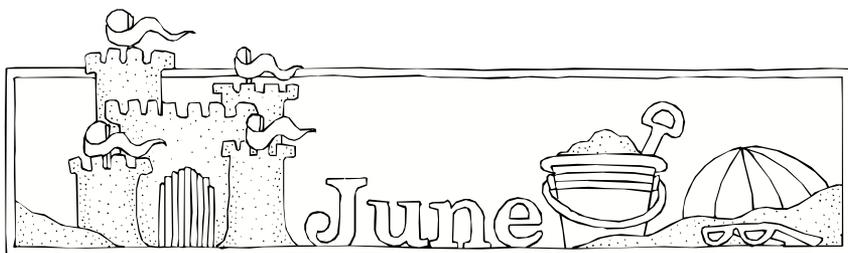


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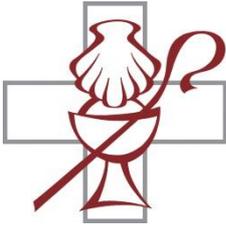


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He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:5

Dear Friends in Christ,

Where is God? This is a question people ask in different ways. When we are in trouble, we may wonder, where is God? How is God working in the midst of this? People may ask this in a more generic way: where will I find God? Unbelievers will often comment somewhere along the lines of, "if God exists why doesn't He show Himself?"

Now, we know that God did indeed show Himself in the person of His Son. Jesus told His disciples that if they had seen the Him, they had seen the Father. (John 14:9-11) Jesus was one with the Father (John 17:22). After His resurrection, Jesus showed Himself alive to His disciples. But then Jesus ascended into heaven. Jesus no longer walked this earth in His human form. Where does that leave us? Where is God for us?

God is where God always has been, where God chooses to reveal Himself. In the Old Testament, God placed His Holy presence before His people to lead them out of Egypt as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. On Mount Sinai, the glorious presence of God descended and inhabited the top of the mountain, but no one dared to approach on pain of death except Moses, who was called into God's presence. Later, God brought His presence to dwell in the Holy of Holies of the Tabernacle, but again no one may approach except the High Priest once per year to offer sacrifice for the people.

But then, God sent His Son, our High Priest, and the temple curtain was torn in two and we no longer needed to fear to approach where

God is present. Why? Sin is atoned for. We are no longer unclean. We have been washed and made clean by the blood of the lamb. (Rev 7:4; 22:14) So where is God present today now that Christ is ascended?

God is present and active where God has promised to be active and present: Word and Sacrament. If you seek to have an encounter with God, look no further, for this is where God has located His saving presence in this age. Until the return of Christ, this is where God Himself has chosen to locate His presence to work the miracle of faith and salvation in us.

Jesus, just before His ascension, commanded His disciples to make more disciples by teaching them (Word) and baptizing them (Word + water). (Matthew 28:19-20) God is present and active in our baptism, not our working, but His granting us rebirth and renewal. (Titus 3:5) God is present and active in the Word to bring us and sustain us in faith. (Romans 10:17) He is present and active in Holy Communion to forgive our sin and nurture our faith. (Matthew 16:28). You want to find God? Look no further than His Word and His sacraments. This is where God has promised to be every time, every single time.

That is not to say God cannot and will not make Himself present however He wants, whenever He wants. But God has promised when we turn to His Word, that in our baptism and in Holy Communion, He Himself is present, every single time, working the miraculous work of bringing us to faith, and saving us from our sins, for through these He gives us what Christ created on the cross.

Later this month we shall install a new associate pastor and we bid Rev. Harrison Goodman welcome to our family of God in this place. He has been called and will be installed to give us the gifts that God has given in the way God has said they should be delivered. Hence, he shall be installed into the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We thank God for these gifts, for through them God has brought us all and sustains us all in saving faith for life –life forever.

From the Augsburg Confession, our public confession of faith:

Article V: Of the Ministry.

1] That we may obtain this faith, the Ministry of Teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. For through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, 2] the Holy Ghost is given, who works faith; where and when it pleases God, in them that hear 3] the Gospel, to wit, that God, not for our own merits, but for Christ's sake, justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake. 4] They condemn the Anabaptists and others who think that the Holy Ghost comes to men without the external Word, through their own preparations and works.

