Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 20, 2025



Mount Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church San Antonio, Texas _____

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We realize that it is difficult for some people to stand, or kneel, for long periods of time. Please feel free to sit as necessary during the liturgy and the prayers. Sitting during the confession is also appropriate for those who cannot kneel.

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three

PRELUDE

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: To God Be the Glory

Text: Fanny Crosby, 1820-1915 Music: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899 WELS Used by permission Onelicense 731241

To God be the glory, great things He has done; So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,

To every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Refrain

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer, and higher, and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Refrain

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P 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,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

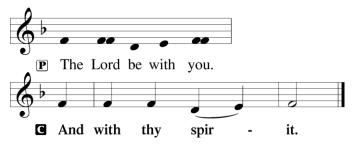
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy,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

Psalm 119:57-60, 64; antiphon: v. 105





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; 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

Genesis 18:1–14

The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it guickly. 8Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' 14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



EPISTLE Colossians 1:21–29

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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

Stand

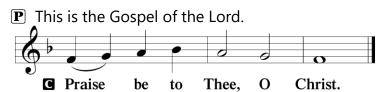


P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 10:38–42

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."



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.

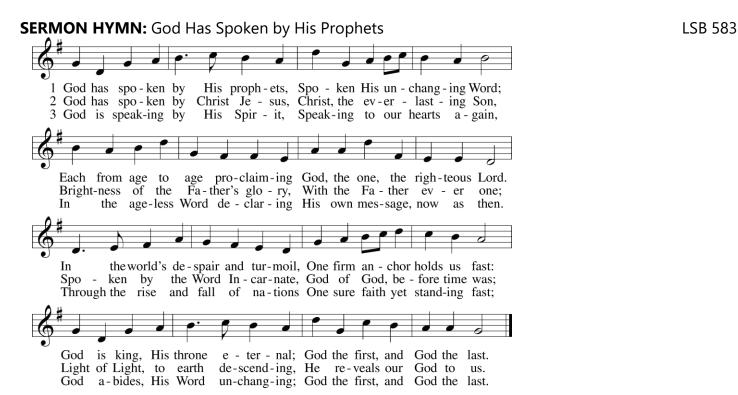
The third day He rose again from the dead.

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Sit



SERMON: God's Promise GENESIS 18:1-10A

Rev. Mike Middaugh

Stand

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

OFFERTORY LSB 192

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GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

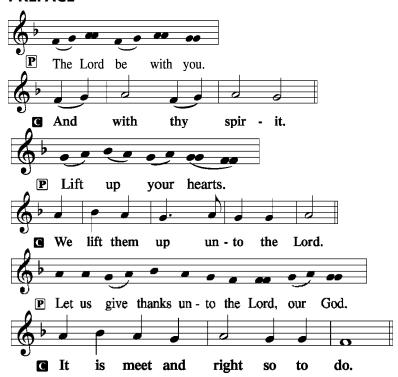
Our offering is our way of saying, "Thank you" to God for all His gifts to us and to support His work here at Mt. Calvary and around the world. To all our guests this morning, we are happy to have you with us, but **you are under no obligation to give an offering**. But we would request your prayers for our ministry. We ask all present to please complete an attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate in order that we have a record of your worshipping with us.

Stand

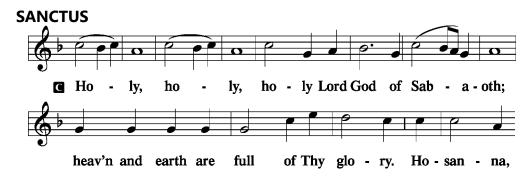
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

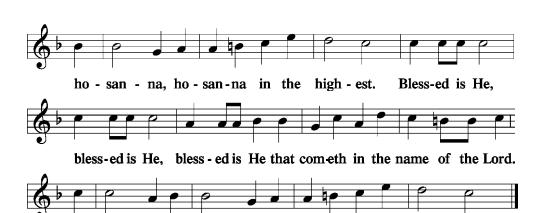
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LSB 196

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;

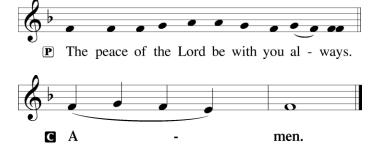
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

