

November 17, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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(Please check your phones and electronic devices to make sure they are turned off while in the Sanctuary.)

Welcome to Mt Calvary Lutheran church, and to the blessings, comfort, and peace of this congregation. As we gather, we prepare our hearts for the worship and praise of our Lord and Savior by remembering what the Scriptures say: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' " Psalm 122:1 and "One thing have I asked of the Lord...that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple." Psalm 27:4. Moved by such joy, before each service, the Pastors and Elders gather to pray for you.

### TO OUR VISITORS

Within this congregation let no one feel a stranger. If you have no church affiliation elsewhere, we invite you to make Mount Calvary Evangelical Lutheran your church home. Membership is open to all who are in accord with the doctrines and practices of our church, as based on the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod website has this information at <https://www.lcms.org/> Please get in touch with our Pastors for the next available new member class.

### THE LORD'S EXPECTATION OF THE MEMBERS OF MT. CALVARY

In the glad confession of the Christian faith the Lord expects that every member attends Worship and the Lord's Supper faithfully. The Lord expects every member is involved in Christ-centered education, (Bible Study); The Lord expects every member to be a missionary of Christ and of the Gospel to our community; and that every member is a faithful steward and disciple for the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Livestream worship services will be available Sunday mornings.**

Go to <https://www.mtcalvaryhuron.org/livestream> and click on "Worship"

Worship service bulletins can be accessed at <https://www.mtcalvaryhuron.org/bulletin>

#### **THIS SUNDAY**

	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b>
Order of Service:	Divine Service One with Communion	Divine Service One with Communion
Hymns:	853, 783, 730, 627, 411	853, 783, 730, 627, 411
Liturgist:	Pastor Koester	Pastor Koester
Lector:	Robert Blaseg	Matt Moeding
Sermon:	Pastor Koester	Pastor Koester
Theme:	"Have what is (Y)yours"	"Have what is (Y)yours"
Text:	Matthew 25:14-30	Matthew 25:14-30

#### **THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS WEEK**

Organist:	Nancy Ziegeldorf	Nancy Ziegeldorf
Tech Support:	Logan Gerrits	Jacob Donovan
Greeters:	Robert Blaseg	Chad Hanson
Communion Assistants:	Robert Blaseg, Ryan Vanden Berge	Chad Hanson, Matt Moeding

## **A STATEMENT OF OUR PRACTICE OF CLOSE COMMUNION**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. 1 Corinthians 10:14ff. Our Lord invites to His table those who repent of all their sins and who trust His words, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:29) and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, (1 Corinthians 10:15-18) any who are not yet instructed in this faith, who are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with one of the Pastors in his office prior to the service. Visitors who have previously spoken with one of the Pastors, and who received permission to commune, do not need to seek permission for subsequent visits to the altar.

## **PARISH PRAYERS**

- ◇ Remember farmers and all those involved with the fall harvest.
- ◇ Remember all first responders, emergency personnel, healthcare workers, firefighters, and all members of law enforcement, as well as their families.
- ◇ Remember those affected by disaster and war, especially the soldiers and citizens of Israel and Ukraine.
- ◇ Remember victims of violence, persecution, and the families of Christian martyrs.
- ◇ Remember those whose loved one has died: **family of Daniel Fuerst**-brother of Dean Fuerst
- ◇ Remember those who have been hospitalized or have special needs:

**Mike and Lois Frank**

**Cindy Alter**

**JoAnn Schley**

**Amanda Wood**

**William Quiram**

**Gary Doering**

**Al Merriam**

**Roger and Sharon Korkow**-friends of the congregation

**Erma Woodruff**-mother of Dave Moser

**Roger Wonnenberg**-father of Leonard Wonnenberg

**Elwood Vanden Berge**-father of Ryan Vanden Berge

**Lois Houck**-mother of Shawn Adermann

**Myles and Royce Hupp**- sons of Trevor and Kelsey Hupp

**Dan Kelley**-uncle of Bill Eining and cousin of the Schley family

**Steven Lockhart**-brother of Claudia Johnson

**Earl Bult**-stepson of Charles Pieschke

**Mykaila Soloman**-granddaughter of Claudia Johnson

- ◇ Prayer of Thanksgiving: **Rylee Airheart**

Remember in your prayers all those serving in our military, and their families, especially:

