CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

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"Forward in Faith and Mission"

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10 a.m. August 23, 2026

HOLY COMMUNION AT CALVARY

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

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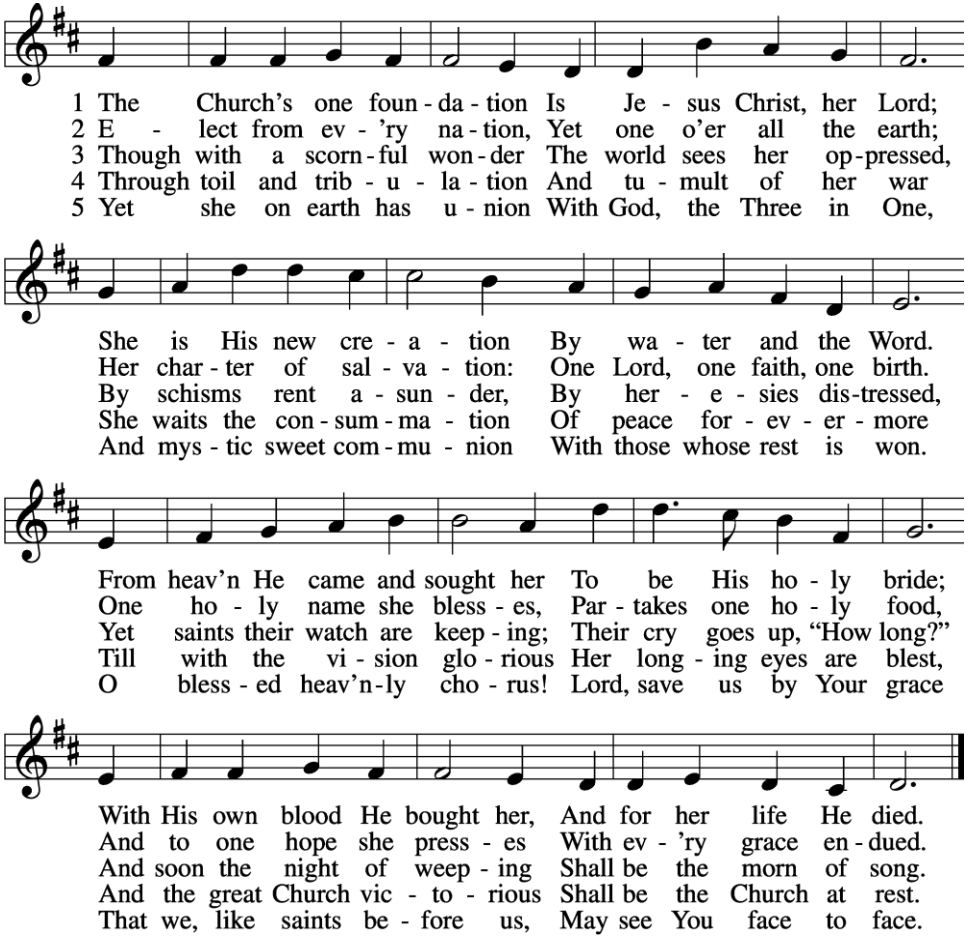
God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true 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.

Please sign the clip board at the end of the pew to indicate your attendance.

PRELUDE *The Church's One Foundation* R. Hobby

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn
644 The Church's One Foundation



CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

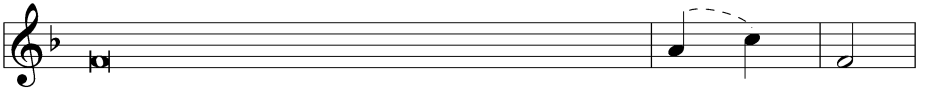
Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.**
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

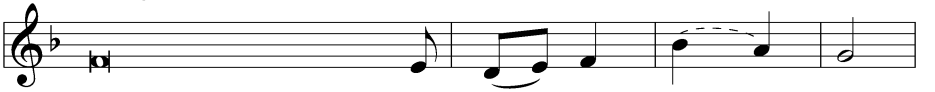
SERVICE of the WORD

Benedictus



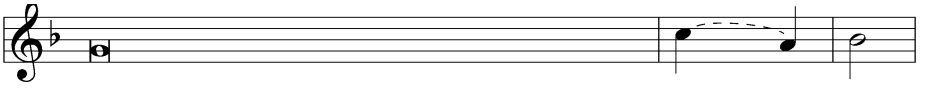
C 1 Blessed be the Lord God of . . . . . Is - ra - el;
2 as He spoke by the mouth of His holy . . . . . proph - ets,
3 to perform the mercy promised to our . . . . . fa - thers
4 being delivered from the hand of our . . . . . en - e - mies,

