

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Last Sunday of the Church Year Nov. 21, 2021 10:30 a.m.

COMMUNION SERVICE

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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

All: Good morning, Pastor.

OPENING HYMN: *O Savior, Precious Savior* 527

INVOCATION:

Pastor: We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

PRAYER

Reader: Lord, today as we ponder the mystery of Your work on the cross, help us to remember that this event isn't something that just occurred years ago. Instead, let us feel the weight of sin lifted from our lives, the burdens of this world given over to You, and let us know the power of Your wonderful grace freely given to us because of Your sacrifice. **Amen.**

Please silence your cell phone.

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Like the son who squanders his inheritance, so we often waste what the Lord has given to us, our time, our words, and our actions. We don't honor the family into which we have been baptized. We don't bless the world as we have been called. Instead of running further from the family, let us turn and look towards our Heavenly Father, trusting in His infinite grace and mercy and confessing our sins.

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

Pastor: Holy Lord, merciful Father,

All: We have not honored You with our lives. Have mercy on us. Embrace us and guide us in this life, that we might honor You with everything that we say and everything that we do.

ABSOLUTION

All: Amen!

SONG OF PRAISE: *You Are My All In All*

Words & Music: Dennis Jernigan © 1991 Shepherd's Heart Music, Inc.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:4-6

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Jude 20-25

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 18th chapter. (v.33-37)

All: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

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SERMON HYMN: *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus* 531

MESSAGE: Still a disappointment to many.

SONG: *Agnus Dei*
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Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His Holy Supper.

All: Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER

Agnus Dei p.198

DISTRIBUTION SONG: *Enter This Temple*

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NUNC DIMITTIS: *Song of Simeon*

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *Sing to the King*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



The altar flowers today are given by Esther Dulkpado to the glory of God in thanksgiving for His blessings and for another birthday.

In **Holy Communion**, we receive the very body and blood of Christ. Whenever we partake of the Lord's Supper, Jesus' sinless body and blood changes us. Our sins are forgiven and our faith is strengthened.

On November 14, the Budget Committee met and prepared the **2022 budget**. Copies are available in the Narthex. Please take a copy and review it. If you have any questions, Joanne Arroyo, John Ricca or Andy Wolcott will be happy to answer them. On Sunday, December 5, following the service, a vote will be taken to approve the 2022 budget.

The Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board! If you cannot get to the calendar, call the church office and leave a message with the dates you would like to mark. Please consider placing flowers at the altar to mark a special occasion such as an anniversary, a baptism, a birthday, a graduation or in thanksgiving for family and friends. Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in honor or memory of your loved ones.

Visit our website at www.veronalutheran.com for updates and online giving. Click on the **members** tab to set up online giving, it's easy and convenient.

Calvary's Live Nativity will be held on Sunday, Dec. 12 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. This is one of Calvary's major outreach efforts and much help is needed! All members and friends are asked to volunteer as greeters, servers, singers, or, most importantly, actors in the manger scene tableau. Call Ruth Bolger or the church office (973-239-0577) if you have any questions.

DON'T FORGET TO BUY SCRIP!

See Joanne Arroyo in the Narthex after the service.

CALENDAR:

Wednesday: 6:00 pm **Thanksgiving Eve
Worship Service**

Thursday: *Thanksgiving Day*

Sunday: 8:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Coffee Hour and Fellowship

Plan ahead to join us on Dec. 1, 8 and 15 for our Soup Suppers at 6:15, followed by our Midweek Advent Worship Services at 7:30.

THOSE WHO SERVE US:

Altar Guild: Joyce Sapara-Grant

Communion Assistant: John Ricca

Contemporary Music Director/Organist: Ruth Bolger

Live Stream Producer: Christopher Bolger

Projectionist: Christopher Bolger

Reader: John Ricca

Ushers: Rich Akers, Gordon Wickham

Pastor Roy's cell phone number is 609-709-3786. He is in the church office: Mondays – 9:00 – 12:00, Tuesdays – 1:00 – 3:00

BIRTHDAY: Nov. 25 Esther Dulkpado

ANNIVERSARY: Nov. 26 Al and Joanne Arroyo



PRAYER LIST

Pray for:

***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.*

***Franz**, Kenneth Meyer's father-in-law, whose cancer has returned and spread, causing a lot of pain.*

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

***Benga Adesokan** and his mission work in Nigeria.*

***Kenneth Meyer Jr.** and his mission work in Vienna.*

***Nicole Pappas**, for healing for various medical issues.*

***Ellie**, that God will continue to heal her.*

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

Matt Bonaguide, George Lofmark, Thankamma Mathews, LaVerne Sieglen and Lois Tiedemann.



Connect.



Grow.



Serve.

