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10:00 a.m.



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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Forward in Faith and Mission”

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10 a.m.

September 5, 2021

FAVORITE HYMN SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION AT CALVARY

“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him” (Psalm 34:8).



God’s Word teaches the real presence of Christ’s body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27–29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the Sacrament will have to first speak with the pastor before communing.

CALVARY CONNECTION: Please register your presence at worship using the clip boards located at the center aisle end of each pew. If we already have your current address, phone, email, etc., then, just enter your name, communion and or Pastoral call check-offs. Thank you.

✠ Means please stand.

FAVORITE HYMN SUNDAY— “I Believe”

Martin Luther said that music was an excellent gift of God to be used to His praise and the proclamation of the Word. Music nourishes Christian life and worship in the church. Music has the power to move hearts and minds, from complex Gregorian chants and polyphony to singing the psalms and simple congregational songs. In our music God is glorified and our faith is strengthened.

In our Scripture Lessons today we hear about times of hope and faith through the Prophet Isaiah and the Apostles James and Mark. Throughout our service we will use your hymn choices to publicly witness *our* faith in God as we incorporate the hymns with our confession of faith, the Apostles’ Creed. In it we confess together our beliefs in God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Creed helps us to put our faith into words, teaches us what we must expect and receive from God, and helps us to share the glorious hope of our faith with others.

PRELUDE *“When in our Music God is Glorified”*

R. Hobby

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMNS

“Glory Be to God the Father” #406

Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit:
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory
While eternal ages run!

“Holy, Holy, Holy” #506

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

†THE INVOCATION/CALLING

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

C: **Amen.**

†THE CONFESSION/ADMISSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Silence for reflection; please stand or kneel for confession)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

† THE FORGIVENESS/PARDON

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #805

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

“I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth”
(A reading from the explanation of the First Article from the Large Catechism.)

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35: 4-7a

(Encouragement to Joshua that God will come, heal and provide.)

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMNS

“How Great Thou Art” #801

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,

I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,

Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed; Refrain

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise;
in deeper reverence, praise.

“We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God” #941
We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”

On Eagles’ Wings #727
You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!”

Refrain
And He will raise you up on eagles’ wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

“Children of the Heavenly Father” #725
Children of the heav’nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e’er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.

From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.

“I believe 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, die 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.”

(A reading from the explanation of the Second Article from the Large Catechism.)

HYMNS

“Away in a Manger” #364

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” #685

Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.

Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame,
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain

***So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.***

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #770

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

THE SECOND LESSON

James 2:1–10, 14–18

(Don't show favoritism and judge, but put your faith into action and love in word and deeds.)

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

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⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are

committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

✠THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

(Jesus heals the demon-possessed, the deaf and the mute.)

²⁴From there Jesus arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transformed sickness into health and death into life. Open to us the power of Your presence and make us a people of faith, ready to proclaim Your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMNS

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” #702

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

“Be Not Afraid”

You shall cross the barren desert
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words to foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain

Be not afraid.

I go before you always.

Come follow Me

and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea
You shall not drown
If you walk amid the burning flames

You shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell
And death is at your side
Know that I am with you through it all. **Refrain**

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” #849

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev’ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.

THE SERMON

Rev. Kevin Barron

“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.”
(A reading from the explanation of the Third Article from the Large Catechism.)

HYMNS

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #649 st. 1 & 3

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

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“Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven” #502 st. 1 & 2

Holy Spirit, the dove sent from heaven,
Ever one with the One who is Three,
From the Father You came,

Words of peace to proclaim,
Come and comfort us, speak tenderly.
You, the fragrance of life we are seeking;
Fill Your temple, Your altar make clean.
Joyous shelter of love,
Gracious friend from above,
In Your care we are resting, serene.

Holy Spirit, the fire celestial,
Who on Pentecost came as foretold,
To descend from on high
And the Church occupy
As the cloud filled the temple of old;
All the baptized You seal with Your promise,
All believers Your gift there receive,
So that all the elect—
All in Christ—may expect
To enjoy what by grace they believe.

THE GATHERING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

(The offerings should be placed in the plate near the entrance of the worship area.)

✠ THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

C: 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 our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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✠ WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER/ BLESSING OF BREAD AND WINE

✠ THE INVITATION

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

C: **And also with you.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Just as I Am, without One Plea" #570 st. 1 & 5

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

"Abide with Me" #878 st. 1 & 6

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" #461 st. 1 & 8

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Lord of life, in the gift of Your body and blood You turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of Your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✠ OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE

P: God is praised in joy and gratitude through our music and speech, for “it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.”

“Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord! (Psalm 146: 1-2, 5-7,10)

✠ THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

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CLOSING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” #803
Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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THE SENDING

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All our God"

J.S. Bach

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Proclaimer:

Rev. Kevin Barron

Liturgist:

Dave Sitter

Organist: Barbara Sommer
Cantor: Bridget Jones
Lector: Ronnie Segal
Communion: Andrew Sitter
IT Assistants: Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, September 5, 2021****

WELCOME IN JESUS CHRIST!

Prayer for comfort: the family of Earl Weber (brother of Libby Fox) on his passing.