5 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
6 through the tender mercy . . . . . of our God;
7 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



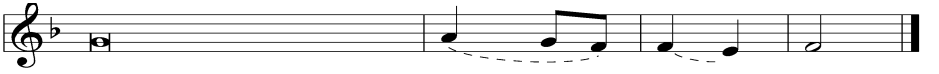
1 for He has visited and re - deemed His peo - ple
2 who have . . . . . been since the world be - gan:
3 and to remember . . . . . His ho - ly cov - e - nant,
4 might . . . . . serve Him with - out fear,

5 for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare His ways;
6 when the day shall dawn up - on us from on high
7 and to . . . . . the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 and has raised up a horn of salvation . . . . . for us
2 that we should be saved from our . . . . . en - e - mies
3 the oath that He swore to our father . . . . . A - bra - ham,
4 in holiness and righteousness be - fore Him

5 to give knowledge of salvation to His . . . . . peo - ple
6 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
7 as it was in the be - - gin - ning,



1 in the house of His . . . . . ser - vant Da - vid,
2 and from the hand of . . . . . all who hate us;
3 to . . . . . grant us that we,
4 all the . . . . . days of our life.

5 in the for - - give - ness of their sins,
6 to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.
7 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 51:1–6

[1]"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
[2]Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.
[3]For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
[4]"Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
[5]My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,

and for my arm they wait.
[6]Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

A This is the Word of the Lord. C
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 (read responsively)

[1]I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
[2]I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.
[3]On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.
[4]All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
[5]and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.
[6]For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.
[7]Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.
[8]The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Epistle Romans 11:33—12:8

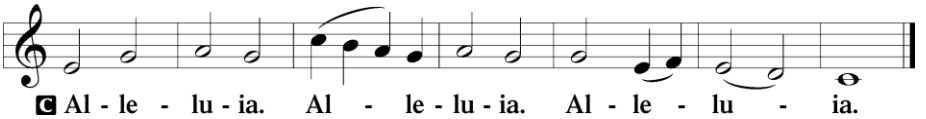
[33]Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How
unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
[34]"For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"
[35]"Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"
[36]For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.
Amen.

[1]I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2]Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

[3]For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. [4]For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, [5]so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. [6]Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; [7]if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; [8]the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

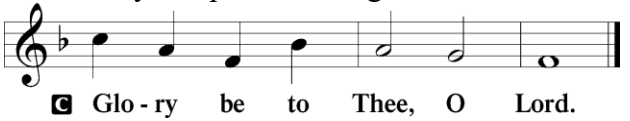
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia



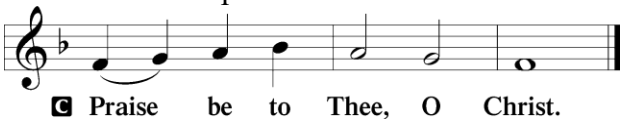
Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