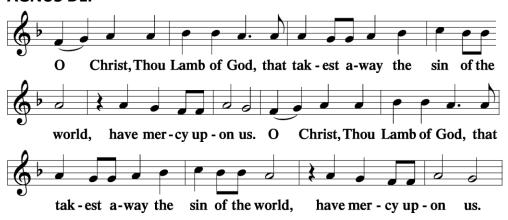
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

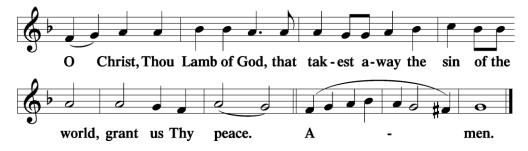
PAX DOMINI

LORD'S PRAYER



AGNUS DEI





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DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

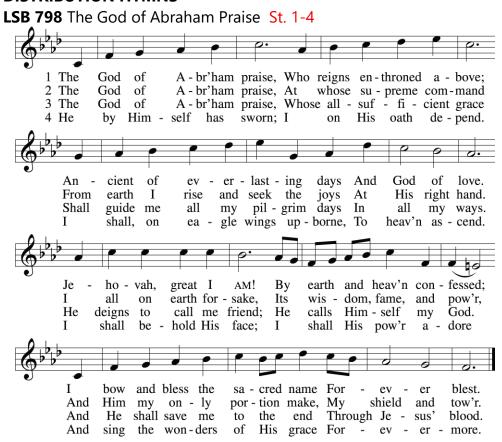
Amen.

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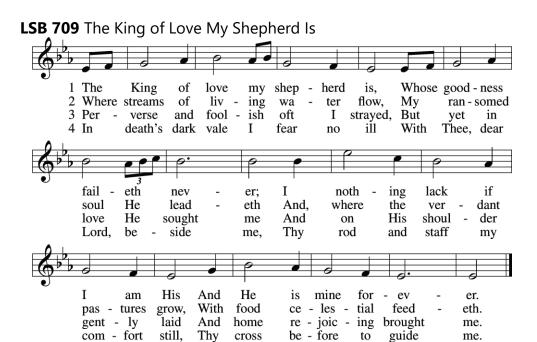
- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 in peace.
- G Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS







- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

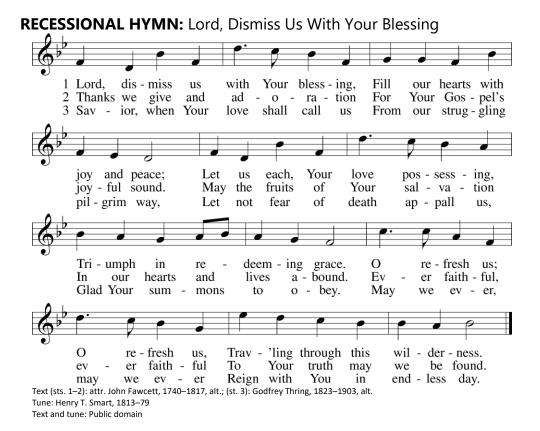
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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

Amen.

BENEDICTION

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
 ⊕ give you peace.

Amen.



POSTLUDE

LSB (Lutheran Service Book 2006) **OAR** (On And All Rejoice 2021) Hymnal Supplement to LSB

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister: Rev. Mike Middaugh Organist: Rev. Craig Meissler

Elders Lamar Gillian Robert Axtell Jim Koenig

Ushers Daniel Ochoa Robert Wieding

Steve Melancon Kevin Rabenaldt

Greeters: Arlene Nitsche Debbie Nitsche

HOLY COMMUNION

• If you are a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to take communion, please indicate on the Attendance Card found in the pew and place in the offering plate. Because participation in the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of the Christian Faith which is confessed at this altar (Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:3; 1 Tim. 1:3; 4:16; 6:3-10; 2 Tim. 1:13; Rom. 16:17) those who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are asked to respectfully refrain from participation today and speak with a pastor after the Divine Service. If you are not communing but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest once you are kneeled at the communion rail.

• Both the common cup and individual cups are offered at each table simultaneously. If you desire the common cup, please hold your hands open and the pastor will provide it to you, while the elders serve the individual cups. It is proper to take hold of the cup when receiving the common cup. This helps prevent spilling and greatly assist the pastor.