Christ bless you richly and abundantly family of God.

Pastor David Roesz



2020 Germany Passion Play

Hi everyone! Our 2020 Germany Passion Play Trip is on and we still have room. Don't miss out on this TRIP OF A LIFETIME! If you've considered it and thought time had passed, it hasn't. Why not just sign up on a Waiting List, if nothing else. You will have an entire year now to save as no further monies are due until next May 2020. If you are interested or know of anyone interested, please have them contact me at 210-240-5044. Thank you! Debbie Nitsche

ELDERS FOR JUNE

	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
June 2 (Communion)	Charles Koch John Smetzer	Jim Koenig Mike Wille
June 9 (Communion)	Charles Koch Walter Marks	John Smetzer Mike Wille
June 16 (Communion)	B. Stolhandske M. Leiber	Brad Boeckner B. Stolhandske
June 23	Toby Elbert	Gary Franzen
June 30 (Communion)	Jason Strawn	Spencer Hasch

Installation, June 23 – 3:00pm – Jim Koenig

USHERS FOR JUNE

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Al Lariosa	Sid Greehey
Wally Mencke	Madison Marceau
John Smetzer	Karl Johnson
Kevin Rabenaldt	Alex Hansmann

Installation, June 23 – 3:00pm

Jon Fruendt, Mike Klein, Isaiah Sefton, Jeff Harwood

GREETERS FOR JUNE

	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
June 2	Linda Dietz Jo Ann Koehn	Sarah Paseur Lisa Gerlich
June 9	Virginia Axtell Carol Gilg	Mary Marks Judy Ganoza
June 16	Deidra Thompson Randall Thompson	Bonnie Koenig Carolyn Friedle
June 23	Rexann George Elaine Ward	Lisa Gerlich Mary Marks
June 30	Brenda Hoffmann Carol Gilg	Bonnie Koenig Sarah Paseur

ACOLYTES FOR MAY

	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
June 2	Corben Perankovich	Daniel Morrison
June 9	David Meissler	Jake Wille
June 16	Josh Smetzer	Wyatt Wilson
June 23	Corben Perankovich	Joe Morrison
June 30	David Meissler	Jake Wille

Ascension Service – 7:00pm

May 30 Joe Morrison

Memorials

In memory of:

June Wendt

Mark Hagedorn

M/M Frank Domann

Tom Miyauchi

Alene Hensel

Jan Roberson

Donna Dickert

Given by:

M/M Marshall Leiber, Carolyn Friedle, M/M Charles Koch, M/M Jim Koenig, Marylin Marshall, Jeri Lara, Linda Dietz, M/M Winstor Curry, M/M John Tosh, M/M Victor Van Dyke, M/M Gary Winkler

Carolyn Friedle, M/M Charles Koch, M/M Jim Koenig, M/M Joshua Leske

Cathy DeVries

M/M Charles Koch

M/M Charles Koch, M/M Victor Van Dyke

M/M Charles Koch

M/M Victor Van Dyke

Save the date:

June 12th, 3:00pm – Jeremy Hanson Retirement Ceremony

June 16th – Father's Day

June 17th-21st – Vacation Bible School

June 23rd, 3:00pm – Installation of Pastor Goodman followed by a BBQ

June 30th, 9:30am-12:30pm– Blood Drive {Parish Hall}



Dear Friends in Christ,

We all know the statistics, and sadly the truth behind the many derivations of the joke; “how do you get rid of annoying pigeons in the steeple of your church? ...by confirming them!” Truth be said, most of us who went through

Lutheran confirmation anywhere between the ages of 12-15 must admit that since it was something we were required to do, it was not something we participated in with great joy and zeal. Seemingly, each preceding generation conveyed a confirmation experience that was “worse” and more intense than that which followed. While there may be a modicum of truth to that, what has gotten more intense is the competition vying for the time, attention, and energy of our young people. The barrage of information and entertainment so easily accessible through technology continues to bombard this generation at levels unprecedented in the past. More than ever, as a Church, as a parent, as a grandparent; we need to take an ongoing active role in the encouragement of our children, and in this case our newly confirmed youth in their faith walk. Confirmation is only but a beginning step in the lifelong process of faith formation that starts with our baptism and ends in victory in Christ upon our death. However long that stretch is in between, Christ beckons us to abide in His words in John 8:31-32 *“If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” KJV*

At the very least, I encourage each one of us to pray for, by name, each of our recent confirmands. If you feel so led, please feel free from time to time to send them a birthday card, a note of encouragement, or a favorite passage of Scripture. Please consult your church directory or contact Susan in the church office, for the addresses.

