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October 1, 2023 🗘 Eighteenth 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, September 24, 2023: Attendance: 78 (4 livestream) Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 22 / 16 / 3 Offerings: \$2337 / \$30 / \$660 (electronic)

Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

CALVARY INSIDER – What happened this week at Calvary?

- Calvary students joined in prayer with their peers around the nation on Wednesday for the annual See You at The Pole event.
- Pastor Pierce led Wednesday chapel with a message on Loving like Jesus.
- Volleyball Lions played hard in their six-team home tournament on Saturday!

CALVARY ATHLETICS HOME GAMES!

Show up! Be Loud! #FeeltheRoar
Soccer - Monday, Oct. 2 vs Moberly @ 4:30pm
Volleyball - Monday, Oct. 2 vs Otterville @ 6pm, Senior Night
Baseball - Thursday, Oct. 3 V/JV vs St. Elizabeth @ 4:30pm
Soccer - Friday, Oct. 6 vs Iberia @ 4:30pm, Senior Night
Baseball - Saturday, Oct. 7 CCAA Tournament
Check out our website calvarylhs.org for all events!

SURVIVE & THRIVE THIS WEEK! – High school is a time of great anticipation and perhaps great anxiety. Calvary is here to help! As 8th graders look forward to high school, Calvary will equip them for the next step at Survive and Thrive – a half-day event focused on high school readiness as a redeemed child of God – to not only survive high school, but to thrive! Contact John Christman or Abby Luebbert with interest in attending this event 11:30-2:30 THIS Tuesday, October 3.

FALL DRAMA – Join us on October 13th at 7pm and October 14th at 6pm for *The Internet is Distract—OH LOOK A KITTEN* by Ian McWethy. Follow Micah as she shuffles through the many distractions of the internet as she races to finish her paper on time!

GET YOUR FRESH APPLES – Don't miss your chance to purchase Fuji, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, and Jonathan apples by the ½ Peck, Peck, ½ Bushel or Bushel! Apple butter is also available by the pint jar. The order deadline is Monday, October 16th. Order pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, November 4th. Profits from these sales are used to support the Booster Association who support all Calvary students. Go to **qr1.be/V7YS** to place your order online or contact the school office, 573-638-0228.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A GREAT ROLE MODEL? Our cheerleaders need you. If you are a fun, energetic team leader, we are looking to add *you* to our Calvary team! The CLHS cheerleaders are seeking a **varsity cheer coach**, ready to lead the charge in school spirit this 2023-2024 winter season. Resumes may be submitted to Calvary Lutheran High School, 2525 Rte. B, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

Happening at St. John's:

Rally Day for the Sunday School kids and their families is today, October 1st at Fischer Farm Pumpkin Patch at 6:15pm. Pizza will be served for everyone. Please RSVP to Sara Kautsch or on the Sunday School Facebook page.

The Sunday School is organizing a community service project for a local single mother in need. There was an unfortunate series of traumatic events which have left the woman as a single mother with 3 children (1, 3, and 7) currently residing in her home. They have gone from 2 incomes to 1 income overnight. There will be an offering on Sunday, October 1st, and Sunday, October 8th, in the Narthex if you'd like to contribute to help this family. Some of the items she needs help with are diapers (size 4), wipes, gas money, assistance with bills, and also a playset for the children to enjoy to help get their minds off what has happened. Any amount is greatly appreciated!

"The science is conclusive: Human life starts at fertilization. The Bible is conclusive: Life is from God, it begins at fertilization, and God's commandment of 'You shall not murder' (Exodus 20:13) certainly applies to the slaying of an innocent child in the womb. Because that little baby in the womb IS a human being." *Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

This week:

Sunday, 10/1		Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service Sunday School Rally Day at Fischer Farm
Tues, 10/3	6:30pm	Confirmation
Wed, 10/4	8:30am 7pm	Pastor at Immanuel, Honey Creek for chapel Lifelight
Sunday, 10/8	9am 10am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service Fellowship

Confession and Absolution

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

- Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.
- Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
 For You are Lord of lords alone;
 Defend Your holy Church that we
 May sing Your praise eternally.
- O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.
 Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

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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

- LSB 184
- 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
→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 147:1-5; antiphon: v. 6

The LORD lifts up the | humble;* he casts the wicked | to the ground. Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;* for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting. The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;* he gathers the outcasts of | Israel. He heals the broken- | hearted* and binds | up their wounds. He determines the number | of the stars;* he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;* his understanding is beyond | measure. 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 lifts up the | humble;* he casts the wicked | to the ground.

