

July 25/26, 2015

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Five minutes before the service, the Pastors and Elders are praying for you.

As we enter the House of God, let us meditate quietly and prepare our hearts for worship and praise of our Lord and Savior. Remember what the Scriptures say, "The Lord is in His holy temple; Let us all the earth keep silence before Him!"

Habakkuk 2:20

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

TO OUR VISITORS

In the Name of the Lord Jesus we bid you welcome to our congregation, to its blessings, to its comfort, and to its peace. Within this congregation let no one feel himself a stranger. We ask you to sign our guest register located in the foyer and to fill out the guest book in each pew letting us know how we can serve you. 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. Please get in touch with one of our Pastors for the next available new member class.

THE LORD'S EXPECTATION OF THE MEMBERS OF MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.

THIS WEEKEND

Orders of Service:	Divine Service I
Hymns:	766 v1-4, 512 v 1-4 & 5-7, 766 v 5-7
Theme:	"Noah and the Rainbow"
Text:	Gen 9:8-17
Sermon by: Pastor Domke	Liturgist: Pastor Smith

Holy Baptism Austin James Harmdierks, son of Rebecca Lund-Harmdierks, will be received into God's Kingdom of Grace through waters of Holy Baptism during this Saturday evening service. Austin's godparents are Nancy-Lund Harmdierks and Michael Warborg. Dilan Ray Gerrits will also be received through Holy Baptism at the second service on Sunday. Dilan's godparents are Stephen and Jade Fjelstad.

Adult Confirmation Derek Wahl will be baptized and then he and Daniel Stanfield will be received into communicate membership by confirmation this Saturday. Please welcome them to the Mt. Calvary family.

Adult Bible Study - Come and study with me as this week we continue discussing the "The Ultimate Rebellion" the moral issue. We look at the detail of God's testimony concerning the issue. There in however lays a problem. There is a growing number of people who do not believe the bible to be written by God and a growing number of people who do not know what is actually in the scriptures. Come and learn what God has said.

PARISH PRAYERS

◇ Remember those serving in our military. (Please give the church office information on our members who are serving in the armed forces so we can be in contact with them.) Please notify the church office when you or a loved one is entering the nursing home. Because of the privacy laws this information is not available to the public nor the Pastors.

◇ Remember those who have been hospitalized or have special needs: **Cindy Alter, Megan Smith, Lynn Reimnitz, Merele Jones, Marilyn Schieckoff, Melanie Kludt , Betty Schroeder, Esther Halbur, Marlys Lammert and JoAnn Schley.**

◇ Remembering those who have lost a loved one. David Dennis passed away on Sunday. His funeral was on Thursday. We also remember the family of Fern Wenz, (Ryan Wenz’ mother) who died last Wednesday. We pray the Lord’s comfort and strength for the members of these families.

THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS WEEK

	7:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Organist:	Mia Kruse	Mia Kruse	Mia Kruse
Acolyte:	Salosha Griffith	Kylie Overbay	Thomas Mayfield

BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE:	Divine Worship: 239	Sunday School: 15	Adult Bible Class: 89
Weekly Budgeted Need:	Offering Last Week	Needed to Date	Giving To Date
General \$6,906	\$4,526.00	\$200,274.00	\$157,934.00
Mission \$1,699	\$936.00	\$49,271.00	\$40,618.00
Building \$ 576	\$477.00	\$16,704.00	\$15,851.00

Offerings; Summer vacations, outings, and travel, take us away from our home church please remember your offerings to the Lord for the support of the work of “winning the lost and strengthening the faithful” while you are gone. An be sure to worship while you are gone. The offerings of God’s people brought to the Lord is an act of worship and trust. If you have not been bringing a Christian tithe which is a portion of the income God provides, then please consider doing so. It is the Godly and Christian thing to do. **Proverbs 3: 9Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; 10then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.** And if you have missed previous Sundays please consider bringing those missed offerings to the Lord.

East Church Doors had to be repaired. If your key no longer works contact Kathy in the church office. The doors were not rekeyed, but now the lock actually works some keys may not. Thanks for being patient.

Our Preschool collects the following items to earn money and supplies for the school: Campbell’s labels (UPC codes only– please cut them out of the soup label) Pop Tabs, **Coborn’s receipts dated for May, June and July due by August 3rd. Please note the new Coborn's receipts date is now below the total. All receipts must have a date.** We earn approximately \$250 every three months by simply saving Coborn’s receipts.

Flower Chart for 2015

Is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Those desiring to provide flowers may sign up for the weekends listed. You may also list an occasion, such as anniversary, birthday, etc. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

USHERS NEEDED!!!! for all church services. Men, women and youth welcome. It takes 4 ushers to help with each service. Please consider signing up for a service and month of your choice. Sign up sheet is located on the table in the fellowship hall. Your help is greatly appreciated.
Scott Adams, Head Usher

Hospital Visitation—Please let us know when you are going or are in the hospital. Pastor Domke

Men's Tuesday Morning and Men's Thursday Evening Bible Study: All the men of the congregation are invited to attend. The time we spend together is a time of conversation, prayer, fellowship and bible reading. We are currently in the letter to the Romans on Tuesday. We meet at Vertos at 6:30 AM. ***Thursday evening class is concluded. We will resume again in September.***

Confirmation Retreat - Families are also invited

September 18-20, 2015

The confirmation retreat this year will take place September 18 through the 20th @ Lutheran Island Camp, Henning, MN. The 7th and 8th grade classes are invited to attend, 9th and 10th graders are also invited to come.

