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



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 23:27–43 (On the cross, Jesus is enthroned as King and speaks of forgiveness and paradise.)

- ²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"
- ³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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: Pastor Pete LeBorious

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Holy, Holy, Holy" Hymn #507

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: "What a Beautiful Name" Jamie and Mackenzie Dick

THE DEDICATION OF 2026 PLEDGES

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 HYMN: "How Great Thou Art" Hymn #801

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

Our Altar Flowers are provided this week by Caroline Martin, in memory of Ken Martin's November 23rd birthday.

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

<u>Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Marvin Hopf</u> (Mike's dad), from John & Liz Hunter.

<u>Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Dawna Dugan</u>, Dina Gossman's sister, from John & Liz Hunter.

SCAM ALERT- never respond to an email or text from the Pastors or any staff asking for "assistance," a "favor," or even a "please reply to this note." They end up asking for "gift cards." We will NOT reach out in this manner. This year, we have had several phishing scams pretending to be Pastor Andrew. It will likely increase as we near the holiday season. The pastoral staff has resources to help those in need through the alms fund. When in doubt, you can call our pastors directly.

College Midweek Bible Study: 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 7th 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.

Blood Drive Results — I want to thank all of the volunteers and donors that helped the Red Cross collect **20 units** of blood at OUR blood drive on November 13th. The surge in last minute donors help make it another success. Our next blood drive is on **March 12th**, **2026**. If able to donate, please consider donating during at least one of our three annual blood drives each year. Also, please encourage family members or friends to donate. Again, thank you.

<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.

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.

Luke2: A Christmas Story: Mount Calvary is offering each of you a chance to wear a shirt to promote the gospel. How, you ask? The Luke2 project is a faith-based ministry promoting Christian faith and the gospel by wearing a t-shirt. We will be selling beginning November 22nd after each service on Saturday and Sunday. We will also be available before and after the Advent Service in the Narthex. The T-shirts will be sold at \$15.00 each by cash or check (Mt Calvary Lutheran Church). Credit cards will be accepted, and the cost will be \$16.00, to cover the processing.

Thank you, Mt Calvary! Linda O'Donnell, President and Jacque Bohm, Treasurer of LWML, delivered your generous donations of 58 pairs of new pajamas on Monday, November 17th. Pajamas will be wrapped and delivered by Jambos to children entering the foster care system throughout the state of Georgia. Each child receives a new pair of pj's rolled and with a Bible verse. Want to know more? Go to jambosdonates.org

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.

Helping Hands Dinner, December 25^{th:} Vicar Zachary is calling for volunteers and donations for this year's helping hands dinner on Christmas day. We are expecting up to 500 people this year which means that we need everything we can get. There is a sign-up to contribute to this ministry in a variety of ways on the information desk as well as a turkey and ham donation sheet. Volunteers are not limited to Mt. Calvary members, so if you know anyone who is interested please reach out to them or let the vicar know in writing so he can reach out. Please ensure that all donated meats are cooked beforehand. See Vicar Zachary with any additional donations or if you have any questions. "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord"- Proverbs 19:17

Angel Tree: The Angel tree is now up in the Narthex and individual angels have been placed on the tree. We have requests from individuals of all ages. There are also gift card requests for Family Promise. Return your gift in a gift bag with the angel you chose attached to the handle or outside of the bag and place it in the conference room located directly across from the office kitchen. Gift Cards can be placed in the small red "Gift Card" box on the bookshelf in Vicar's office. Please have all gifts ready for distribution by December 7th. Thanks in advance for your generosity and support!

Thanksgiving Baskets: On Thursday, November 20th, our Social Ministry Board distributed 22 Thanksgiving Bags filled with all kinds of Thanksgiving food items including a Turkey. This was quite an undertaking and we can't thank you enough for all the help that was received. From buying food and turkeys, to storing the turkeys and helping to separate and distribute the bags. . . . you made Thanksgiving Day special for 22 families! A special thank you to Alyce Quillin and Eugene O'Neal for applying and receiving a Thrivent Action Team Card which helped to pay for a large portion of the cost for this project!

The date for makeup pictures is December 4th. Please stop at the Information Desk to sign up for your appointment time. Either Marcia Brighton, Mike Hopf or Debbly Miller will be there to help after each service.

<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.

Pictures taken for the Pictorial Directory in October are in.

You can pick yours up on the Information Desk.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The family of Dawna Dugan, Dina Gossman's sister, who died November 14th.

Lisa Starkman, continued prayers for healing.

Malaki, Elizabeth and Lonny Walker's grandson, who is battling an illness.

Andy, Elizabeth and Lonny Walker's son-in-law, who is battling an illness.

Cynthia Trichinotis, who is having some ongoing health issues.

Joan Steese, who is having some health issues.

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

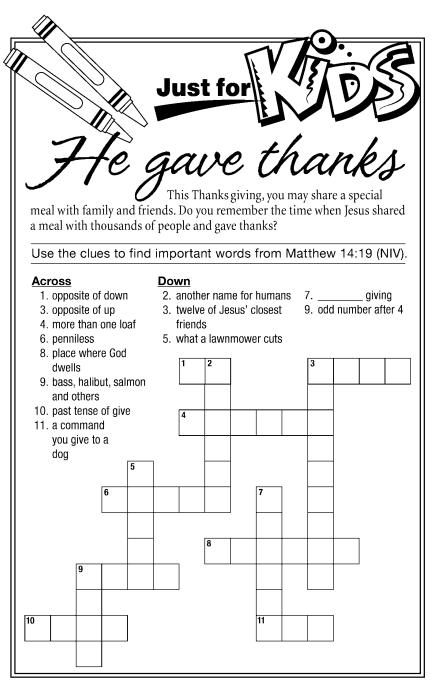
(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)

Keep In Your Prayers

Barbara Bauman, Susan McEachern, Barbara Mabee, 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).

Those Battling Cancer

Pastor Aaron Sterling, 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).



Acroses: 1. up, 3. down, 4. loaves, 6. broke, 8. heaven, 9. fish, 10. gave, 11. sit Down: 2. people, 3. disciples, 5. grass, 7. thanks, 9. five

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor Pete LeBorious. **LITURGIST**: Vicar Zachary Boeyink. **ELDERS**: Walt Seefeld (8 am) and Joe Johnson (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES**: Andrew Fischer (8 am) and Kelsey Campbell (10:45 am). **USHERS**: Early – Doug Fingles, Eric Gossman, Keith Busha & Keith Busha. Late – Bob Day, Don Netzinger, Adam Beecher & Steve Hetes. **LAY READERS**: Lexie Hadley (8 am) and Mary Ellen Gragg (10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD**: Whitney Howe, Deb Fingles & Lexie Hadley. **GREETERS**: Darron & Val Counselman (8 am) and Marcia Brighton & Debby Miller (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDER: Eric Gossman. **ACOLYTE**: Cate Christmas. **LAY READER**: John Hunter. **ALTAR GUILD**: Marcia Brighton, Toli Van Buskirk & Carrie Wurdeman. **GREETERS**: Betty Cummings & Nancy Hoar.

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u> Saturday – 41 Early – 83 Late – 85 Total – 209

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Thursday Friday		
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Thursday	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Worship
Wednesday	9:30 am	Stitch N Chat
	7:15 pm	Bell Choir
Monday	1:00 pm	Women's Small Group
	8:30 pm	Young Adult Bible Study
	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting
,		for 8 th Grade
Today	12:00 pm	Confirmation Workshop