

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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COMMUNION SERVICE

If you are visiting Calvary, we hope you feel welcome. Please read our Holy Communion statement at the back of this bulletin. And please take a moment to fill out one of our Visitor Cards located in the slot of the pew in front of you. We will keep you updated on all the fun activities we have planned! After the service, be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Anthony.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Please rise

OPENING HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* 809

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE: *I Waited for the Lord*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

R: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 11:1-15

R: In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab was doing and how the people were doing and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told

David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah dwell in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. And David invited him, and he ate in his presence and drank, so that he made him drunk. And in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

Ephesians 3:14-21

R: For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL READING:

John 6:1-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

C: 🎶 **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world! Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When

they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: 🎵 Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* 849

SERMON

Please rise

APOSTLES' CREED

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C: 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.

OFFERTORY:

Create in Me

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

P: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence

P: God of generations, you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine. Bless the church you have called into being across time and space, and fill it with the power of the Spirit for loving service. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God beyond borders, you rule all in all. Bless the work of humanitarians and peacekeepers, shield those who live, work, or serve in harm's way, and bring an end to war and conflict especially in Ukraine and the Middle East. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of healing, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We remember any who are sick or suffering (*especially*), families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, and our beloved for whom death is near. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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P: The Lord be with you

C: ♪ And with thy spirit

P: Lift up your hearts

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God

C: ♪ It is meet and right so to do

P: 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 singing:

C: 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.

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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C:  Amen.

AGNUS DEI 

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C: 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.

DISTRIBUTION

SONG:

You Alone

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Please rise

NUNC DIMITTIS 

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C: 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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with His favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG:

Forever

Words & Music: Chris Tomlin © 2001 Sixsteps Music

DISMISSAL

P: Jesus said, "I have come that you may have LIFE and have it abundantly." Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Communion

We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ are present in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. Holy Communion is offered at all of our services and is for all baptized Christians who share our belief that Christ, himself, is truly present. The individual cups are filled with wine (red) or grape juice (amber color).

Verona Summer Concert Series:

July 31, August 7, 28 @ 7pm-8:30pm

Come and join us at our Sponsor table located in front of the library. Help us Meet & Greet the people of Verona! Please bring a folding/beach chair. We have a great space reserved to watch the show!

DON'T MISS THE NEXT CRAFT PROJECT. SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET IN THE NARTHEX

Birthday in a Bag!

All the ladies from Calvary and St. John's are invited to a luncheon, on August 20 at 12:30 at Calvary to create Birthday in a Bag bags for the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit Food Pantry. Please bring 3 boxes of cake mix and 3 containers of frosting. Edna will supply the rest of the items. If you are unable to attend and still want to help, please drop off cake mixes/frosting containers to the church no later than August 11th. We will package your donations. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Edna by August 15 via email: emmg0629@gmail.com. Email or call her cell, 516-551-8176 with any questions.

Address Updates For New Pictorial Directories

Everyone, please **update**, **add** or **correct** your contact information in the white binder in the Narthex. If your listing is correct, please confirm this by placing a check mark next to your name.

The Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board!

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God, in honor or memory of your loved ones. Special occasion such as an anniversary, a baptism, a birthday, a graduation or in thanksgiving for family and friends, can also be celebrated by placing flowers at the altar. Flowers are \$60.00 (\$30.00 each, if shared).

THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Holy Spirit Food Pantry is in need of: **tuna, jelly, peanut butter, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, canned fruit, rice small bags only, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, cleaning products, pasta sauce, coffee, tea, cookies, crackers, canned beans, cereal, oatmeal, dog and cat food.** *Need list is in order of importance.* **NO LARGE RESTAURANT SIZED ITEMS** please. If you are willing and able to help someone in need, please bring your offering to church on the last Sunday of each month.

CALENDAR:

Wednesday: 7-8:30 pm Verona Concert Series @ Pool

Thursday: 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice

Sunday: 10:30 am Communion Service

THOSE WHO SERVE US:

Altar Guild: Jaya Lakra

Communion Assistant: John Ricca

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Ken and Edith Meyer

Fred Lausten

Lois Tiedemann

Barbara

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Kenneth Meyer Jr. and his mission work in Vienna.



Connect.



Grow.



Serve.

CALVARY'S MISSION

As God's Children, our mission is to
Know His Word, Share His Word and Live His Word

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