

# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fifteenth Sun. after Pentecost      Sept. 13, 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:                      Solemn March                      Handel

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:    *Praise and Thanksgiving*                      789

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: Lord God, we thank and praise You for all of the mighty acts that You have done for us. Your ways are truly better than our ways, and we delight in the unconditional love that You have for us. We are thankful that You desire to heal us and make us well; to make us whole and complete through the promise of Your Word. We pray that the amazing gift of Your grace would be with us and live in us all. We pray this in Your most precious name. Amen.

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*Please silence your cell phone.*

## TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Even as we gather in the joy of the Spirit, we are confronted with the fact that we aren't prepared to be in the presence of God. We haven't done what God called us to do this week. Even if we can say we did our best to honor God and love our neighbors, we know that we weren't perfect. As we recall our sins we turn to Jesus, trusting in His mercy and calling on Him to forgive and restore us.

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

Pastor: Beloved, let us together confess our sins, and call upon Jesus,

**All: Jesus, our Lord and our Light, forgive us where we have done wrong and strayed from Your ways. Bring us back to You and forgive us. Make us forever Your people and send us as Your beloved. Have mercy Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Jesus Christ has had mercy upon us. He loves us unconditionally. May we now rejoice in God's love as His grace is pronounced unto you. Know that your sins have been forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE: *Sanctuary*

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**All: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-35

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN: *Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service* 848

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OFFERTORY: *Create in Me* p. 192

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CLOSING SONG: *Be Exalted, O God*

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POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Flowers are placed at the altar today in memory of Roy Beall's birthday, loving father and grandfather of the Bolger family.*

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.

### **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 that 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.

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

Contact Joanne Arroyo at 973-239-1021.

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.

The logo for Watoto Child Care Ministries, featuring the word "Watoto" in a stylized, handwritten font.

RESCUE RAISE REBUILD

**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:

Sunday: 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 THIS WEEK:

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> - John Ricca

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> - David Poesl

**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 Mildred Reich who is now at home in hospice care.*

*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.*

**† Our Savior Lutheran Church, Stanhope**

*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.**



