



Calvary Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Pastor Michael Kessler



WELCOME: In the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, welcome to Christian worship. We are so happy and thankful you are here with us today. If you are a visitor with us, please sign our guest register in the Narthex and fill out a worship card given to you by an usher. If you are worshipping with us in a communion service, please note that we practice closed communion. Please read the communion statement at the end of the Order of Service. May God richly bless each and every one of you!

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COMMUNION STATEMENT: Communion is both a participation in Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and a statement of fellowship among those who participate. Members of our congregation, and members of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod who have properly prepared themselves are invited to attend. If you are not an LCMS member or are of another denomination or synod, please see the Pastor before communing for the first time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council Notes: Contribution amount needed per week is \$3,412.00 to meet current budget. Amount received for Last Week: \$560.00 PushPay Donations:

Flowers: The flowers on the altar have been given to the glory of God in celebration of Michelle Hill’s birthday.

Those for whom we are praying:

Those in need of healing:	Ruth Humphries, Randy Ehrlich, Becky Ehrlich, Rex Pope, Jeanene Euhus, Julie Shine, Valorie Hess, Cheyenne Ellis, Jade Renae, Marie Wix, Dave Houser, Pete Efroymson, Randy Wix, Tandi Kenney Peace, comfort, and healing for those facing wars, conflict, and disasters
Those in the Military:	Jacob LeClerc, Michael & Jessica Pray, Cole Fennell, Ayden Dusek, Victor Greenfield, David Rochester, Shane Helton, Tanner Cook, Jason Herwig, Hannah and Jonnie Vergara-Fountain, William Swan, David Schleusener, Sean Wilson, Madelyn Atchley, Lauren Allmon
Those who Protect & Heal:	Law Enforcement, Fire-Rescue-First Responders, all Medical Workers
Those spreading the Gospel:	Rev. Dennis Meeker and all missionaries at large

A Brighter Day Ministries: For the month of July, we are collecting powdered milk.

Stewardship Encouragement: Romans 8:12 – “So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.” We owe the flesh, the world and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ’s kingdom — servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord’s plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

Reading Synopsis for today: The Preaching of the Word of Christ Bears the Good Fruits of Faith and Love: As “the rain and the snow come down from heaven” and “water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout” (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as “an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off” (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and “indeed bears fruit” (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who “have received the Spirit of adoption as sons” (Rom. 8:15). Thus being “led by the Spirit of God,” we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14–15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we “also be glorified with him” (Rom. 8:17).

Synod Convention Opening Worship Service will be live streamed on July 18th at 7:30pm. You can watch it at

- a. <https://www.youtube.com/TheLCMS/live> or
- b. <https://www.lcms.org/convention/national/livestream>

If you would like to attend the service in person, you are welcome to do so. The address in Phoenix is 100 N 3rd St, Phoenix, AZ 85004. Pastor Kessler will be out of town starting July 17th - 23rd for the convention. Thank you to Ryan Pope and Rev. Mark Johnson who will be leading worship next Sunday, July 19th. If you should have an emergency, please contact one of the elders (Ryan Pope, Ron Hill, Mark Johnson, Bruce Fenske).

This Week’s Calendar

TODAY – July 12th
9:00am Divine Service 4 with Communion

THURSDAY-July 16th
10:00am Bible Study in Education Bldg.

SUNDAY – July 19th
9:00am Divine Service 1 without Communion

God’s People At Church

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July 12th, 2026