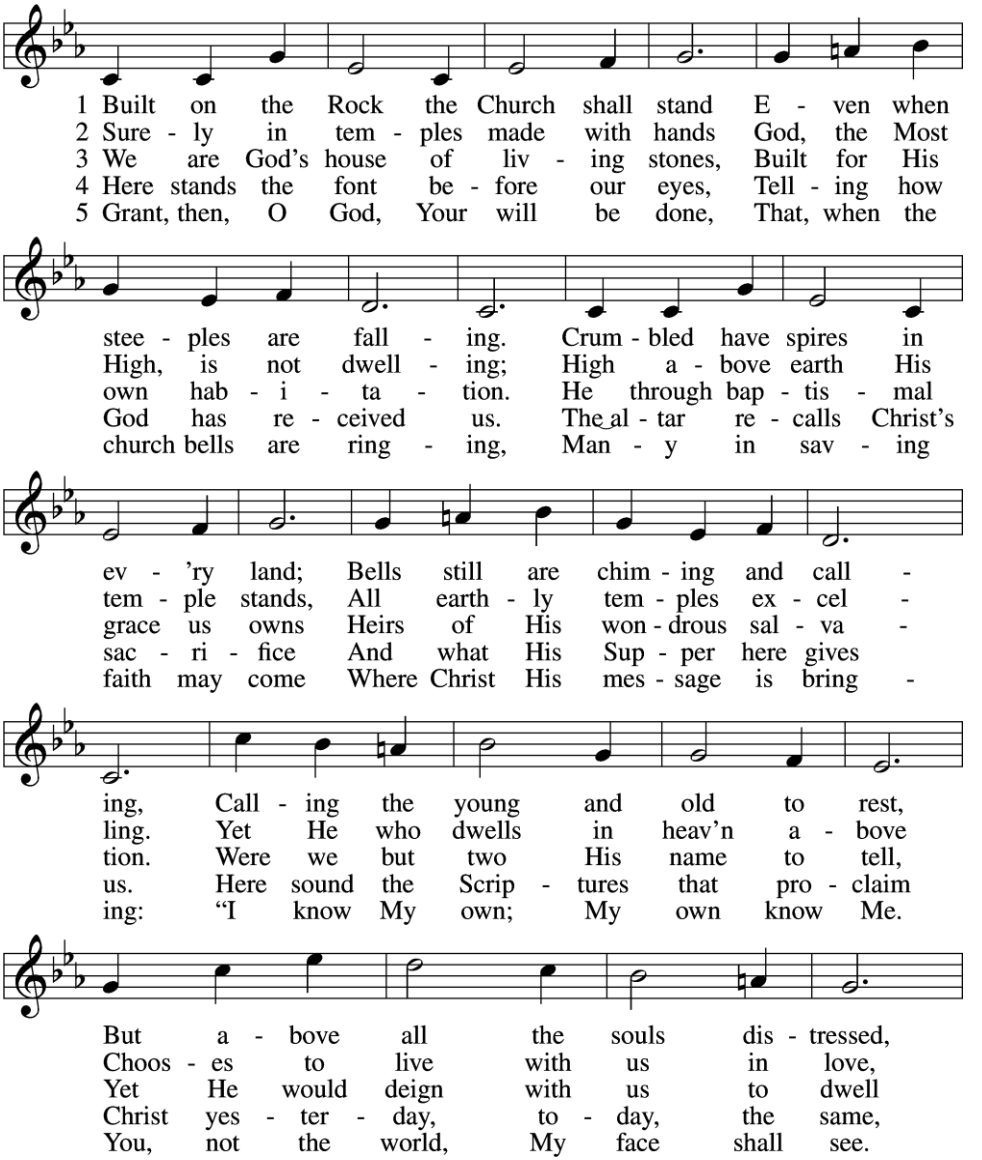


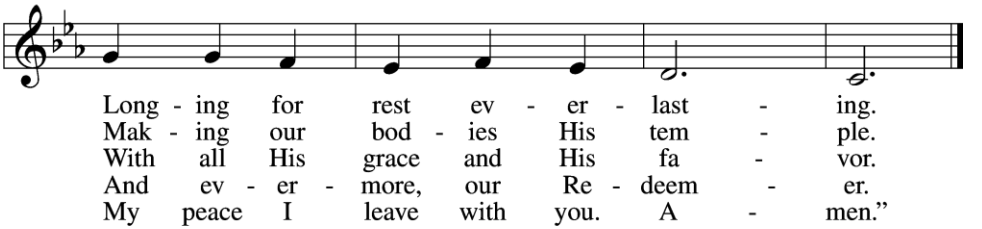
13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his
disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John
the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to
them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the
Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah!
For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I
tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall
not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever
you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be
loosed in heaven." 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the
Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon Hymn
645 Built on the Rock