Our confirmands:

Lillie Greehey	5/23/05
Sophie Greehey	5/23/05
David Meissler	1/15/05
Corben Perankovich	9/10/04

HYMN OF THE MONTH JUNE

“Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten” LSB 914

Text: Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955 Tune: *Westminster Abbey* Henry Purcell 1659-1695

This beautiful hymn was written in 1992 by Pastor Stephen Starke. Pastor Starke graduated from Concordia University Chicago. While completing his seminary education at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, he attempted his first hymn text and was encouraged to write more. Since that time, he has written more than 175 hymns inspired by music and the Scriptures, of which thirty-two appear in our Lutheran Service Book.

The tune *Westminster Abbey* was written by Henry Purcell who one of the most inventive and popular English Baroque composers of his time. Purcell not only composed church music, but wrote a great deal of ceremonial, classical music, as well as music for Operas and the theater. This hymn tune has been in use in the Missouri Synod since 1982 when it appeared in our hymnal “Lutheran Worship” as the hymn tune for “In His Temple Now Behold Him”. This tune also is the hymn tune for LSB 909 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”.

Blessings,
Pastor Meissler



Join us for Vacation Bible School

June 17-21, 9:30am-12:00pm

Free pre-registration at
[MTCSA.org/signup](https://mtcsa.org/signup).

VBS is for children who have completed Pre-K through 6th grad (must be potty trained). Questions? Call 210-824-8748 or email spaseur@mtcsa.org.

FAMILY Matters: A Matter of HONOR

by Wanda Laxson

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in our country we set aside special days in May and June to honor our mothers and fathers. In September there is a day for honoring grandparents and many other days appear on the calendar to honor people who work in different vocations. While it is nice to celebrate these occasions and honor others by giving gifts and expressing appreciation, we need to ask ourselves if we honor others on a daily basis by treating them respectfully. We have the Fourth Commandment which tells us to honor our father and our mother and many verses throughout the Bible that mention honoring various people in addition to our parents. **Romans 12:10** and **1 Peter 2:17** sum it up nicely by respectively exhorting us to **outdo one another** in showing honor and to show honor to **everyone**. In 1 Peter 2:17, some Bible translations use the word **“honor”** to translate the Greek word **timao** and others use the word **“respect”**. The NIV Bible translates it as **“show proper respect”**. While honor and respect can vary somewhat in their usage, for the purpose of this article we will consider them synonymous.

I don't know about you, but I feel that respect for others is on the decline in our country in face-to-face relationships and on social media sites. I know many people who share my opinion. Instead of just talking about it, though, we need to take action. A good place to start is in our own homes with ourselves and our families. Then we can extend that action to our friends, neighbors, church, schools, workplaces, and so on. If we consistently treat others with respect, then we are more likely to be treated respectfully as well. Not surprisingly, research studies have shown that people who feel respected tend to be happier than those who aren't.

Here's a little self-check exercise to try. Pause a few moments and create a mental or written list of people to whom you have shown honor. Next, consider the following questions. Why did you show honor to those people? Have you shown honor to anyone that you felt was not worthy of it at the time? Now, let's turn it around! Who are the people who have shown you honor and were you always

worthy of it? Finally, think about people whom you have dishonored or who have dishonored you. What happened and why? Have you both honored and dishonored the same person? Has a person who honored you also dishonored you? Are you more likely to dishonor people if you are in a bad mood or if they argue with you, treat you unfairly, make you feel foolish, don't let you have your way, etc.?

