

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

What is the Divine Service? If you are new to Calvary, you may have never heard the term ‘Divine Service.’ As Lutherans, we believe that this hour of ‘worship’ is not based on our service to God, but His *divine* service to us. For a basic summary of what we believe is here occurring, please read hymn #602, “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives,” in our hymnal.

+ *Our Christian Communion Statement* +

The **Sacrament of the Altar** is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, as instituted by Christ Himself. The Scriptures teach Christians to commune together at the Lord’s Table, dependent on three presuppositions:

- Proper discernment of the bodily presence of Christ (1 Cor. 11:27-29)
- Unity of doctrine and confession (Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor 1:10; Hebr. 13:10)
- A clear conscience toward and love for fellow communicants (Matt. 5:23-24; Rom. 15:5-6);

Therefore, in Christian love and for the safety of all, we ask all who are not yet members of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, or those who refuse to be reconciled with fellow penitents, to refrain from communing until you have spoken with the pastor. *Thank you.*

***** ORDER OF SERVICE *****

LITURGY Divine Service Setting III (p. 184)

Insert, Psalm 92:1-4; (antiphon: Psalm 92:5)

(8:00 & 10:30am only)

- Sermon Hymn: 820, “My Soul Now Praise Your Maker”
 Distribution Hymns: 622, “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”
 711, “Savior, Like a Shepard Lead us”
 797, “Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him”

***** SERVING AND ASSISTING TODAY *****

- 8:00: Elder: Steve Baker; Usher: Joe Baker
 10:30: Elder: Dean Spacone; Usher: Dan Fehrman, Chris Wilson
 12:30: Elder: Dean Spacone



ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Dan & Stephanie Kurash, for their 7th wedding anniversary.

+ *In Preparation for the Divine Service* +

During the week, the household ought meditate upon the proclamation of the Sunday prior and, late in the week (perhaps Friday and Saturday), familiarize itself with the focus of the Sunday to come. Thus,

Next Sunday’s readings: Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 8:21-35

Next Sunday’s Chief Hymn: 616, “Baptismal Waters Cover Me”

All are encouraged – perhaps on Saturday night or early Sunday morning – to make use of “Christian Questions with their Answers” (Section 4 of the Small Catechism), prepared by Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament. Also, individual Confession and Absolution is available each week by appointment.

***** THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES *****

- Today: **Divine Service with Holy Communion.....8:00 & 10:30AM; 12:30PM w/masks**
Bible Study Q & A.....9:20 AM
New class content begins Sunday, September 13th, at 9:20AM
 Mon: Labor Day – Office Closed
 Tues: Congregational Meeting (held downstairs)..... 7:30 PM
 Wed: Pastor out of the office at Circuit Visitor meetings
 Fri: Pastor out of the office at Board of Regents
 Sat: *Swaddling Clothes* open.....9:00-12:00 PM
 Sun: **Divine Service with Holy Communion.....8:00 & 10:30AM; 12:30PM w/masks**
Bible Class and Sunday School.....9:15 AM

***** CHRISTIAN EDUCATION *****

We welcome all members and visitors to join with us in learning the life-giving doctrine of Christ! We hope to see you in one or more of the classes below!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Today, Pastor hosts a generic “Q & A session” for anyone wanting to ask questions about our summer topic (Marriage) or anything else. Next Sunday, Pastor will begin a Bible Study on *Secular Authority*. Join us Sundays, 9:20, in the downstairs fellowship hall!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES Summer Sunday School classes have concluded. This morning, parents attending the Q & A session may drop off students for an informal session of Sunday School. Fall quarter Sunday School begins next Sunday, 9:20!

CATECHESIS Catechesis will begin anew on Wednesday, September 15th, 7:00pm. Parents are asked to attend the first week, with their students. Sunday classes with the elders will begin next Sunday, 9:20.

