Calvary Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Pastor Michael Kessler

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 by the front door 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 every one of you!

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P: Lord, in Your mercy,
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+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

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Closing Hymn	**"The Lord, My God, Be Praised"**	**#794**

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: $1,250.00 PushPay donations:

Flowers: The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Keith and Brenda Dennis in celebration of the baptism of their granddaughter Kennedy Aurora Tyler-Dennis.

Those for whom we are praying:

Those in need of healing:	Ron Hill, Joey Rogers, Randy Ehrlich, Rex Pope, Julie Shine, Valorie Hess, Cheyenne Ellis, Jade Renae, Pete Efroymson, Anna Humphrey, Isa Flores, Brian Simpson, Louie Schaetzle, Johanna Emrhien, Julie Mackie 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 October, we will be collecting canned goods.

The Calvary Crafters will meet on Monday, November 2nd from 10am-2pm. Please bring your own lunch and project to work on.

God Stories: Do you have a story about how God has worked in your life that you'd like to share? We would love to hear it. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month. Come join us on November 3rd at 11:00am in the Education building.

Operation Christmas Child: We will be joining Christ Lutheran Church in collecting boxes and supplies for Operation Christmas Child.

Stewardship Encouragement: John 8:36 – "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself "the apostle of good works." For, only by being set free by the Gospel, can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

Reading Synopsis for today: The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace: "Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, in order that we may eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and "remain in the house forever" (John 8:35). He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (Rev. 14:6), "the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law" (Rom. 3:21), "that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, "whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:25), "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31–32).

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY – October 25th
9:00am Divine Service 3 with Communion
10:30am Bible Study

THURSDAY-October 29th
10:00am Bible Study in Education Bldg.

SATURDAY-October 31st
8:00am Bible Class

SUNDAY – November 1st
9:00am Divine Service 4 with Communion
10:30am Bible Study/Sunday School

God's People At Church

Last Sunday	**28**
Sunday Bible Study	
Sunday School	
Thursday Bible Study	**12**
Last Saturday Bible Study	

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REFORMATION DAY *(Observed)*
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