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

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 exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²"What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, declares the Lord GoD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die....

²⁵"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others...

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23–27

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

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

 I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

> And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Sit

913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

 O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Your work begin, Your dwelling place now make us. Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine, To joy and gladness wake us That we may be Truly living, To You giving Prayer unceasing And in love be still increasing.

 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r, That in our hearts from this good hour As fire it may be glowing, That in true Christian unity We faithful witnesses may be, Your glory ever showing. Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching; Let our preaching And our labor
 Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

 O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife, In us be strongly burning
 That we be faithful unto death
 And live in love and holy faith,
 From You true wisdom learning.
 Your grace and peace
 On us shower;
 By Your power
 Christ confessing, Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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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.

Presentation of Offering

Prayer of the Church

- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the proclamation of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, that by the pure tongues of Christ's servants, the tongues of the wicked may be silenced, their evil ways cast aside and their sins washed away, for Pastor Kurowski, for missionaries Melinda Bombaro and Keah Payne, and for military chaplains Stephen DeMik, Shawn Found, and Brian Hamer, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the kingdom of God, that with one mind and will we may serve the Lord with gladness, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all people in their vocations, that delighting in the Lord's lovingkindness, they may joyfully serve their neighbors, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all whom our God has called to Himself, that they would recognize and give thanks for His many gifts, including those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: Lonnie Thompson (10/3), Tryston Nunnery (10/4), Marvin Heidbreder (10/5), Kristen Heidbreder (10/6), and Lynn & Marla Young (10/1), let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For rain, that the Lord would open the heavens and let the waters flow, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- For our leaders and those who serve in our armed forces, that having been appointed by Him before whom the might of man is nothing, they might serve honorably and well, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the comfort of God's Love and the encouragement of His Christ, that all who suffer[<u>, especially Paula Scheperle, Lois Belshe, Cindy Eggen, and Lonnie</u> <u>Thompson</u>,] would find Him a ready and worthy Savior in every affliction let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all who confess the name of Jesus Christ as Lord, that receiving our humble Savior in the humble means of His Supper, we may give Him our worship and thanks, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- Merciful Lord, in You there is no shadow due to change. Enkindle Your divine light in us, that we may stand united as Christ's own body, holding fast to the word of life and shining brightly in the midst of this world's darkness; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

- 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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

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

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.

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Distribution

619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

- Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain
- ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!
- With Thee, Lord, I am now united;
 I live in Thee and Thou in me.
 No sorrow fills my soul, delighted
 It finds its only joy in Thee. Refrain
- Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
 No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain
- Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer;
 For He who is of death the master With aid and comfort e'er is near. Refrain
- 5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling, O blessèd, holy Trinity.
 With angels I, Thy praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain
 Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder, 1677–1754; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, abr.
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549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

- All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
- Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
 Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.

Sit

Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.

- Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
- Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call, The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
 The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.

 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
 To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
 To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
 We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

Text (sts. 1–5): Edward Perronet, 1726–92, alt.; (sts. 6–7): A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt. Text: Public domain

543 What Wondrous Love Is This

- What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this
 That caused the Lord of bliss
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM, While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, While millions join the theme, I will sing.
- And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me, And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And through eternity I'll sing on.

Text: A General Selection of . . . Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1811, Lynchburg, alt. Text: Public domain

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

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

Nunc Dimittis

С 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,
- С and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us prav.

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

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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.

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The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.	
dicamus	LSB 202
Bless we the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Benediction	
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. Amen. amen.	
	The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. dicamus Bless we the Lord. Thanks be to God. diction The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

- 1 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Name all other names above, Unto which must ev'ry knee Bow in deep humility.
- Jesus! Name decreed of old, To the maiden mother told, Kneeling in her lowly cell, By the angel Gabriel.
- 3 Jesus! Name of priceless worth To the fallen of the earth For the promise that it gave, "Jesus shall His people save."
- 4 Jesus! Name of mercy mild, Given to the holy Child When the cup of human woe First He tasted here below.
- 5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n Under all the mighty heav'n Whereby those to sin enslaved Burst their fetters and are saved.
- 6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,

Human name of God above; Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee. Text: William W. How, 1823–97, alt. Text: Public domain

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