Sermon Rev. Kevin Barron

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

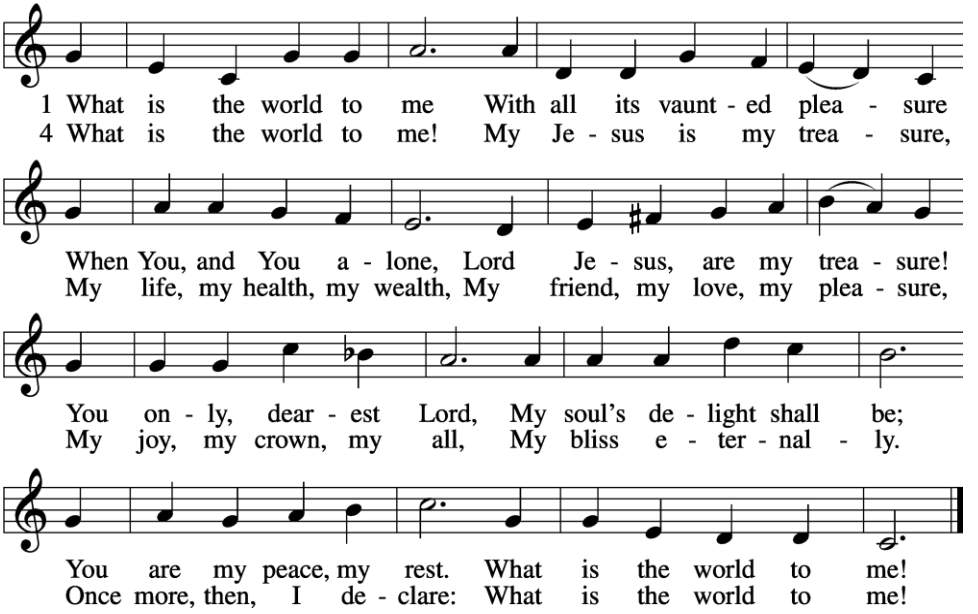
Prayers of the Church

Offering

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

Offering Hymn

730 What Is the World to Me



SERVICE of the SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

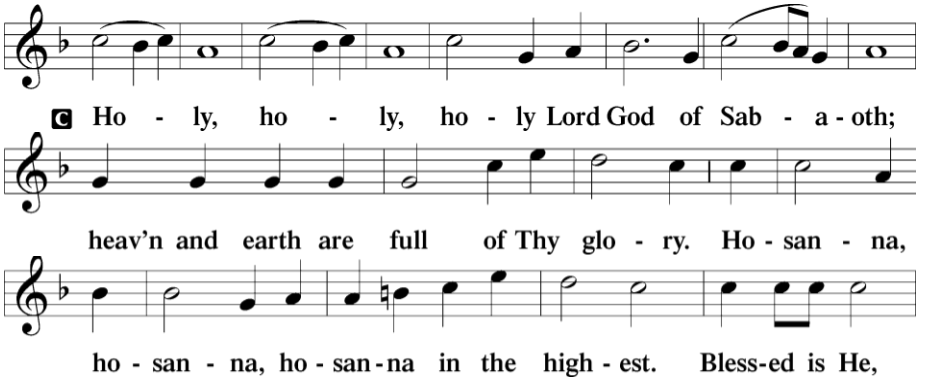
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

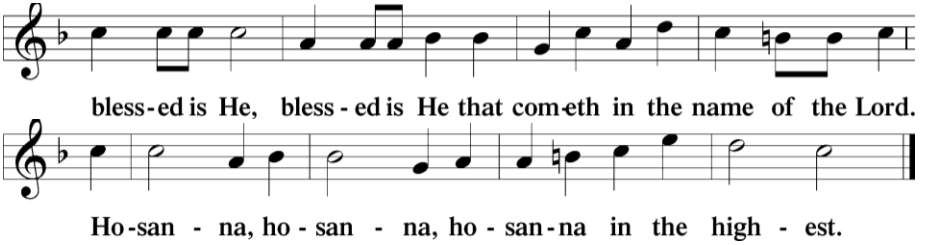
C **It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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





Lord's Prayer

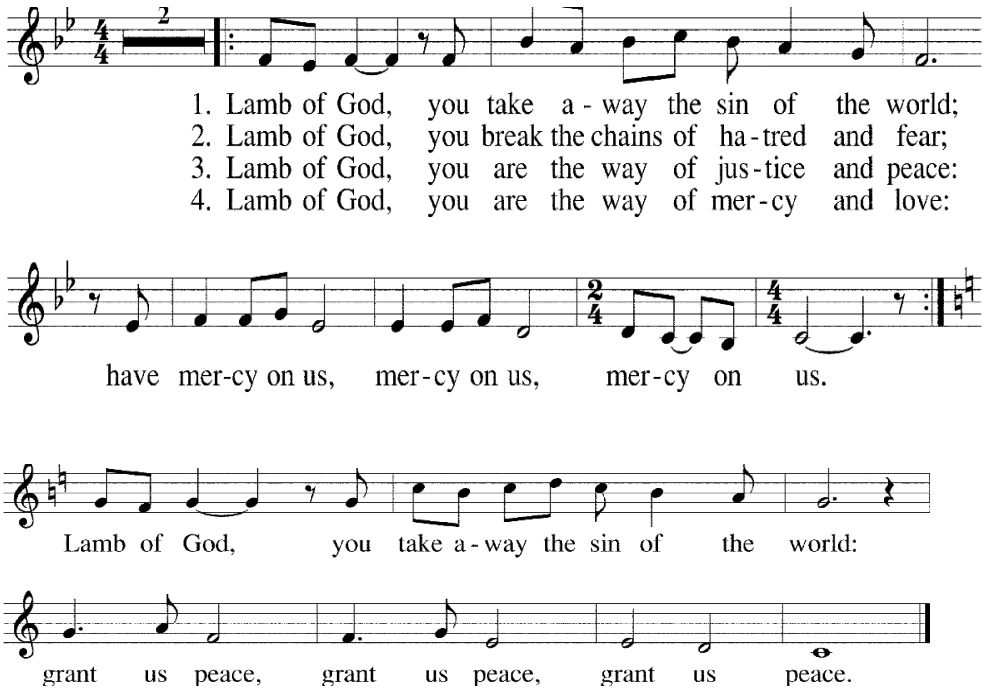
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

