

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday after Pentecost June 9, 2024 10:30 a.m.

COMMUNION SERVICE

First time at Calvary? Thanks for joining us! ***Please take a moment to sign the Record of Fellowship (red pad) in your pew, and silence your cell phone.*** After the service, be sure to introduce yourself to the Pastor.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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

C: Amen.

Please rise

OPENING HYMN: *God of Grace and God of Glory* 850

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.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: *Sing to the King*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

R: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Genesis 3:8-15

R: And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:*2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1*

R: Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

. R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise

C: 🎵 Alleluia 🎵 Alleluia 🎵 Alleluia

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GOSPEL READING:*Mark 3:20-35*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 3rd chapter.

C: 🎵 **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand,

but is coming to an end. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit." And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: 🎵 Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN:

Lead Me, Guide Me

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

P: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence

P: You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness (*especially*). With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you. Give us confidence that as

Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

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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: *Breathe*

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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: *We Want to See Jesus Lifted High*

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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



Flowers have been placed at the altar today by Gordon and Ruth Wickham in thanksgiving, as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

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).

Thrivent is presenting an Estate Planning Seminar, this Thursday, June 13 at 7pm in Kavasch Hall. The speakers are William O'Doherty and Cooper Degregorio. They will cover:

- ~ Essential estate preservation documents you should have.
- ~ What is the purpose of a will?
- ~ Estate taxes and annual gifting limits.
- ~ What is the probate process?
- ~ Advantages of naming beneficiaries on your accounts.
- ~ The SECURE Act 2.0 and how it impacts your family.
- ~ Concerns about how to protect your assets.
- ~ Long-term care: Costs and options.
- ~ Effects of income taxation upon death.

Light refreshments will be served.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND ELECTION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On Sunday, June 23, a Congregational Meeting will be held following the service. In addition to the presentation of committee reports, an election to the Board of Directors will be held, in accordance with Sec. IV.C of the Calvary Bylaws. The slate of candidates for the positions scheduled for election this year are:

President: Andrew Wolcott, **Vice-President:** Joanne Arroyo
Secretary: Ruth Bolger, **Director of Worship:** Anne Daly
Director of Stewardship: No Nominees, **Director of Education:** Ruth Bolger

The election will be conducted by the Nominating Committee. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, however no person can be nominated without his or her consent.



Remember Naomi in your prayers, she is our sponsored child from Watoto Child Care Ministries in Uganda. If you are able, and with God's leading, please give a few dollars in her contribution box on the wall in the Narthex. Your donations will make a difference in her life.

CALENDAR:

Wednesday: 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice
Thursday: 7:00 pm Thrivent Estate Planning Seminar
Sunday: 8:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Communion Service

THOSE WHO SERVE US:

Altar Guild: Lauren Molinari
Communion Assistant: John Ricca
Contemporary Music Director/Organist: Ruth Bolger
Live Stream Producer/Projectionist: Christopher Bolger
Reader: Anne Daly
The Praise Team
Usher: Gordon Wickham

BIRTHDAYS:

June 9 - Ruth Bolger June 10 - Abbacculyn Dokie
June 12 - Abbaccus Dokie June 15 - Stephen Molinari

THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Holy Spirit Food Pantry is in need of: ***tuna, jelly, peanut butter, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, canned fruit, rice in small bags, 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. If you are willing and able to help someone in need, please bring your offering to church on the last Sunday of each month

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PRAY FOR:

Julie Erwin

John Wickham

LaVerne Sieglen

Al Arroyo

Nathan Kuder

Don and Lucille Wernes

Karl and Luise Wetter

Ken and Edith Meyer

Fred Lausten

Lois Tiedemann

Kenneth Meyer Jr. and his mission work in Vienna.



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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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