# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Lohman (Stringtown), Missouri

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July 16, 2023 Seventh 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. During this part of the church year, following Pentecost, we focus on Jesus' teaching rather than on the events of His life.

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. Gluten-free wafers are available; speak with Pastor or an elder prior to worship. (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).

Last Sunday, July 9, 2023:

Attendance: 74 (2 livestream)

Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 16 / 16 / 3

Offerings: \$2722 / \$2.51 / \$760 (electronic)

## **Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information**

**JOIN OUR CALVARY TEAM!** — Do you know a mission-minded, enthusiastic individual looking to join the Calvary team? Share with them that we are seeking a **varsity cheer coach, assistant baseball coach, and outreach coordinator** for 2023-2024. Submit resumes to Calvary Lutheran High School, 2525 Rte. B, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Resumes will be accepted until the positions are filled.

**ONLY ONE MONTH AWAY** — Calvary will begin its 19th academic year in only one month! Our first day of school is Wednesday, August 16. Thank you for praying for Calvary, thanking God for His blessings and asking for His guidance and protection in the coming year.

**STOP IN OR GIVE US A CALL! -** We are happy to help you with any and all questions about Calvary, especially going into the 2023-2024 school year!

Summer office hours: Mon -Thurs, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**NEW FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT** — Calvary will be hosting an information night Monday, July 24 at 7 p.m., for new families to get oriented before next school year. Families are encouraged (but not required) to RSVP to the school. Topics including the student handbook, tuition, class selection, athletics, and activities will be covered.

**DONATIONS FOR RETREAT** — Calvary's Summer Retreat is held at Heit's Point Lutheran Camp is only 10 days away! Retreat is a favorite for our students and staff! This event would not be possible without the generosity of MANY! One way to help is by donating necessary food items used to prepare meals. If you are interested in what items are needed, please contact Sam Ziegelbein at 573-638-0228 or <a href="mailto:ziegelbeins@calvarylhs.org">ziegelbeins@calvarylhs.org</a>.

**SEE YOUR GENEROSITY IN ACTION** - If you are 72 or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit Calvary Lutheran High School and receive tax benefits in return. You can give up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Calvary without having to pay income taxes on the gift. This law no longer has an expiration date so you are free to make annual gifts to our organization in sync with your required minimum distribution well into the future. Your gift will make an impact today, building Christian leaders!

# Happening at St. John's:

"Waiting is difficult; in Christ, we have the now and not yet. But as we learn and relearn to wait on Him, we find joy in His good work and patient craftsmanship in our lives. Though under construction, God works through us to bless the world. May you find great joy in fruit-bearing as you faithfully wait on HIM."

Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

### EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF

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### This week:

Sunday, //16		Divine Service
Sunday, 7/23	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF

Divine Service

10am

# Confession and Absolution

### 908 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

- 1 Lord, open now my heart to hear, And through Your Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure retain; Let me Your child and heir remain.
- Your Word inspires my heart within; Your Word grants healing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless; Your Word brings peace and happiness.
- △ 3 To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, Shall glory, praise, and honor be Now and throughout eternity.

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#### Stand

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

### Invocation

- $|\mathbf{P}|$  In the name of the Father and of the  $\pm$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation LSB 151

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Confession of Sins LSB 151

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution LSB 151

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +1 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

# Service of the Word

# Introit

Psalm 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8

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The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*
  slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
As for man, his days | are like grass;*
  he flourishes like a flower | of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,*
  and its place knows | it no more.
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who
fear him,*
  and his righteousness to children's | children,
to those who keep his | covenant*
  and remember to do his com- | mandments.
The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,*
  and his kingdom rules | over all.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
  and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
  is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*
  slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
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Kyrie LSB 152

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

G Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 154

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

# **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 55:10-13

<sup>10</sup>"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. 12"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing. and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD,

an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Romans 8:12–17

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

# **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what

was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

Sit

### 577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

- Almighty God, Your Word is cast Like seed into the ground;
   Now let the dew of heav'n descend And righteous fruits abound.
- 2 Let not the sly satanic foe This holy seed remove, But give it root in ev'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
- 3 Let not the world's deceitful cares The rising plant destroy, But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.
- 4 So when the precious seed is sown, Life-giving grace bestow That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving pow'r may know.