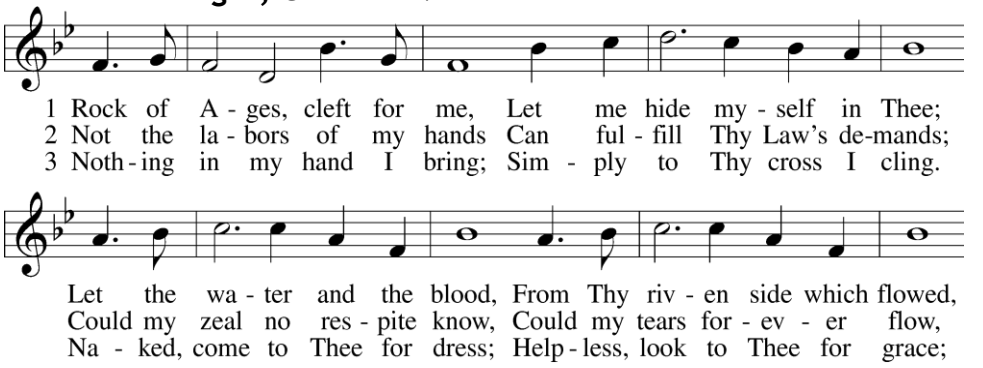
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

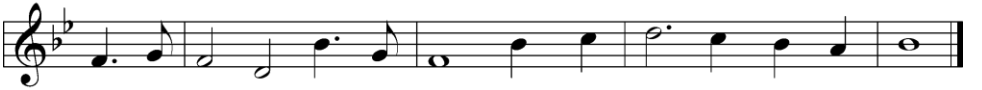
Agnus Dei
The Lamb of God



Distribution Hymns

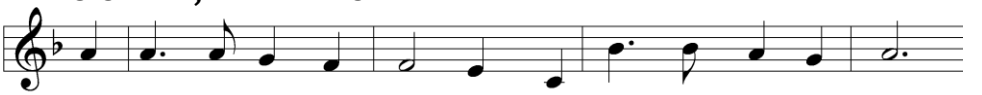
761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



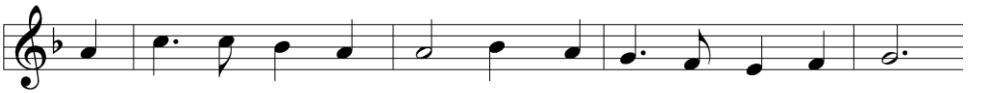


Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.

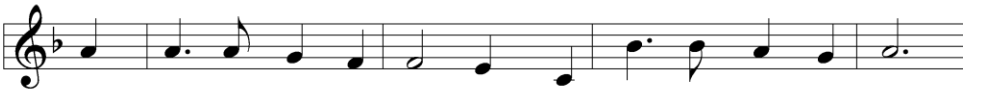
527 O Savior, Precious Savior



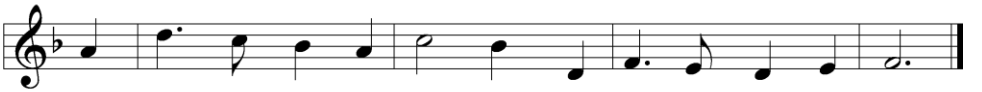
1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

The Dismissal

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

Doxology

"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor? Who has ever given to God that God should repay him? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen" (Romans 11: 33-36)

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

A Bless we the Lord.