Prayers for healing: Lou Kulaga (Olive Abt's brother-in-law), Paul Thompson, Nan Thompson (Paul Thompson's mother), Sean Jones, Colin Jones (Sunnie's son & grandson), Lynn Flaherty, Deb Krauch, Ann McWilliams, Betty Hucke, Wilma Muir, Georgeanne Sherman, Rachel Negley, Robert Luscher (nephew of Joan Colliflower), Sandy Boyer (friend of Paul Thompson), Jerry Miller (husband of Sandy Miller), Sharon Koogle, Herb Grueninger, Claire McDerby, Roxanne (sister of Russ Davis), Jessica and Reid, Mike Mister, Pat Christie, Linda Davis, Alison Baptiste, Latonya Endres and Lavenia White (Rosa White's daughters), Carolyn Underwood, Frances Dunker, Alasaro Lucas, Thelma Lucas (Ameous Lucas' mother).

Prayers for recent world concerns:

Those affected by recent hurricanes and tropical storms, churches, individuals, communities.

Those affected by earthquakes and storms in Haiti.

Resettlement of U.S. service men and women, Afghan allies and evacuees.

Donations are accepted: by Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services and LCMS Disaster Response, and Lutheran World Relief.

Other Prayers: those impacted by COVID-19, families impacted by gun violence and injustice, the health and safety of our city of Baltimore, and senseless acts of terror in our world. We also pray for members and relatives of Calvary Lutheran Church whose families are serving in the Armed Forces and First Responders: Allie and Captain Matt DiBasilio, Captain Shelby Seymour, Staff Sergeant Joshua Stinchecum, Sergeant Jacob Negley, Sergeant Benjamin Negley, Trp. Gage Stinchecum, MSP, Corporal Matthew Krauch, BCPD.

If pastoral assistance is needed, please email Pastor Kevin @ pastorkbarron@gmail.com.

The Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all the musicians at Calvary—bells, instrumentalists, soloists, Cantors, choirs, liturgists. We especially honor Ed Hawkins who faithfully served many years as a singing liturgist and bass in the Adult Choir. Thank You! “To God be the Glory!”

The **FALL FESTIVAL** is coming closer on September 25th. We are asking for contributions of “nearly new” **purses** for our Purse Table so the ladies can find the perfect one to go with their new outfits. The donation box will be in the entrance hallway. **Cakes and pies** are requested for the Cake Table. Those who make **crafts or have a home business** are welcome to apply for a table to sell their items at \$15 a space. The **Silent Auction table** is needing baskets of local items, donations of new/valuable items, or certificates from businesses to be auctioned. Contact Barb Sommer with questions or applications.

"Thank you for your help in selecting the Hymns today. We were not able to include every one, due to the many requests, so they will be used in the worship services in the next several Sundays."

Please be mindful that the 10:00 a.m. service is being recorded. Recording begins when the Prelude starts. Please try to avoid unnecessary talking and movement during this time.

In accordance with the CDC and Baltimore City guidelines, we are asking that everyone please wear their masks inside of church. Thank you.

Thank you all for the countless cards, prayers, hugs and love that were sent my way after Bob's passing. I cannot tell you how much we appreciated seeing so many of you at the viewing and then at the funeral. While I struggle with this terrible loss I rejoice for Bob. We all thank you.
Linda Weinreich, Jaelyn and Candace

TUTORS AND MENTORS NEEDED FOR COMPUTER PROGRAMS: The beginning of the computer **Career Planning and Mentoring Center** at Calvary Lutheran Church, Grace Place start date in October is fast approaching. The program is a computer lab-based education environment where learners over 21 years will participate in a self-paced method of study. The Center will be equipped with technology and education programming to provide resources for Basic Computing and GED preparation. As the program develops, programming may be expanded to include preparation for higher level certifications, such as Information Technology certifications. The Center will be staffed with a Director and volunteer Tutors and Mentors who will support the study efforts of the learners. In addition, volunteers will provide instruction for resume writing, job search, interviewing, and assistance in completing job application. Separate Basic Computing classes will encourage computer literacy, providing instruction on keyboarding, word processing, emailing, safe internet surfing and use, trouble-shooting techniques, Microsoft Office, and games created to teach computer use. As we reach out to welcome the community, Calvary's Mission is to continue its long history of education, only this time concentrating on adults who have not yet had success in school and are unable to find satisfying careers to support themselves and their families. We are now looking for individuals who are interested in being Lab Mentors and Tutors several hours a week. This will be a most rewarding time for you and the students. If you are interested, please contact bsommer246@verizon.net. An information session will follow.

Grace Place will be offering GRIEF SHARE CLASSES again this year for those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one or friend. The classes will begin on Wednesday evening, October 6th, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm and each Wednesday thereafter. Please call the office or talk to Joan Colliflower for more information and registration.

We would like to thank all that have contributed to keeping the **landscape** and **gardens** at Calvary looking beautiful!

If you have any additions or corrections for the **new Calvary Directory**, please write them on the sheet in the back of church. Thank you.

Calendar of Events

Monday, September 6 th	Church Office closed for Labor Day.
Saturday, September 25 th	Fall Festival – “Unconditional Love Celebration;” 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, September 26 th	Consecration Sunday, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, October 6 th	Grief Share Classes begin, 6:30-8:30 p.m.