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Twenty-fifth Sun. after Pentecost Nov. 19, 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: *Panis Angelicus* Franck

WELCOME

P: Good morning, Priests. (*1 Peter 2:9*)

C: Good morning, Pastor.

OPENING HYMN: *Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten* 914

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 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1

A: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C: In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

A: Enter not into judgment with Your servant,

C: for no one living is righteous before You.

A: I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done;

C: I ponder the work of Your hands.

A: I stretch out my hands to You;

C: my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.

A: Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God!

C: Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

A: For Your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!

C: In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

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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PRAISE SONG:

Shout to the Lord

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

FIRST READING: *Zephaniah 1:7–16*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 25:14–30*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON HYMN: *Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens* 589

MESSAGE

HYMN: *We Give Thee But Thine Own* 781

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PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: *Create in Me* p. 192

PRAYERS

SERVICE OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 saying:

SANCTUS

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**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: *Refiner's Fire*

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *Thank the Lord*

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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. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *Lord Reign In Me*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Flowers have been placed at the altar today by Edith Conte as a thank offering for many blessings.



Turkey donations are due TODAY for the Thanksgiving food drive.

DON'T FORGET TO BUY SCRIP!

Remembering to use scrip when shopping for holiday gifts. To get a complete retailer list, go to www.raiseright.com. Scroll down to bottom of page and click on resources.

Place your Christmas gift orders no later than Dec. 10 so they can be delivered at church on the 17th. See Joanne Arroyo or Anne Daly in the Narthex after the service.

Save the Dates:

Midweek Advent Worship Services on December 6, 13, 20.
 Soup suppers at 6:15 and Worship Services at 7:30.
 Our Annual Live Nativity is on December 17.

CALENDAR:

**Wednesday: 7:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service
 at St. John's in Bloomfield**
 Sunday: 8:45 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship Service

THOSE WHO SERVE US:

Altar Guild: Jaya Lakra
 Communion Assistant: John Ricca
 Contemporary Music Director/Organist: Ruth Bolger
 Live Stream Producer/Projectionist: Christopher Bolger
 Reader: Matt Minucci
 The Praise Team
 Trombone: Matt Minucci
 Usher: Gordon Wickham

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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PRAYER LIST

Pray for:

***Al Arroyo**, Joanne's husband, that God will continue to heal him after suffering a small stroke.*

***Shirley**, Debbie's friend, who is struggling with paralysis.*

***Janine Montgomery**, a relative of Edith Conte, who is recovering from several bone surgeries.*

***Wanda**, a friend of Rich Akers, who has Leukemia and is on chemo therapy. Pray for strength and endurance as she continues her treatment.*

***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**, suffering with back and leg pain.*

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

***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.