CALVARY BOOK CLUB As we prepare to read “Luther’s writings of 1520” (500th anniversary), the church office will print and assemble these writings for anyone who would like to purchase a copy. The cost is \$5.00. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the credenza, and watch for further updates as to when the copies will be ready for you to pick up. Thanks!

BOOK OF CONCORD STUDY GROUPS How does the Book of Concord teach us our confession of the faith for daily life in a fallen world? All are invited and encouraged to benefit from meeting every third Saturday with one of the following groups:

Ladies: We meet again Saturday, September 19th, 9:00-10:30. Having completed one full read of the Book of Concord, we’ll take a quick read of an appendix – *A Brief Exhortation to Confession* – before starting over ‘at the beginning.’ All ladies are welcome to join us in person (fellowship hall downstairs) or via Zoom! Pastor will send a “Zoom Invite” in the days leading up to the class.

Men: Our next study is Saturday, September 26th, 9:00-10:30 as we continue the Large Catechism’s discussion of The Lord’s Prayer. All men are welcome to join us in-person (fellowship hall downstairs) or via Zoom! Pastor will send a “Zoom Invite” a few days prior to the class.

❖ **“CALVARY AT DAILY PRAYER”** The weekly guide for self-study is available on the small table at the church entrance AND on the “Calvary at Daily Prayers” page of our website. Join the congregation in daily prayer, readings, and memorization.

*****ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

Welcome in the name of Christ! Whether you are a visitor with us this morning or a member of Calvary, we would appreciate you filling out the pew registry located toward the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to please read the introduction to the Sacrament of the Altar as found inside the back cover of the bulletin. *Thank you.*

CONGREGATIONAL GIFTS At this morning's 10:30 service, students who enter 3rd grade will come forward (with head of household) after the prayers to receive the congregational gift of Bible and Small Catechism. Students, we pray God bless you all your days through the reading and study of the Word of God!

“SINGING IN HARMONY” BEGINS NEXT WEEK! Next Tuesday (15th), 4:00pm, the “Singing in Harmony” class of our new CLMC will begin. If you've expressed interest, but not yet “registered” with your \$20/student registration fee, please contact Ginny Terrell or the church office. Thank you!

CATECHESIS STARTS IN ONE WEEK! Next Wednesday (16th), 7:00pm, Pastor Bestul meets with the parents of our young confirmands, while the students themselves assess their skills/knowledge of the Bible and Catechism. Parents and students, see you Wednesday at 7:00!

SOCIAL DISTANCING EFFORTS While we keep our attention fixed on any news regarding the coronavirus and how such news may affect our congregational life, please consider a few bullet points to keep us mindful of our neighbors' need:

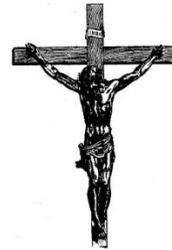
- Please remember to sit near the ends of the pew. Leaving too much room at the end of the pew can cause “overlap” in the middle of the pew with households sitting before/behind.
- Please remember that, if you see folks “assigned” to sit near each other, it's most likely because they have been getting together during the week anyway. We continue to ensure everyone has the space needed for their safety.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Our next quarterly congregational meeting is scheduled for *this Tuesday, September 8, at 7:30pm, in the basement fellowship hall*. Of great importance will be proposed updates to the congregation's constitution and by-laws (as part of a regularly-scheduled review). Extra copies of the proposed updates are available at the narthex credenza. Please weigh the pros and cons of the recommended changes, and support the congregation by being part of the discussion.

COFFEE SCHEDULE The schedule is posted downstairs to sign-up to ‘host’ refreshments for Bible Class hour. Thank you to all who have been providing donuts and coffee for everyone to enjoy. We have quite a few openings to fill. Remember to turn in receipts to the office. *Thanks!*

ISSUES, ETC. Where Christianity meets culture...This week's subjects include: The Influence of Christianity on Labor & Economic Freedom, A Christian Response to Soft Totalitarianism, The Demolition of the Western Mind, Constitutional Republic vs. Democracy and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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