



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: \$1,790.00 PushPay Donations:

Those for whom we are praying:

Those in need of healing:	Betty Stewart, Ron Hill, Joey Rogers, Ruth Humphries, Doris Casey, Randy Ehrlich, Rex Pope, Julie Shine, Valorie Hess, Cheyenne Ellis, Jade Renae, Marie Wix, Dave Houser, Pete Efroymsen, Randy Wix 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 August we will be collecting individually wrapped snacks, cheese or peanut butter filled crackers, granola bars, etc. No chocolate, please.

Mite boxes will be collected next Sunday, August 30th.

God Stories: We will meet on Tuesday, September 1st at 11:00am in the Education Building. Hope to see you there.

4C Crafters will begin meeting again on Monday, September 7th from 10:00 to 2:00. All Crafters are invited to attend. Please bring something for a luncheon potluck and a project to work on.

Stewardship Encouragement: Romans 12:1 – “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” That’s the order: God’s mercies, then our sacrifice. Since God’s mercies are all-encompassing, so is our sacrifice: a total sacrifice, our total selves placed over into God’s service according to how He has called each of us individually to serve in home, church and society.

Reading Synopsis for today: The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Son of the Living God: Jesus asked His disciples: “But who do you say that I am?” (Matt. 16:15). The question is also put to us: Who do you say that He is? Flesh and blood do not reveal this to us, but by the ministry of the Gospel, the Father in heaven reveals His Son to us on earth, who has become flesh and suffered death for our salvation. Thus, we believe and confess that He is “the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt. 16:16). As He died for our transgressions and was raised for our justification, He looses us from all our sins and preserves our life within His Church, against which even “the gates of hell shall not prevail” (Matt. 16:18–19). His salvation is forever, and His righteousness “will never be dismayed” (Is. 51:6). He comforts us with the Gospel in His Church, so that “joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song” (Is. 51:3). Therefore, “according to the measure of faith that God has assigned” (Rom. 12:3), we also offer ourselves “as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God” (Rom. 12:1) through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

This Week’s Calendar

TODAY – August 23rd
9:00am Divine Service 4 with Communion

THURSDAY-August 27th
10:00am Bible Study in Office.

SUNDAY – August 30th
9:00am Matins

God’s People At Church

Last Sunday	27
Bible Study	--
Sunday School	--
Thursday Bible Study	13
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