



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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Collect of the Day See insert

Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 33:7-9

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Gospel Lesson Matthew 18:1-20

Hymn of the Day "Children of the Heavenly Father" LSB 725

Sermon "Greatness In The Kingdom of Heaven"

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Prayer of the Church

Prayer Response

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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Closing Hymn "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" LSB 707

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council Notes: Contribution amount needed per week is \$3,412.00 to meet current budget. Amount received for Last Week: \$2,042.00 PushPay Donations:

Those for whom we are praying:

Those in need of healing: Betty Stewart, Ron Hill, Joey Rogers, Randy Ehrlich, Rex Pope, Julie Shine, Valorie Hess, Cheyenne Ellis, Jade Renae, Marie Wix, Pete Efroymson, Randy Wix

Family of Stacie Whiteman who entered eternal glory this past week
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

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.

A Brighter Day Ministries: A big Thank You to all who gave snacks in August. 126 packages of sandwich crackers and 135 packs of other snacks were donated. That's awesome!

For the month of September we will be collecting large bags of cereal and small jars of peanut butter.

Stewardship Encouragement: Matthew 18:4 – "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is childish — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we'll take His advice!

Reading Synopsis for today: Living as Humble Little Children of the Father: True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of childlike faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, "you will never enter the kingdom of heaven," but whoever is humbled like a little child will be "the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3–4). Though in our sin we deserve to be "drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned ("buried") with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7–9). Thus, we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which "is the fulfilling of the law" (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we "pay to all what is owed to them" (Rom. 13:7) and we "owe no one anything, except to love each other" (Rom. 13:8).

This Week's Calendar

TODAY – September 6th, 2026

9:00am Divine Service 1

MONDAY-September 7th

10:00am 4C's Crafters

THURSDAY-September 10th

10:00am Bible Study in Education Bldg.

SATURDAY-September 12th

8:00am Goldsboro Bible Study

SUNDAY – September 13th

9:00am Divine Service 3 with Communion

10:30am Rally Day

God's People At Church

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 6th, 2026