I decided to conduct a little online research on tips for respecting others. One website that I came across that I thought was a good "refresher course" in how to be respectful is <https://www.wikihow.com/Be-Respectful>. It is a quick read and includes sections on Showing Basic Respect, Communicating Respectfully, and Going Deeper. Another website, <http://executivesecretary.com/creating-the-right-level-of-respect-in-your-team/>, talked about three levels of respect within groups. The levels, from lowest to highest respect, are tolerance, civility/good manners, and high regard. We may not reach the level of high regard for everyone we meet, but we can at least reach the first two levels and strive to reach the third. For more specific topics on the subject of respect, you can do searches for tips on teaching children respect, tips on how to show respect to your spouse, etc. You can also find loads of resources, some of them for free. Focus on the Family and FamilyLife are good Christian sites to search.

Plant Sale Results

Thanks to the hard work of many, many people, the plant sale was a great success! The number and quality of gorgeous plants grown and donated by members was overwhelming. Many of you have spectacularly green thumbs! The sale provided a good opportunity for positive interaction with neighbors, voters, and even a couple of SAPD officers.

Volunteers wore Mount Calvary pipe organ shirts, and we had signs indicating the proceeds of the sale were going to our organ fund. An example of our interaction with the shoppers was one who said, "I LIKE that shirt!", referring to a pipe organ shirt. Then she commented that she liked organ music. That provided the opportunity to talk up the organ and our penchant for traditional worship, which she also said she preferred. We, of course, invited her to attend worship with us sometime.

The plant sale was a good thing from many aspects, not the least of which was that we raised \$2,388.75 for the pipe organ fund (including the private sale of the leftover plants). Heartfelt thanks are extended to all those who donated plants, volunteered their time before, during, and after the sale, and those who donated or loaned items for the sale. It was truly a group effort, and our success would not have been possible without each one of you who participated in any way, no matter how great or small. Thank you, thank you, each and every one!

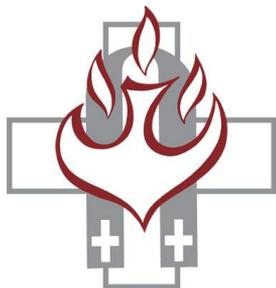
If you loaned an item for the sale and have not yet received it back (particularly a tan-colored canopy), please see Karen Twiefel.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

- **Adult Bible Class** | This large, lecture-style class meets in the gym and is taught by Pastor Reedy.
- **Men's Bible Class** | lecture & discussion style | Led by Larry Laxson.
- **PreK through College** | Children and students in are divided into classes that teach the Bible in age-appropriate ways. We offer classes specific to: PreK-K (small gym classroom), 1st-2nd (room 210), 3rd-4th (room 206), 5th-6th (Pre-Confirmation, room 204), 7th-8th (Confirmation, room 208), High School & College (room 218), Special Education (room 112), and Nursery (room 117)

MIDWEEK CLASSES

- **Adult Information Class (AIC)** | *Wed | 7:00pm | Church library*
New to Lutheranism? Just want to brush up on the basics? This is the class for you! Each course is 10 sessions. Speak to Pastor Reedy if interested. Begins July 11th.
- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** | *Every Tuesday | 10:00-11:30 am | Room 212 (upstairs)*
- **Men's Bible Study** | *1st & 3rd Saturdays | 8:00-9:30 am | Parish Hall*
Nothing starts the weekend off right like breakfast tacos, coffee, and Christian fellowship! This group is led by Jeff Harwood.
- **Triple F Men's Bible Study** | *Mon | 6:30-pm | Pompeii Italian Grill*
This group is studying the book *The Formula of Concord*. Contact Spencer Hasch at 210-535-2973 for details.
- **Women's Bible Study** | *3rd Mondays | 7:30-8:30 pm | Meets at members' homes*
Talk to Shirley Wille for more information.
- **Mothers' ChristCare Small Group** | *2nd & 4th Mondays | 6:30-8:00 pm | Room 218 (upstairs)*
This group is led by Wanda Laxson and is a great way for moms to get to know one another and be encouraged for the coming week!
- **Night ChristCare Small Group** | *1st Thursdays | 7:00-8:30 pm | Miyauchi Home*
This group is led by Jan Miyauchi and meets at 2219 Peach Blossom.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE
INSTALLATION SERVICE
FOR
REV. HARRISON GOODMAN
as Associate Pastor of
Mount Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church

Mount Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church
308 Mt. Calvary Dr, San Antonio, TX

Sunday, June 23, 2019
at 3:00pm

A BBQ meal will be served following the service.

RSVP by June 18th to smelancon@mtcsa.org