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#### Sermon

### Stand

#### Nicene Creed

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.

# **Prayer of the Church**

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Father of mercy, our sins have merited thorns and briars and yield only trouble and strife. Forgive our transgressions and discipline us against temptation, that we may rejoice in Your name and the promise of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, You send forth Your Word as abundantly as rains upon the earth. Grant that we would never take Your generosity for granted, but would seek the help and refreshment of Your Word in every circumstance. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Lord of life, continue to sow Your Word through the fields of the earth. Bless pastors and missionaries as they proclaim Your truth, especially Pastor Kopper, missionaries Stephen Oliver, Sue Kessler, Jennifer Preus, and Jeancarlos Ramirez, and military chaplains Ryan Rupe and Patrick Flynn. Prepare the hearts of all who hear to believe and yield abundant fruit. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

- P Heavenly Father, bless parents with faithfulness as they plant Your Word into their children, that they may grow steadfast among the cares and troubles of this world. Bless those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, including Kamryn Luebbert, Sheila Hagen, Mary Messer, Brennen Stinson, Alaina Snyder, and Shawna Walker, and Mark & Joyce Messer, LeeRoy & Brenda Wunderlich, and Donn & Sheryl Schmoeger. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Creator of heaven and earth, by Your Word You send forth rain and snow to make the world bring forth and sprout. Give seed to the sower and bread to the eater. Provide us seasonable weather and bountiful harvest, that we may enjoy daily bread and praise Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord God, look with mercy upon those who suffer from illness of body or mind. [Be especially with Paula Scheperle, Lois Belshe, Cindy Eggen, Linda Wunderlich, and Lonnie Thompson .] Give them healing. Comfort them with Your presence. Grant them patience to endure suffering, and assure them at all times that they are Your dear children and that the glory of Christ awaits them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P God of all grace, You have made us Your holy children and freed us from bondage to the flesh. Sustain us in repentance and faith, that we may receive Christ's body and blood for life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, Your Spirit calls us by the Gospel to the new life of faith. We praise You and acknowledge You as our Lord. Deliver us from the devil's temptations, that we may live under You and serve You in righteousness, innocence and blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# Offering / Offertory

LSB 159

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

# Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### **Proper Preface (Full)**

It is truly good, 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, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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 + 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 LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

#### Distribution

# 641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

ref You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

 As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice;
 So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord,

### We follow and rejoice. Refrain

- With joyful lips we sing to You Our praise and gratitude That You should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav'nly food. Refrain
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord? Refrain
- The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord,
   No mortal tongue can tell:
   Whom all the world cannot contain
   Comes in our hearts to dwell. Refrain
- You give Yourself to us, O Lord;
   Then selfless let us be,
   To serve each other in Your name
   In truth and charity. Refrain

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## 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

- Word of God, come down on earth, Living rain from heav'n descending; Touch our hearts and bring to birth Faith and hope and love unending. Word almighty, we revere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
- Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation, Word that came from heav'n to die, Crucified for our salvation, Saving Word, the world restoring, Speak to us, Your love outpouring.
- Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our mortal blindness; Deaf we are: our healer be; Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness. Be our Word in pity spoken, Heal the world, by sin now broken.
- Word that speaks God's tender love, One with God beyond all telling,

Word that sends us from above, God the Spirit, with us dwelling, Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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### 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ! He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price. Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ! I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice. Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
  I am baptized into Christ!
  Drop your ugly accusation,
  I am not so soon enticed.
  Now that to the font I've traveled,
  All your might has come unraveled,
  And, against your tyranny,
  God, my Lord, unites with me!
- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ! When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise! Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes: Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.
- 5 There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure! Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure. Though my flesh awaits its raising,

Still my soul continues praising:

I am baptized into Christ;

I'm a child of paradise!

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### In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

### The Dismissal

- 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.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis LSB 165

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

#### **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.

Benediction LSB 166

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
  The Lord look upon you with favor and H give you peace.
- C Amen.

#### 921 On What Has Now Been Sown

On what has now been sown
 Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
 The pow'r is Thine alone
 To make it sprout and grow.
 Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
 And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

- 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs; Accept what is Thine own And pardon what is ours. Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive, And to Thy Word a blessing give.
- 3 O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here, May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear And follow Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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