**Amyah Greene**-Army National Guard-granddaughter of Randy and Nancy Ziegeldorf

**MSG David Maas**-109th RSG-SD National Guard-Rapid City-deployed to Iraq-brother of Ann Cruse

**Dustin Murphy**, Army JAG, serving in North Carolina-nephew of Dennis and Kathy Mead

**Tyler Kludt**, pilot for the Iowa Air National Guard-grandson of Melanie Kludt

**Sgt Gene Dennis**, 665th Support Maintenance Company (SMC) out of Mitchell.

**Sgt Justin Frank**, SDARNG Med Command.

**Noah Erickson**, U.S. Marine, serving in Miramar, California-great nephew of Mike and Barb Hall.

**Cpl. Kuper Heck**, U.S. Marine, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA-family member of DeMeris Marone.

**David Siedschlag**, serving in the Army-nephew of Jay and Mandy Siedschlag.

**Paul**, U.S. Marine-family member of Donna and Ken Schley

**Aric Birkeland**, serving in the Air Force Reserve in Virginia.

**SSgt Joshua Bartel**, Army Reserve, 1-383rd TSBN in Des Moines.

**PFC Kevin Kayser**, serving in the SD Army National Guard 147th A Co.

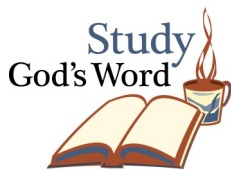
**Madison Pfitzer**, serving in the SD Army National Guard.

**Timothy Johnson**, Navy Seabee stationed in Illinois.

**Dallas McLeod**, Army Aviation Maintenance Manager, Fort Campbell, KY.

Pray  
for Our  
Military

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:** *God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others* The Day of the Lord is *"near and hastening fast,"* and it will be *"a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation"* (Zephaniah 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish *"the men who are complacent"* concerning His Word, *"who fill their master's house with violence and fraud"* (Zephaniah 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: *"Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them"* (Zephaniah 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are *"good and faithful"* stewards of His property (Matthew 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and *"the master of those servants"* settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matthew 25:19). Likewise, *"God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Thessalonians 5:9). Therefore, let us also *"put on the breastplate of faith and love"* in our dealings with one another (1 Thessalonians 5:8).



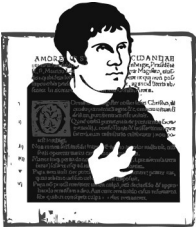
**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study:** Each year, we as Christians revisit the life and work of Christ by observing the various seasons. We start with Advent, which brings us back to the Old Testament and the waiting for the Messiah. At Christmas, we celebrate God's promise being kept in the incarnation and in Epiphany, we recognize God's promise as being for all people, including the Gentiles. Through Lent and Holy Week, we prepare ourselves to receive the sacrifice of Christ for our sins and on Easter, we joyously shout that Jesus is risen to give us eternal life. However, the vast majority of the Church year is spent in "common time" or the season after Pentecost. Over twenty Sundays are meant to help us reflect on the work of the Holy Spirit through the disciples in the early church and the work that the Spirit is still doing through us today. To that end, we will now be studying the Book of Acts, which chronicles the work of the Spirit in the early Church. Although we are endlessly familiar with the Gospels and the epistles of Paul, we may find that we have more to learn about this fascinating book. We invite you to join us!

In Christ, Pastor Kevin

**Mark your calendars for the next Family Fun Day at Mt. Calvary!!!**

**Sunday, November 19 there will be a Marty Party!**

**Can you guess who we are remembering?**



There will be a German food themed potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the second service.

