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October 11, 2020 🕆 19th Sunday after Pentecost

St. John's Lutheran Church is a supporting congregation Calvary Lutheran High School, Jefferson City, 638-0228.

Today the paraments are green as we continue the "normal time" of the church year. The readings throughout this non-festival half of the year focus on Jesus' teaching and our maturing in the faith.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated today. If you have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and believe that with the bread and wine Christ gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins and belong to the LCMS fellowship, you are invited to join in this blessed Sacrament. (If you are desiring to commune for the first time at St. John's as a Lutheran or you are a non-Lutheran, please see the pastor prior to the service).

Voters' Meeting is today following the service.

Installation of Rev. Anthony Fields at Immanuel, Honey Creek this afternoon at 2pm.

Are you familiar with Comfort Dogs? They are specially trained dogs placed in Lutheran congregations to assist in special ministry needs. Comfort dogs have been present in Joplin after the tornado, in Osage Beach following a tragedy involving the deaths of several children, and in other areas of the country following disasters and tragedies. Recently, one has been placed at Christ the King, Lake Ozark. The dog and its handler will be joining us next Sunday.

Lifelight Bible Study on Acts began last Wednesday. We will continue meeting at 7pm on Wednesdays. We hope to continue to livestream and make videos available after the class ends each week.

CALVARY INSIDER – What happened at Calvary last week?

- Cross Country hosted the annual Calvary Invitational, with the boy's team taking first and the girl's team securing fourth!
- The Calvary-Russellville softball team finished a highly successful regular season and will begin post-season play this week in the District Tournament at South Callaway.
- Calvary baseball competed in the CCAA fall conference tournament, placing 3rd

IT'S APPLE TIME! – What a delicious way to support student activities at Calvary and be ready for fall baking! The Calvary Booster Association is taking orders for apples from Rasa Orchards in Lexington, MO. Contact the school office at 573-638-0228 to place your order. Orders are due Monday, October 19 and projected pick-up is October 31st.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS! – Are you ready to make the MOST of high school? Calvary Lutheran High School would like to invite 8th graders to Survive & amp; Thrive on Monday, October 19, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. All 8th graders are welcome - regardless of school choice. Calvary faculty & students will lead guests through team building experiences and self-discovery activities in a COVID-aware setting. The goal of the day is for 8th graders to embrace their God-given abilities & talents, and assess their leadership potential as they look forward to high school. RSVP to the Calvary office at 573-638-0228.

FALL DRAMA JUST AROUND THE CORNER – The cast and crew of "Orphan Train" is hard at work preparing for the fall drama production just 2 short weeks away! Performances start on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 22 and run through the matinee on Saturday, Oct. 24. Call the school office if you would like reserved seating

TUTORING AVAILABLE FROM CALVARY A+ STUDENTS – Calvary is providing after- school tutoring to K-12 students and their families for those who would desire extra help. Student and tutor will be separated by physical barriers that would still allow them to communicate. Masks can also be worn for an extra layer of protection. Interested families can select a time at

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044CADAD22A3FB6-calvary Additional questions can be directed to Erich Ahlers at 638-0228 or principal@calvarylhs.org.

NEXT CALVARY BLOOD DRIVE- Mark your calendars for the next Calvary blood drive on Monday, October 26 from 1-7 p.m. in the Café at Calvary Lutheran High School. Please consider donating to help save a life!

Last Sunday, October 4, 2020: Attendance: 54 Offerings: \$2050 / \$136.50 / \$640 (electronic)

803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

- Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
 Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.
- All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
 Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.
- △ 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest, Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine: Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine! Text: Public domain

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2

I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

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I will greatly rejoice | in the LORD;*
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my soul shall exult | in my God,
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for he has clothed me with the garments of sal- | vation;*
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he has covered me with the robe of | righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful | headdress,*

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and as a bride adorns herself | with her jewels.
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Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
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and to the Holy | Spirit;

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as it was in the be- | ginning,*
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is now, and will be forever. Amen.
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I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory be to God on high:

 and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.
⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GoD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.
⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made

known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
- Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
 Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.

- Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;
 From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,
 Wash your robes and make them white;
 Ye shall walk with God in light.
- Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind; Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find. Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4 They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood. God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood, Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified. Text: Public domain

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

- Invited by Your Word and encouraged by Your promise of mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- IP For the Church, for the leaders of the Church, for all pastors, missionaries, and chaplains, for those preparing for church vocations, and for those considering full-time church service, especially Pastor Spotts (serving Good Shepherd in Centralia), Deborah St-Onge (10/11), Aimee Cima (10/14), Amadeus Gandy, Brian Hamer, and James Frietag, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

P For the blessing of marriage and the faithfulness of husbands and wives, especially for Victor & Lynda Engelage (10/13) and David & Elaine Ott (10/11), for the children entrusted to their care, for the loving care of children who have suffered abuse or neglect, and for those who open their homes to children in foster care, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

For Tim Heidbreder (10/11), Alexandria Schaefer (10/13), Sarah Wilkerson (10/15), William Kautsch (10/17), and Julia Plaster (10/17), as they celebrate birthdays, and for all people as they recognize the blessings that come down from above, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- For a welcoming spirit in our congregation, for boldness in our invitation to those without a church home, and for a willingness to serve our neighbor in need and the stranger whose lives cross our paths, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Image: Proceedings of the sick and those who suffer, for our care of those who need our assistance, for the hospitalized and those recovering, and especially for Larry Denny, Katie Corrigan, Leigh Fenton, Ray Schrader, Jackie Brown,

______ and those we name in our hearts, that God may grant them healing, comfort, strength and peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

For all elected and appointed civil servants, for all judges and magistrates, for all emergency personnel, for all members of the armed forces, and for all of us as citizens and neighbors, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

For the dawn of God's eternal day, for an end to death and sorrow, for the comfort of those who grieve, [especially______,] and for the strength of those facing death, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- IP For our communion upon the body and blood of the Lord, and for hearts that burn with desire for the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom without end, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For those preparing for Baptism, for the catechumens, and for the places where we gather to teach and learn God's Word, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- ▶ For gratitude in receiving the Lord's gifts and blessings, for generosity in sharing these resources with those in need, and for the tithes and offerings to support the work of the Kingdom in this place, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- For grace, that we may hear and heed the invitation of our Lord and joyfully wear the baptismal clothing of His righteousness:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- All these things, Lord, we pray You to grant us according to Your mercy in Jesus Christ and to fill us with contentment, that trusting in Your gracious will for all things, our hearts may enjoy perfect rest and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

 Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

- L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My H blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine, Gives His body for the feast— Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread; With sincerity and love
 Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
- ▲ 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!
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516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

"Wake, awake, for night is flying," The watchmen on the heights are crying; "Awake, Jerusalem, arise!" Midnight hears the welcome voices And at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise? The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia! With bridal care Yourselves prepare To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing; She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious, The strong in grace, in truth victorious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
Now come, Thou Blessèd One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Hail! Hosanna!
We enter all The wedding hall To eat the Supper at Thy call.

3 Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee, Let saints and angels sing before Thee With harp and cymbals' clearest tone. Of one pearl each shining portal, Where, joining with the choir immortal, We gather round Thy radiant throne. No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might Of Thy glory; Therefore will we Eternally Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1 O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be, Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood. 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day! My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art! Text: Public domain

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

- A Bless we the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.
- C Amen, amen, amen.

818 In Thee Is Gladness

In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art. Our souls Thou wakest. Our bonds Thou breakest: Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia! Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining, Dying or living To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death. He sees and blesses In worst distresses: He can change them with a breath. Wherefore the story Tell of His glory With hearts and voices: All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia! We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness, Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia! Text: Public domain

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