This year's theme: Marriage God's Design

Cost: \$120 per couple

\$40 per additional child. Family Max. cost: \$200

\$80 Individual—Please note the 9th and 10th graders will not be able to receive the subsidy from the congregation. Nevertheless, the \$80 is still a reduction from the regular rates.

What the weekend includes:

Lodging: (Friday and Saturday evening)

Lodging will be provided in the ERC (Education and Retreat Center)

(there are some individual sleeping rooms available.)

Meals: Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner. Sunday breakfast and lunch.

Christ Serve Ranch Dedication — Extraordinary Things has been the theme for 2015 at Lutheran Island Camp and Christ Serve Ranch. It is also the theme for the upcoming dedication of Christ Serve Ranch. August 29th, 2015 at 2:30 pm.

We are in need of a grounds person someone interested in keeping the landscaping around the church looking nice. If interested, contact Matt Busch at 350-2028. This can be volunteer or paid position.

Mt Calvary will be delivering meals Monday, August 3rd thru Friday, August 7th. There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship hall. If you can only do a couple of days, that is great. Times begin at 10:45 and take about 1 hour total. You may eat free at the Senior Center each day you deliver or arrange to take your meal home with you. Call Melanie Kludt at 599-2219 or cell 350-4842 if you have questions or concerns.

Nominations Committee Meets—August 5, 2015 @ 6 pm.

Council Members who were not able to attend this months meeting, please pick up council packet in your church mail box, thank you. All chairmen be sure to get the budget worksheets for Augusts Board meetings.

ACTSS Fellowship Group will meet on July 24th at the Scoreboard at 6:00. Afterwards we will meet at the Fellowship Hall for fun and fellowship. Please let Ron or Sharon know by July 22nd if you will be coming.

What Is Marriage? Building A Bible World View one word, one article and one study at a time.

How do we define marriage in post-modern America?

How shall we define marriage? Shall marriage be exclusively the union of man and woman or also the union of man to another man or woman to another woman? Shall marriage be a promise of commitment for life before God and the community with which we are all one, or shall marriage be any two people who choose to live together for sexual reasons without any faithful commitment for life? Shall marriage be the prerequisite for procreation, or shall society affirm any unmarried woman choosing to have a child with the assistance of a man or fertility clinic to fulfill her wishes? Is marriage little more than an invention of culture and therefore something needing to be revised from generation to generation? The message of Christ from the Word of God is that marriage is not whatever we choose to make of it. It is what God has made it to be! But that is no longer a popular view these days. In a letter to the editor of a major newspaper in support of gay marriage following the action of the Supreme Court to allow it, one person celebrated with apparent relief, “The dark age of religion is fading away!”

Nevertheless, marriage is what God has made it to be and to remain. The theme of marriage fills the pages of God’s Word as a message about the nature of the relationship between man and woman in this world and the relationship between us and God that lasts into eternity. Christ is the groom, and we as the Church are the bride — married for life. We, who are married to Christ, live in a unique relationship that brings fulfillment on earth and in heaven. Marriage is a one-of-a-kind experience between human beings. No other relationship, either between closest friends or between parent and child, compares with the uniqueness that is found in marriage.

Marriage as a sign of Christ and the Church

Eph. 5:21–33 speaks of marriage, but verse 33 comes as a surprise, as Paul reminds us that what we are really speaking about here is not just marriage, but marriage as a sign of Christ and the Church. Paul uses the word “mystery” (Greek: *mysterion*) in speaking of marriage. Martin Luther called marriage a mystery that God has made known to us. Martin Luther wrote of this mystery of marriage. It is:

“a sacred sign of something spiritual, holy, heavenly and eternal. ... [Marriage] is an outward and spiritual sign of the greatest holiest, worthiest, and noblest thing that has ever existed or ever will exist: the union of the divine and human natures in Christ. The holy apostle Paul says that as man and wife united in the estate of matrimony are two in one flesh, so God and man are united in the one person Christ, and so Christ and Christendom are one body. It is indeed as Paul says [Eph. 5:32] that the estate of marriage truly signifies such a great reality. Is it not a wonderful thing that God is man and he gives himself to man and will be his, just as the husband gives himself to his wife and is hers? But if God is ours, then everything is ours.”¹

An illustration from computer technology might help us understand the biblical revelation that is marriage. When you click on an icon, it opens up something behind it, so to speak. Marriage, as God has given it, is such an icon: “An outward and spiritual sign of the greatest holiest, worthiest, and noblest thing that has ever existed or ever will exist.”² When you “click” on marriage, you see the deeper reality of the relationship between Christ and His Church, the people of God. That is, when you look more deeply into marriage what you see is not just two people with a commitment to one another for life, but also a parallel of God’s commitment to us for life. This is more than saying marriage is an illustration of our life with God; it is rather an earthly enactment of a heavenly reality lived out on earth. Marriage is the sign or mystery that reveals to those who have the eyes of faith to see it that God has wed Himself to us for all eternity. Dr. Richard C. Eyer

This Week in the Parish

Day	Time	Event	Place
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service	Sanctuary
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class/SS	Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service	Sanctuary
Monday		Pastor Domke’s day off	
Tuesday:	6:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	Verto’s
Thursday:	5:15 p.m.	Preschool Board Meeting	Boardroom
Friday:		Pastor Smith’s day off	
Saturday:	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service w/Communion	Sanctuary

