

# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Twentieth Sun. after Pentecost      Oct. 18, 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:    *Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good*    819

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: Gracious God, we are but mere dust of the earth  
breathed on by You. We humble our hearts before  
You now. We are so grateful for Your Son's sacrifice  
and the grace that You have so freely given to us.  
You have called us to obey You in all of our ways.  
Help us Father God, to always serve You. In Your  
name we pray. Amen.

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*Please silence your cell phone.*

## TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Beloved, it is by Jesus' saving work that we are saved from the sin that entangles us. However, we often allow sin to creep back into our lives and trap us. We turn our attention to the successes of others and invite jealousy into our hearts. We seek rewards for our good deeds instead of faithfully serving YHWH God, knowing that our reward will come eternally one day. Let us now take a moment to reflect on our own hearts and rid ourselves of any impure motives.

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

Pastor: Lord God,

**All: We reject any sin that lives in our hearts and we seek Your blessed forgiveness. Where our ambitions have been self-seeking, or our hearts disobedient towards Your will, or where we've neglected our duties as Your faithful disciples, we confess this before You now. Renew our minds and our hearts so that we can learn and grow to be more like You, Lord.**

Pastor: Beloved, our heavenly Father has extended the gift of grace freely to us through His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, and because of His sacrifice, our sins are forgiven. May we all know that we have been given that forgiveness in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE: *Rise Up and Praise Him*

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

**All: O God, whose almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity, grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:15-22

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN: *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* 851

MESSAGE

OFFERTORY: *Create in Me* p. 192

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CLOSING SONG: *Sing for Joy*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Congregational Voting for Election of Officers**

On Sunday, November 1, 2020, a Congregational vote will be held immediately following the Service for the purpose of electing Officers of Calvary Lutheran Church, each for a two-year term. The slate of candidates is as follows:

President - Andrew Wolcott

Vice President - Joanne Arroyo

Secretary - Ruth Bolger

Director of Worship - Anne Daly

Director of Stewardship - No candidates

Director of Education - Ruth Bolger

Please review the slate of candidates and make every effort to attend the meeting and cast your vote. Although additional nominations may be made from the floor, no person may be nominated without his or her consent. Election shall be by majority vote of the members present, as outlined in the Bylaws, para. IV. (C).

## **All Saints Day Memorial**

November 1<sup>st</sup> will be all Saints Day. If you have a loved one who died since all Saints Day 2019 and would like them to be remembered, please leave their names in the church office or email to *calvaryverona@verizon.net* no later than October 25<sup>th</sup> by 12 noon.

## **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.

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.
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## 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.

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

Contact Joanne Arroyo at 973-239-1021.

CALENDAR:

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: Bill Keltner

### BIRTHDAY

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

### ANNIVERSARY

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

## **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 Nicky Storms who is dealing with cancer.*

*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, for continued healing.*

*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.*

† *Zion Lutheran Church, Westwood*

*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.**

October 18, 2020

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## **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.