After lunch, activities will be held in the gym in a 4-stop rotation style set up. Families are encouraged to go through each stop together, helping your child(ren) with each activity offered.



**And please remember, ALL are invited to this, we want everyone to enjoy the afternoon!!**

Any questions, please contact Karla Sawvell.

**Thanksgiving and Christmas cards have been added to the card rack in the Fellowship Hall. Card sales are a fundraiser to support LWML. Check it out!**



**Advent by Candlelight** is an opportunity for women of all ages to set aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation and focus their minds and hearts on the birth of Christ. Plan now and make your reservation for an evening of entertainment and dessert. Invite your family members, friends and neighbors for a Christ-centered preparation for the holiday season. "Good News of Great Joy for All People" will be held on **Sunday, November 26, 6:00 p.m.** in Mt. Calvary's Activity

Center. There is no charge for Advent by Candlelight, but pre-registration is recommended, and we ask that you sign up on the sheet which is on the counter in the Fellowship Hall or you may RSVP by calling or texting Nancy Ziegeldorf or Kerry Niederbaumer. Please join us!

**On Thursday, November 30 starting at 10:30 a.m.**

Please help us prepare the building for  
Advent and the Christmas season.

**Everyone is welcome to come and help!**



**Sunday, December 10th—Caroling to shut ins**

If you would like to participate, please stay after the 10:30 service on December 10th. When we meet, we will have some refreshments, receive our music, and then go out in groups.

**All voices are welcome to join in!**



# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Preschool through 6th grade will go to opening in the sanctuary from 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. then to the basement to their respective classrooms for Sunday school class.

7th through 12th graders and their parents are invited to participate in the Middle School / High School Sunday School class. We will be meeting at 9:15 a.m. in the Boardroom. We will be doing a video Bible study that takes place in the Holy Land, entitled "That the World May Know " hosted by Pastor Ray Vander Laan. Please join us!

Kids for Christ meets on Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 p.m.  
for Kindergarten through fifth grade students.



## FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Dear Family Ministry students and parents,

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Lord's Supper class! If you missed the two classes and the review session, but still would like to start receiving Communion, we recorded each class session and they can be burned onto CDs for your usage. Worksheets, Review Sheet, and Jeopardy Review Game are posted on the Family Ministry page at [mtcalvaryhuron.org](http://mtcalvaryhuron.org).

For those of you who attended these classes in-person, please continue reviewing to prepare for the 25-point test. You may come during the regular class hour (5:15-6:15 pm) on November 8th, 15th, or 29th to take the test or you can take it at another time by appointment. Following the completion of your test, I will go over it with you to determine your readiness level to start receiving Communion. Those who pass the test and are deemed ready will have their First Communion on Sunday, December 16th.

In the months of November and December, students in the 8th grade and above class should watch for worksheets to be posted to the Family Ministry page. These worksheets will help you to review the Ten Commandments and prepare for the test. The 8th grade and above class will meet in-person again on January 10th. The 6th and 7th grade class will also have one more class with Roger Kropuenske on January 10th. Please refer to the Family Ministry Calendar for further schedule details.

In Christ, Pastor Kevin

**The sign up sheets of the 2024 list of volunteers that are coordinated by the LWML are on the counter in the Fellowship Hall.** It takes many hands to complete the mission work that we do in our church and for our community. Please consider signing up for one of the many jobs that are listed. **You do not need to be an LWML member to volunteer!!** If you have questions, please talk to Kerry Niederbaumer..