ALCOHOL-REMOVED WINE/GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE

- For those who are allergic, or for health reasons, and unable to drink regular wine, alcohol-removed wine is available for Holy Communion. The alcohol-removed wine is white in color and in the individual cups in the center of each tray.
- Gluten-free wafers are also available. Please notify one of the pastors before the service that you would prefer the gluten-free option. The reception of this wine and the gluten-free wafers in no way affects the theological meaning or benefits of this Sacrament.

CHILDREN & WORSHIP We love children and are happy they are here with us! Just as a child learns to speak by imitating the voice of mom or dad, so too a child learns to worship by participating in the service at an early age. If you have questions about how to incorporate your child into the worship life of the congregation in an age-appropriate way, please see one of the pastors. **Assistance for children with special needs during worship and Sunday school is also available – see an usher for details. A nursery** is also available. Parents can use it when quieting a child or changing a diaper. The service can be heard in the nursery. **Activity items** are available for your child(ren) in the narthex. Please make sure all items are returned at the end of the service.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP During this hour, God comes to us in His Word and Sacrament, and we respond in prayer and praise! Here are a few practical tips for minimizing distractions and maximizing participation:

- **IN ORDER THAT WE HAVE** a record of your worshipping with us, we would ask all present to **please complete an attendance card** found in the pew and place in the offering plate.
- We ask that you turn off or put away your phones and electronic devices so that you can participate fully in what God is doing during this special time dedicated to Him.
- While it is sometimes necessary to quiet an infant or toddler with a small snack or a bottle, we ask that no other foods or beverages be brought into the sanctuary.
- The ministerial staff is always available to you should you have spiritual care needs. Please contact the front office to arrange for pastoral care.

MIDWEEK STUDIES

Tuesday Morning Class | *Tues* | *10:00-11:30am* **On Summer break, class resumes Tuesday, August 12th. Men's Study** | *1st* & *3rd Wed* | *6:00pm* {Church gym} All men are invited! Contact Matt Wegner. **Men's Study** | *1st* & *3rd Sat* | *8:00-9:30am* {Parish Hall} The study of Acts. Led by Daniel Ochoa. **Women's Study** | *3rd Mon* | *7:30-8:30pm* {Meets at members' homes} Contact Shirley Wille. **Women's Study** | *2nd* & *4th Mon* | *6:00-7:30pm* {Library} Our topic is *Cultivating Contentment*.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SERVICES continue to be live streamed and archived on our website. Bible class/Sunday school for all ages is at 8:45am with our Divine Service at 10:00am.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings by the Ganoza family in loving memory of Daniel and Judy Ganoza; and by Shirley Wille in memory of her and Mel's 57th Wedding Anniversary on July 21st.

PRAYERS – Jan Miyauchi, Russell Maxwell, Natalie Russell, Patsy Bond, Ann McNeel, Jeff Harwood, Barbara Krywoszej, Sandy Krywoszej, Darrell Donnell, Heidi Farmer, Eulalia Aguilar, Joshua Gabel, Debbie Kuehling, Dave Weller, Hayley Trujillo, our home-bound members: Raymond & Sue Robel, Janet Schneider, Joyce Warren, Jim Wegge, Art Wendt, Ann Werling; the family of Mac McNamara at his passing (funeral service is tomorrow at 10:00am).

PASTORAL CARE, VISITATION, & PRAYERS – If it is your desire to share a health condition, hospitalization, or procedure for which you would like a pastoral visit, it is important for us to know as much information ahead of time as possible. Please contact the church office with all the pertinent information. If you are hospitalized or in rehab, it helps us a great deal to keep us updated as to where you are as well as the room number if possible. If you wish for you or your loved one to be included in the Prayers of the Church on Sunday morning, please contact the church office as soon as you can. **LORD'S SUPPER** – If you are physically unable to get to church and would like to receive the Lord's Supper in your home, please contact the church office so that we can schedule a date and time with one of the pastors.



YOU CAN HELP FUND THE PURCHASE OF SANDWICH SUPPLIES BY MAKING A CONTRIBUTION IN THE BREAD BOX LOCATED ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.



