

# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Twenty-third Sun. after Pentecost    Nov. 8, 2020    10:00 a.m.

## WORSHIP SERVICE

We welcome you in the name of Jesus, our Savior. May God bless you as you worship with us today.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:      *I Love Your Kingdom, Lord*      651

INVOCATION:

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

**All:      Amen!**

PRAYER

LEADER: Father God, in Your wisdom You cast Your light on  
the darkness of this world. Even the wisest scholar  
can't compare to Your wisdom. The world likes to  
call us fools for following You, but the message of the  
cross has power in You. Through Your Son, Jesus,  
we have redemption. Through Jesus, we have been  
made righteous and holy. Lord God, thank You, for  
Your amazing love. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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*Please silence your cell phone.*

## TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Beloved, in the tenth chapter of the Letter to the Hebrews, the author calls on everyone who puts their faith in God, to go to Him with true and sincere hearts and to confess their sins unto Him. Pleading with Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us His forgiveness. Because it is only in Him that we find this hope.

**All: Lord God, we are poor, miserable sinners. We bring before You this morning our sins, which are more than we can count. We know that we deserve Your punishment. But we are truly sorry for what we have done against You, and against our neighbors. We plead with You Lord, that because of Your Son's work on the cross, You would forgive us of our sins and make us right before You.**

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

Pastor: Beloved, may we know that our heavenly Father has heard our prayers. And because of His one and only Son, He has forgiven us. It is my pleasure to announce unto us all that we have been forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE: *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Words & Music: Paul Baloche © 1997 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**All: Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:1-13

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN: *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* 516

MESSAGE

OFFERTORY: *Create in Me* p. 192

OFFERING

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: *Almighty Father, Bless the Word* 923

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RE: COVID-19**

Anyone who becomes sick within two weeks of worshipping in person and subsequently tests positive for COVID-19 should inform Pastor, immediately and confidentially, by email or phone. Without identifying the infected person, he will inform all who worshipped that day of the potential exposure and advise them to consult a physician to seek advice on self-isolation, presently suggested to be two weeks.



**Monetary donations for the Thanksgiving food drive should be placed in the collection jar on the scrip desk. If you are able to donate a turkey, please sign up on the chart in the Narthex. All donations are due by Sunday, November 22.**

**DON'T FORGET TO BUY SCRIP!**

See Anne Daly in the Narthex after the Service.

If you are able and willing to help someone who is financially struggling, please purchase a Shoprite card from Joanne Arroyo and give the card to Pastor Kuder, who will deliver it.

**Cleaning Supplies**

We are sanitizing the church after every worship service. Please consider donating monies to help with purchasing cleaning supplies. Your donations can be given to Pastor Kuder.



**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: Happy Veterans Day

Sunday: 8:30 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service

THOSE WHO SERVE US:

Altar Guild: Anne Daly

Contemporary Music Director/Organist: Ruth Bolger

Projectionist: Christopher Bolger

Reader: Anne Daly

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> - Bokaidyu Dulkpado

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> - Rebecca Kassar

**Prayer Stones**

Most people know someone who is disconnected from the church. We invite you to write that person's first name on one of the stones in the Narthex. That person could be a relative, a neighbor, or even the check-out clerk at the store. After you have written the person's name down, give the stone to Pastor and it will be added to those on God's altar. All of those people are raised up to God every week.

**CALVARY'S MISSION**

As God's Children, our mission is to

*Know His Word,*

*Share His Word*

and

*Live His Word*

Visit our website at [www.veronalutheran.com](http://www.veronalutheran.com) for updates and online giving. Click on the **members** tab to set up online giving, it's easy and convenient. Ruth Bolger will be happy to guide you through the process if you need assistance or have questions.



## PRAYER LIST

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

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

### **Prayer is requested by:**

*Kenneth Meyer Jr. – for his father-in-law, Franz Haller, as he undergoes treatment for cancer.*

*Liz Kuder – for Jennifer Mayfield, who is suffering with multiple sclerosis and has lost her sight. Also for her cousin's husband, Craig Tudor, who is paralyzed from the chest down.*

*Lynetta Watkins – for her friend, Ellie, that God will continue to heal her.*

*Edith Conte – for her sister, Frances Kinney, suffering from depression.*

**† Somerset Hills Lutheran Church, Basking Ridge**

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

*Matt Bonaguide, Dawn Ferrara, Ingeborg Haenchen, Jeremiah Jargbo, Ben Leuzzi, George Lofmark, Thankamma Mathews, Ken Meyer, Lois Tiedemann and Evelyn Weidenschilling.*



**Connect.**



**Grow.**



**Serve.**





BIRTHDAY

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - David Lakra

ANNIVERSARY

Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Bill &  
Nancy Keltner