

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 13, 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 143:1-2; (antiphon: Psalm 143:9)*

*(8:00 & 10:30am only)*

- Sermon Hymn: 616, “Baptismal Waters Cover Me”  
 Distribution Hymns: 609, “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”  
 623, “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”  
 533, “Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal”



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

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Steve & Lila White, in memory of Elizabeth Thompson, Lila’s Mother, whose birthday would have been September 16<sup>th</sup>.

+ *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: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30; Matthew 20:1-16**

**Next Sunday’s Chief Hymn: 555, “Salvation Unto Us Has Come”**

*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 Class and Sunday School..... 9:15 AM**  
 Wed: Catechesis Parent/Student Meeting..... 7:00 PM  
 Sat: Ladies’ *Book of Concord* Study downstairs & via zoom..... 9:00 AM  
 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, a new topic begins! (We haven’t forgotten about Timothy and Titus!, but we’ll wait a few more months in hopes of everyone being able to return to a safe classroom environment). Our new topic?: “Secular Authority – the Fourth Commandment ‘vs’ Acts 5?” Join us each Sunday at 9:20 in the downstairs fellowship hall.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** Fall quarter Sunday School classes begin this morning! The first lesson points us to man as the pinnacle of creation!: “Handmade.” The younger children will learn to sing the liturgy, that they may joyfully take part each week; the older students will learn to sing the theology of the hymnody. Join us each Sunday in the downstairs children’s area, 9:20!

**CATECHESIS** Catechesis begins *this Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm!* Parents are asked to attend this first session, with their students. Sunday classes with the elders begin this morning, 9:20, as students will learn how to hear a sermon according to “Law-Gospel listening.”

**CALVARY BOOK CLUB** In honor of its 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary, our next reading is Luther’s “The Babylonian Captivity of the Church” (1520). Copies are in production and should be ready for retrieval next Sunday. As you pick up your copy, please leave \$5 with the secretary to cover the expense of your copy. Thank you!

**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 *this Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

**THE LITURGY, SUNG** Because of the pandemic, it's been far more than six months since we've employed the liturgy sung, as written in the hymnal. As a periodic review, serving to remind us of the 'divine words and communication' from beginning to end of the Divine Service, the liturgy will be sung (including Collects, Lord's Prayer, and Words of Institution) at the 8:00 and 10:30 services this morning. We'll return to our normal customs next Sunday.

**"SINGING IN HARMONY" BEGINS THIS WEEK!** This Tuesday, 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, it's not too late. Please contact Ginny Terrell or the church office before Tuesday. Thank you!

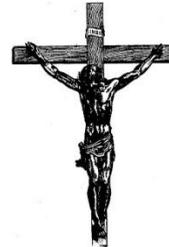
**CATECHESIS STARTS THIS WEEK!** This Wednesday, 7:00pm, Pastor Bestul meets with the parents of our young confirmands, while the students spend the hour assessing their skills/knowledge of the Bible and Catechism. Parents and students, see you Wednesday at 7:00!

**FURTHER CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION** Wonderful discussion was had at last Tuesday's meeting regarding the various options Christian freedom provides a congregation's Constitution and By-Laws. Of primary interest was whether a voters' assembly designed around the *individual* or the *household* best represented the congregation's life together. Christian freedom gives us the flexibility to continue this discussion, and president Kyle Knoepfel and Pastor Bestul would be happy to hear your thoughts and help you consider various angles of Tuesday's discussion. We'll consider again at the November congregational meeting or hold a special meeting, if needed. Thanks for your thoughtful participation!

**PANDEMIC-DELAYED MEMORIAL SERVICES** As society slowly re-opens, we finally have opportunity to gather and remember those who died in the faith during the pandemic-induced shutdowns. **This Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30**, the Zollers family has planned a memorial service for Wayne. Calvary members are asked to RSVP to the church office for seating purposes. Also, prior to this year's All Saints festival, the Elders would like Pastor to conduct a memorial service for those Calvary members whose families held graveside services and/or have not planned public services. Calvary members are encouraged to reserve **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am** (for Calvary members only) and RSVP to the church office for seating purposes.

**ISSUES, ETC.** This week's topics include: Fear of Death, The Vocation of Police Officer, Holy Cross Day, 3rd Century North African Bishop Cyprian of Carthage and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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