**The Board of Education would like to thank everyone who contributed to the door offerings for postage and to help cover the cost of buying gift items for the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. On November 5th 44 boxes were completed at the packing party. Thank you also to all those who participated in the packing party and helped with cleaning up. We look forward to packing even more boxes next year!**

**BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE**

Weekend Worship: 162

Bible Study: 68

Sunday School: 16

Nov. Offerings:	Weekly Need	1st Weekend	2nd Weekend	3rd Weekend	4th Weekend	5th Weekend
General	\$ 6,529 Revised 7/18/2023	\$ 8,712	\$ 4,192	\$	\$	\$
Mission	\$ 1,721	\$ 5,576	\$ 1,460	\$	\$	\$
Building	\$ 192	\$ 159	\$ 85	\$	\$	\$
Preschool	\$	\$ 220	\$ 7632	\$	\$	\$

Budgets are guidelines for what the church may need weekly for financing. Actual expenses could be more or less. Thank you for your support of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church because without it we would not have a church. When you give, consider how the Lord has blessed you.

	General	Building	Missions
Cash Available Jan 1, 2023	\$ 84,019.40	\$47,625.78	(\$15,137.44)
2023 Year to Date Net Cash Flow	<u>\$ 16,074.85</u>	<u>\$ 9,910.50</u>	<u>\$ 8,450.31</u>
Change in A/R 2023	\$ (4,790.14)		
Cash Available Sept. 30, 2023	\$ 95,304.11	\$57,536.28	(\$ 6,687.13)

The Mt. Calvary Monthly Newsletter you are receiving by U.S. Mail has a single self-addressed stamped envelope included with it. We appreciate the offerings sent using these envelopes. If you would like additional stamped envelopes, please contact the church office at (605)352-7121. If you are not using the stamped envelopes, please bring them back to Mt. Calvary for reuse.

Mt. Calvary Council

Dear friends, if you would like to know who your elder is for your family, there is a binder located in the mailbox outside the church office. Of course, you are always free to reach out to the elder with whom you are most comfortable.

In Christ, your Mt. Calvary Board of Elders



Giving Tuesday 2022 was the single biggest giving day in Lutheran Family Service (LFS) history! The support of folks just like you has enabled LFS to provide 6,500 counseling sessions this year – a 55% increase! The Iowa Thrivent Member Network has again chosen to sponsor LFS for a Giving Tuesday generosity multiplier event.

**For every \$2 donated to LFS through Thrivent's online giving platform on Giving Tuesday, November 28, 2023, Thrivent will match \$1 up to an additional \$20,000 per Thrivent Member Network. All donations in support of this fundraiser will be made through Thrivent Charitable Impact and Investing(R).**

Thrivent will pay up to \$300,000 in online processing fees per calendar year for personal donations made through Thrivent's online giving platform. Please join us so that next year we can walk with even more people struggling with marital challenges, anxiety, depression, grief, and a host of other mental health issues! Follow Lutheran Family Service on Facebook, or contact [info@lutheranfamilyservice.org](mailto:info@lutheranfamilyservice.org).

## This Week in the Parish

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, November 19	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service In-Person/Livestream	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Opening (PS-6th grade) (then to basement classrooms after the opening)	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for 7th grade and above	Boardroom
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study In-Person/Livestream	Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service In-Person/Livestream	Sanctuary
	<b>Following worship –All are invited!</b> <b>Marty Party Potluck Lunch will be in the Fellowship Hall</b> <b>Following Lunch Family Activities in the Activity Center</b>		
Monday, November 20	Pastor Kevin's Day Off		
Wednesday, November 22	Pastor Kevin on Thanksgiving Break No Preschool		
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service In-Person/Livestream	Sanctuary
Thursday, November 23	Pastor Kevin on Thanksgiving Break—Church Office Closed Daycare Closed—No Preschool		
Friday, November 24	Pastor Kevin on Thanksgiving Break—Church Office Closed		
Saturday, November 25	Pastor Kevin on Thanksgiving Break		

# Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Communion Wednesday, November 22 7:00 p.m.

**Please Note:** Kids for Christ and Family Ministry  
will not meet on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Church Office will be closed November 23rd-24th**

