

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Seventh Sunday of Easter † May 21, 2023 † 10:30 a.m.

COMMUNION SERVICE

We welcome you in the name of Jesus, our Savior. *Please take a moment to sign the Record of Fellowship pad in your pew and silence your cell phone.* May God bless you as you worship with us today.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

P: Good morning, Priests.

(1 Peter 2:9)

C: Good morning, Pastor.

OPENING HYMN: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* 477

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We now pause for a moment of silent confession.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

C: Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1

A: I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to You, O Lord, I will make music.

C: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

A: Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

C: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

A: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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SONG OF PRAISE: *Sanctuary*

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Acts 1:12–26

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

SANCTUS

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

AGNUS DEI

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DISTRIBUTION SONG: *The Heart of Worship*

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NUNC DIMITTIS: *Song of Simeon*

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: 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.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *All the People Said Amen*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

DON'T FORGET TO BUY SCRIP!

See Anne Daly in the Narthex after the service.

Memorial Service and Luncheon for Hilda Varnay

On Saturday, June 10th, a memorial service will be held here at church at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate and remember the life of Hilda Varnay. Robert and Joy Varnay will be hosting a luncheon in Kavasch Hall right after the service. All are invited to attend. For catering planning purposes, please sign up in the narthex if you are able to attend.



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:

Today: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Praise Team practice
Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

THOSE WHO SERVE US:

Altar Guild: Joyce Sapara-Grant
Communion Assistant: John Ricca
Contemporary Music Director/Organist: Ruth Bolger
Live Stream Producer/Projectionist: Christopher Bolger
Reader: Bill Keltner
The Praise Team
Ushers: Stephen Molinari, Gordon Wickham

Know His Word, Share His Word and Live His Word



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Grow.



Serve.

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PRAYER LIST

Pray for:

Benga Adesokan, who is having a difficult time in his life.

Dominic Cappello, Edith Conte’s neighbor, a young Elementary school boy, who has a cancerous brain tumor.

Nathan Kuder, may the Lord bring His healing upon him.

Don and Lucille Wernes, for healing and strength.

Luise Wetter, still suffering with back and leg pain.

Ken and Edith Meyer, who need strength and encouragement while dealing with various medical issues.

Ellie, that God will continue to heal her.

Kenneth Meyer Jr. and his mission work in Vienna.

Continue to pray for members and friends of Calvary experiencing long-term problems:

LaVerne Sieglen and Lois Tiedemann.
