

# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## COMMUNION SERVICE

If you are visiting Calvary, we hope you feel welcome. Please read our Holy Communion statement on page 9 of this bulletin. And please take a moment to fill out one of our Visitor Cards located in the slot of the pew in front of you. We will keep you updated on all the fun activities we have planned! After the service, be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Anthony.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Please rise*

**OPENING HYMN:**    *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*      656

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen**

**SONG OF PRAISE:**                    *Here I Am to Worship*

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray:

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:**

*Revelation 14:6–7*

R: Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING:**

*Romans 3:19–28*

R: Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law

and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise*

**C: 🎵 Alleluia 🎵 Alleluia 🎵 Alleluia**

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**GOSPEL READING:**

*John 8:31–36*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: 🎵 *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

P: So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: 🎵 *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

**SERMON**

*Please rise*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and  
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY:**                    *Create in Me*

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**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

**P: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the  
church, the world, and the whole creation.**

*A brief silence*

P: Eternal Counselor, guide the church along your paths of mercy. Direct it to be a refuge where all are genuinely welcomed and their gifts are celebrated. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Eternal Wisdom, strengthen the voices of those who cry out for change to unjust systems. Give lawmakers, judges, and all those who occupy seats of power listening and compassionate hearts. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Eternal Compassion, train us to respond to the cries of those in any kind of need. Give encouragement and comfort to those who call out for relief from pain, grief, or oppression (*especially*). God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Eternal Servant, grant vision and wisdom to the church so that those who are in need are not ignored. May the command of Jesus to love our neighbor sharpen our focus for work in the kingdom. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Eternal Hope, may the legacy of the saints inspire us every day. We hold fast to the promise that we will be together in your presence forever. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

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P: The Lord be with you

**C: ♪ And with thy spirit**

P: Lift up your hearts

**C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God

**C: ♪ It is meet and right so to do**

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### SANCTUS ♪

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**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that  
cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do, in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **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**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:  Amen.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

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**C: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION

**SONG:**

*In Christ Alone*

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**NUNC DIMITTIS** 

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**C: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P:** Holy God,  
you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with His favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG:**

*Rock of Ages*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## DISMISSAL

P: Jesus said, "I have come that you may have LIFE and have it abundantly." Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



*Flowers at the altar today are placed by Edith Conte as a thankoffering.*

*Flowers are also placed at the altar today by Rebecca Kassor in celebration of her granddaughter, Riley's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday on Oct. 31.*

## Holy Communion

We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ are present in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. Holy Communion is offered at all of our services and is for all baptized Christians who share our belief that Christ, himself, is truly present. The individual cups are filled with wine (red) or grape juice (amber color).

**All Saints Day** will be observed next Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have lost a loved one in the past year, please email their names at [calvaryverona@verizon.net](mailto:calvaryverona@verizon.net) and they will be included in the bulletin that day.

## **CRAFTING WITH CALVARY - HOLIDAY EDITION!**

Thursday, November 7 (6:30-9:00pm)

We will be creating Christmas Countdown Calendars and Gnome Ornaments. Two great projects - one fun night! Samples will be in Kavasch Hall along with a sign-up sheet. The cost will be \$15 per person. Refreshments will be served. Please consider bringing a friend - no crafting skills required! Contact Edna at [emmg0629@gmail.com](mailto:emmg0629@gmail.com) with any questions.

## THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Holy Spirit Food Pantry is in need of: **toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, cleaning products, pasta sauce, coffee, tea, cookies, crackers, canned beans, cereal, oatmeal, dog and cat food.** Need list is in order of importance. **NO LARGE RESTAURANT SIZED ITEMS** please.



**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.



**The Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board!**

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God, in honor or memory of your loved ones. Special occasion such as an anniversary, a baptism, a birthday, a graduation or in thanksgiving for family and friends, can also be celebrated by placing flowers at the altar. Flowers are \$60.00 (\$30.00 each, if shared).

**CALENDAR:**

- Wednesday: 7:00 pm Bible Study
- Sunday: 8:45 am Sunday School
- 10:10-10:30 am Prayer Meeting in Kavasch Hall
- 10:30 am Communion Service
- Praise Team Practice TBA



**Live Nativity - Save the date, Dec. 8, 2024**

**THOSE WHO SERVE US:**

- Altar Guild: Debbie Houlihan
- Communion Assistant: John Ricca
- Contemporary Music Director/Organist: Ruth Bolger
- Live Stream/Projectionist: Chris Bolger, Vincent Cooper
- Reader: Bill Keltner
- The Praise Team
- Usher: Gordon Wickham

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## PRAY FOR:

*Edith Meyer*

*Robin Gesling*

*Kristin Harris*

*Rose Bucich*

*John Wickham*

*Nathan Kuder*

*Doris Beall*

*Lois Tiedemann*

*Karl and Luise Wetter*

*Fred Lausten*

*Lucille Wernes*

*Al Arroyo*

*LaVerne Sieglen*

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



**Connect.**



**Grow.**



**Serve.**

## 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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