

# 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 at the back 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:**                    *By Grace I'm Saved*                    566

## 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: *Open the Eyes of My Heart***

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

R: Let us pray:

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:**

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

R: "And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING:***James 1:17-27*

R: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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:***Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to

the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: 🎵 *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

SERMON HYMN: *Not What These Hands Have Done* 567

SERMON

*Please rise*

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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: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence*

P: God of every generation, give the church a sense of purpose and belonging. Sustain and build up leaders and lay people as we accompany one another in our life with Christ. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Sovereign God, we pray for local communities of every kind: rural and urban; established and new. Lead those in authority to seek the good of all through their words and actions and to mentor others in honest and generous ways. We pray for peace in Ukraine, the Middle East and Nicaragua. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Healing God, you draw near to all who are hurting. Be with all who desire relief from chronic and acute illness, cancer, and other diseases. Strengthen health care workers, therapists, and caregivers. Tend to those who are close to our hearts (*especially*). Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: On this Labor Day weekend we remember and give thanks for all who have fought for workers' rights around the world. Continue to improve working conditions and establish fair wages so that all people may thrive. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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, 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 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.**

**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:** *But For Your Grace*

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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:** Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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. **Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG:** *Lord I Need You*

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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.**

## **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).

**Calvary's next Book Club meeting is this Saturday, September 7, at 9:30 am, followed by a potluck meal.**

**Elders meeting on September 15** right after worship. Please see Pastor if you have questions or cannot attend.

## **Navigating Elder Law Seminar – Understanding Your Rights and Resources.**

Seminar given by the NJ Elder Law Center here at Calvary on Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00pm. Pick up a flyer from the Narthex. Refreshments will be served.



**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).



**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.

## **REMEMBER TO BUY SCRIP**

### **THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK**

Holy Spirit Food Pantry is in need of: ***tuna, jelly, peanut butter, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, canned fruit, rice small bags only, 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. If you are willing and able to help someone in need, please bring your offering to church on the last Sunday of each month.

### **CALENDAR:**

Wednesday: 7:00 pm Summer concert –  
The John McDermott Band  
Thursday: 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice  
Saturday: 9:30 am Calvary Book Club and Potluck  
Sunday: 10:30 am Communion Service

**BIRTHDAY:** September 4<sup>th</sup> - LaVerne Sieglen

### **THOSE WHO SERVE US:**

Altar Guild: Lauren Molinari  
Communion Assistant: John Ricca  
Contemporary Music Director/Organist: Ruth Bolger  
Live Stream/Projectionist: Chris Bolger, Vincent Cooper  
Reader: Matt Minucci  
The Praise Team  
Usher: Gordon Wickham

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## PRAY FOR:

*Edith Conte*

*Ken and Edith Meyer*

*Julie Erwin*

*Al Arroyo*

*Doris Beall*

*Nathan Kuder*

*John Wickham*

*Lois Tiedemann*

*Don and Lucille Wernes*

*Fred Lausten*

*LaVerne Sieglen*

*Rose Bucich*

*Karl and Luise Wetter*

*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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