SANDWICHES FOR CAM – JOIN US! We have been preparing **300 sandwiches** two times per month for Christian Assistance Ministries. (CAM). CAM currently distributes 300 sandwiches **per day** to those in need in our community. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time to help with the sandwich making. Interested? **THE NEXT SANDWICH MAKING DAY WILL BE TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH AT 10:00AM.**

YOUTH GROUP SUMMER RETREAT AND LOCK-IN is scheduled for this Saturday, July 26th - Sunday morning, July 27th. All youth, including rising 6th graders are invited to attend this special summer event which will include an off-campus activity, devotion and Bible-study time back at church, dinner, and evening games and activities in the gym. Youth are invited to lock-in at the gym overnight and then attend the morning church service together on July 27th. Details will be shared with parents in the weeks to come, please speak with Kristin Casas if you have questions.

THE YOUTH ARE DOING A BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOE DRIVE for the month of July and we are asking the congregation to join us in collecting new and gently used kids tennis shoes for Zapatos, Inc of San Antonio. Zapatos, Inc distributes tennis shoes to the children in our local area who need Zapatos most and we thought this would be a great drive to do right before kids head back to school. There will be a box in the gym for collection. You can also provide monetary donations on their website www.zapatosinc.org. Let them know you are with Mount Calvary and they will let us know our total impact at the end of our drive.

NO BRAILLE during the months of July and August.

SHARED SPACE – We are asking all individuals/groups to remember to clean up after themselves. Much of our space is shared with others and it is not fair for others to clean and put up after someone else. If you spill something, clean it up. If you use any dishes in either kitchen, please wash, dry, and put them back where they belong. If you use the refrigerators, please note that items left in there for an extended period will be thrown away in their containers. Thank you for your help!

BIBLES NEEDED! CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY is in need of bibles. If you have any bibles at home that you no longer need, please consider donating them to CAM. Remove any personal information from them before donating. A bin for CAM is available in the Parish Hall foyer.

CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (CAM) NEEDS – Men's jeans (small waist sizes), men's belts, men's & women's tennis/athletic shoes (all sizes), loaves of bread, sandwich meat, sliced cheese for sandwiches, 1 lb bags of beans, 1 lb bags of rice, volunteers, financial support.

ANIMAL DEFENSE LEAGUE URGENT NEEDS: Canned Dog Food, Canned Cat Food, Blankets, Dog Treats, XL KONG Toys, Bottles, KMR (1st step), Puppy Esbilac, Puppy pads, Miracle nipples, Food scales, Heating pads, and Warming discs. All food items should be unopened. Please separate newspapers and empty medicine bottles into bags.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – July 27th, "Getting the Talk Started" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's Law-talk prepares us for God's Gospel-talk. Author Tim Carter (The Executioner's Redemption) is featured. (Luke 11:1) Times/Stations: 6:00am on WOAI 1200; 9:00am on KAWZ 88.7 FM; or 8:00am on KWED 1580 AM (Seguin).

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A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, JULY 20: "Sometimes the answer to a problem is as simple as asking for help. Let's not hesitate to bring all our questions, troubles, and needs to the Lord. Thank Him for the people He provides for our help. Pray that He will give you the opportunity today to be His help to others." Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	Sunday – 117	Adult Class – 44	PreK-HS - 3
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Giving:	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	YTD
	\$ 51,229	\$87,393	\$51,045	\$68,964	\$258,631
Expenses:	\$ 63,634	\$81,121	\$57,366	\$116,499	\$318,620
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Giving: May - \$34,740 June - \$54,921

2025 Budget: Yearly: \$936,894 Monthly: \$78,075 Weekly: \$18,018

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 20, 2025

Today 8:30am Fellowship/Coffee

8:45am Sunday school/Adult Bible class

10:00am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion

Monday 10:00am Mac McNamara funeral

Wednesday 10:00am Quilting

6:00pm Men's Bible Study

Thursday 3:00-10:00pmSpecial Reach {gym} Friday 3:00-10:00pmSpecial Reach {gym}

7:00pm AA – Shook Big Book Group {Parish Hall}

Saturday Youth Group Lock-In

Next Sunday 8:30am Fellowship/Coffee

8:45am Sunday school/Adult Bible class 10:00am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

July

23 Jeri Lara

Sybil Middaugh

24 Sarah Kersh

Rita Storms

26 Rebecca Shook



MOUNT CALVARY STAFF

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David Thompson, Sexton

Susan Melancon, Office Manager

Sheryl Jones, Bookkeeper

Janice Moore, Office Assistant Church Office: 210-824-8748

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