

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sept. 17, 2023 10:30 a.m.

COMMUNION SERVICE

We welcome you in the name of Jesus, our Savior. *Please take a moment to sign the Record of Fellowship pad in your pew and silence your cell phone.* May God bless you as you worship with us today.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

P: Good morning, Priests.

(1 Peter 2:9)

C: Good morning, Pastor.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

C: Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9

A: Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to You for refuge!

C: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

A: Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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PRAISE SONG:

I Will Rise Up

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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 forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Genesis 50:15–21

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

Romans 14:1–12

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 18:21–35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN:

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

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MESSAGE:

Forgiven and Forgiving

PRAISE SONG:

Grace Flows Down

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PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY:

Create in Me

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PRAYERS

SERVICE OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

AGNUS DEI

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DISTRIBUTION SONG: *At the Cross*

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *Thank the Lord* p. 181

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *Mighty to Save*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Flowers have been placed at the altar today in memory of Dorothy Shadel's birthday, loving mother and grandmother of the Keltner and Smith families.

Calvary's Rummage Sale is OCT. 21. Now is a good time to start looking around your home for things you no longer have use for and would like to donate for our rummage sale. If you are able to help beforehand with pricing and set-up, or helping on the day of the sale, contact Anne Daly or Ruth Bolger.

Don't forget to buy Scrip. See Anne Daly.

THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Holy Spirit Food Pantry is in need of: **tuna, jelly, peanut butter, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, canned fruit, rice in small bags, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, detergent, cleaning products, pasta sauce, canned meat, 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:

TODAY:



NO BIBLE STUDY

2:00 – 4:00 pm LADIES' TEA

Thursday: 7:00 pm Praise Team practice

Sunday: 8:45 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

7:00 pm Bible Study

THOSE WHO SERVE US:

Altar Guild: Joyce Sapara-Grant

Communion Assistant: John Ricca

Contemporary Music Director/Organist: Ruth Bolger

Live Stream Producer/Projectionist: Christopher Bolger

Reader: Bill Keltner

The Praise Team

Usher: Gordon Wickham

BIRTHDAYS: Sept. 20 Lewis Dokie

Sept. 23 Ajit Lakra

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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PRAYER LIST

Pray for:

Al Arroyo, Joanne's husband, who suffered a small stroke while on vacation in Wisconsin. He is in an intensive therapy program. Keep Joanne and Al in your prayers.

Shirley, Debbie's friend, who is struggling with paralysis.

Janine Montgomery, a relative of Edith Conte, who is recovering from several bone surgeries.

Wanda, a friend of Rich Akers, who has Leukemia and will be starting chemo therapy tomorrow. Pray for strength and endurance for the next nine weeks of treatment.

Benga Adesokan, who is having a difficult time in his life.

Dominic Cappello, Edith Conte's neighbor, a young elementary school boy, who has a cancerous brain tumor.

Nathan Kuder, may the Lord bring His healing upon him.

Don and Lucille Wernes, for healing and strength.

Luise Wetter, still suffering with back and leg pain.

Ken and Edith Meyer, who need strength and encouragement while dealing with various medical issues.

Ellie, that God will continue to heal her.

Kenneth Meyer Jr. and his mission work in Vienna.

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

LaVerne Sieglen and Lois Tiedemann.