



The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

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Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Worship Services: Sundays at 9:00 AM Bible Classes & Sunday School Sundays at 10:15 AM

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Our Mission: "Committed to reaching out with the love of Jesus."

Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Church Bell

Please stand and face the cross as it passes by.

Processional Hymn: “*If God Himself Be for Me*” *LSB 724*

Welcome

✠ ✠ ✠ **Divine Service, Setting Three** ✠ ✠ ✠

Confession and Absolution..... *LSB 184*

Introit

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

- L** These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.
- C** **In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;***
in your righteousness de- | liver me.
- L** For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name’s sake you lead me and | guide me.
- C** **Into your hand I commit my | spirit;***
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.
- C** [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.
- L** These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

The service continues with the Kyrie.

Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 186*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, You gave Your servant John the Baptist to be the forerunner of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in both his preaching of repentance and his innocent death. Grant that we, who have died and risen with Christ in Holy Baptism, may daily repent of our sins, patiently suffer for the sake of the truth, and fearlessly bear witness to His victory over death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

First Reading

Revelation 6:9–11

⁹When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. ¹⁰They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” ¹¹Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

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

Gradual

Psalms 34:9, 19, alt.

L Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle

Romans 6:1–5

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 190



P Precious in the sight | of the LORD *
is the death | of his saints.



Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.



¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed.....LSB 191

☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day:..... “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”LSB 750

Sermon

Stand

OffertoryLSB 192

Sit

Offering

(Members and visitors are invited to record their attendance by completing the attendance card which you will find in front of you in the church pews. Please fill it out and hand it to an usher or drop it in the bucket on your way out.)

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

(When prayed responsively, the congregation responds as follows. ☐ ...Let us pray to the Lord: ☐ Lord, have mercy. - or- ☐ ...Lord, in Your mercy, ☐ hear our prayer.)

In Hospice Care: Rose Marie Kilian.

Undergoing Cancer Treatment: Lanice Oeltjen Bertsch-Hunger; Jean Davis; Frank Farr; Marvin Jasek; Kathy Jennings; Werner Koopmann; Bethany Behrens Lara; Janet Leubner; Jennifer Marburger; Christine O'Connor; Jack Parry; Nancy Pietsch; Sheryl Richards; Sharon Richter; Artie Schultz; Patsy Smith; Dee Tegtmeier; Barbara Tieken; Phillip Tucker; Dorinda Werner; Ralph Winkler; Sherry Winkler.

Health and Other Concerns: Gladys Ahlschlager; Rebecca Aleman; Linda Almazan; Joyce Boening; Elva Bohot; Calvin Buchhorn; Woody Butler; Lisa Caridi; Annie Cook; Joe Coufal; Bennie Daricek; Edna Ebner; Jennifer Freeman; Ryan Friemel; Agnes Hannes; Mike Hannusch; Jean Harbers; Sylvia Hebert; Frances Hentschel; Peggy Hunger; Jed Jackson; Carol Jurk; William Jurk; Wayne Koopmann; Junell Ladewig; Gladys Mach; Pat Michael; Elsie Michalk; Vastine Michalk; Paul Mikulin; Rev. Kenneth Moerbe; Lloyd Moreland; Viviana Mullins; Mary Neilsen; Kristin Olsen; Robert Pavlik; Doris Pietsch; Ray Pietsch; Jana Rocker; Bill Sagebiel; David Sager; Jan Schaefer; Joyce Schiwart; Travis Schiwart; Glenn Schneider; Penny Sengler; Kason Splawn; Christine Squallachi; William Trlica; Ramona Tschaar; Dolores Votaw; Junice Walters; Lloyd Wessels; Laverne Wittmann.

Stand

✠ ✠ ✠ **Service of the Sacrament** ✠ ✠ ✠

Preface.....LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

.....“Hark the Glad Sound” LSB 349
.....“Jerusalem, My Happy Home” LSB 673
.....“By All Your Saints in Warfare”LSB 518 sts 1, 24, 3
.....“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” LSB 425

Stand

Dismissal

P The true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and joy. Your sins ✠ are all forgiven.

C **Amen.**

The service continues with the Nunc Dimittis.

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

Sit, but please stand when the cross passes by.

Announcements

The Men's Club will be having a **PORK STEAK FUNDRAISER** on Sunday, September 19th after the worship service, here at the BBQ Pavilion. Tickets are \$12 and are available from any Men's Club member.

CALLING ALL SINGERS: The choir will begin rehearsals in early September. If you are interested in joining, please contact the church office!

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS resumes on September 8th at **11:00 AM** in the Multipurpose Room. Note the new start time!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin on Wednesdays at 4:30 PM, beginning September 8th in the Sanctuary. The first-year confirmation class will be open to any students, 5th grade or older. There will be a confirmation orientation meeting in the sanctuary both before and after the Sunday School rally day festivities on Sunday, August 29th, whichever is most convenient for you. All beginning confirmation students and their parents are required to attend.

The Mary Martha Guild is collecting **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** to prepare Lutheran World Relief School Backpacks. School supplies are on sale at a fraction of the regular price. Items being collected are 70-sheet spiral notebooks - rulers - blunt scissors - unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers - black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink) - boxes of crayons - large erasers, and pencil sharpeners. Look for the LWR School Kit display and collection boxes in the Narthex. For your convenience, you may make a donation of cash or a check payable to the Mary Martha Guild so items can be purchased in bulk. **ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!**

WENDISH FEST: The 33rd Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at Serbin, Texas. The day will offer lots of Wendish history, heritage, culture and family activities at the St. Paul Picnic Grounds. The traditional Wendish noon meal will be available at 10:30 for \$12 and children \$6. To-Go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30 – all take-out meals are \$12. Make plans to attend this annual event. For more information contact 979-366-2441 or wendish@bluebon.net or www.texaswendish.org.

In 2014, Mt. Calvary had **BENCHES** custom made for the picnic and auction. Some of our members “sponsored” the benches. Those benches are starting to deteriorate due to weather, so the Men's Club has decided that they need to be re-homed. If you sponsored a bench and would like to take yours home, just let the church office know.

There are plenty of openings on the **Flower and Lutheran Hour calendars!** If you'd like to sign up to bring flowers, or to help sponsor the Sunday morning Lutheran Hour radio broadcast, the calendars are located on the bulletin board in the narthex hallway.

HYMNS: You may have noticed that we've begun incorporating some of your favorite hymns into our worship services. It is not too late to turn in your list of favorite hymns!

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

Sunday:	Worship Service with Communion.....	9:00 a.m.
	No Bible Class	
	RALLY DAY (BBQ Pavilion)	10:15 a.m.
Monday:	School Kit Packing (Fellowship House).....	9:30 a.m.
Thursday:	Bulletin Deadline	9:00 a.m.
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room).....	10:15 a.m.
	Sunday School (Education Building).....	10:15 a.m.