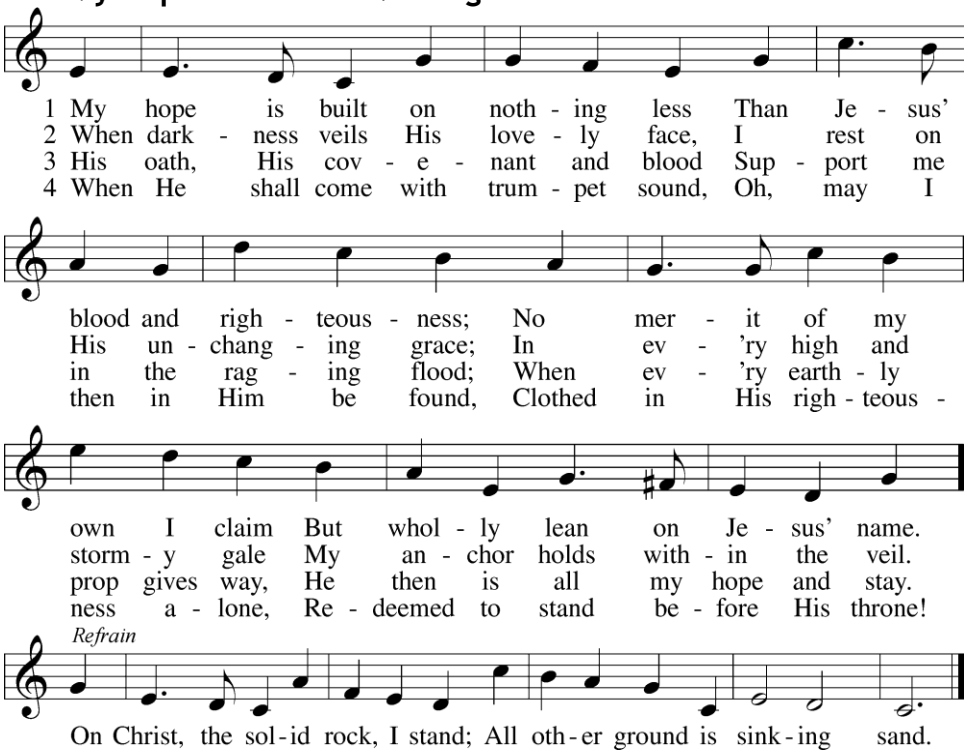
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn
575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



The Sending

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE ***Built on a Rock*** L. Lindeman

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Proclaimer: Rev. Kevin Barron
Liturgist: Jim Struder
Organist: Barbara Sommer
Cantor: Scott Ruhl
Lector: John Trotz
Crucifer/Acolyte: Caleb Barron
IT Assistants: Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, August 23, 2026****

WELCOME IN JESUS CHRIST!

Please include the following in your daily prayers:
Prayers for comfort: The Nolet Family on the passing of Carole.
Prayers for healing: The Carpenter Family, victims of Kerrville, Texas flooding, Arnold Christie (brother of Lynn Flaherty), Michele Siemienski (friend of Beulah Gallatin), Mechelle Gover, Sharon Hare, Glenn Fowler (family of Sunnie & Bridget), Jennifer Trotz, Donna Grueninger, Paul Saar, Shirley Kappel (Russ Davis' sister-in-law), Olive and Fred Abt, Lynne Funck, Sharon Root's husband and niece, Jodi Anderson, Jeffrey Baptiste, Kenzi Kelley, Randi Walters (Dave Segal's sister), Charles Richter Jr., Claire McDerby, John Dignan, Alison Baptiste, Linda and Russ Davis, Lorraine Deitz, Paul Schildwachter, Carla Lindhorst, Family and friends of the Abts – Martha Kulaga, Sandy Robinson and Gloria Holthaus; Alyssa, Jessica, Reid, Latonya Endres and Lavenia White (Rosa White's daughters), Stephanie Smith & Bernadette, Myrna B., Shirley B., Derrick B. (CFP patrons).

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes: Betty Hucke, Frances Dunker, Kass Lindhorst

Homebound: Carl, Shirley, & Chuck Ropka; Russ & Linda Davis

Congregational Picnic will be next **Sunday August 30th**. Fried chicken is provided. People whose last name begins with A-P bring fruit, salad, or vegetables. People whose last name begins with
Q-Z bring desserts.

We have a **prayer garden** in the back quad of the church opposite Grace Place. It is a lovely peaceful sight for prayer and reflection. Take a few moments out of your day to talk to God.

Grief Share is a 13-week program to help those who have recently lost loved ones. It will be held at Grace Place each Wednesday evening starting **September 9th – December 9th,** 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Please feel free to come and bring a friend.

The Lessons these Sundays talk about following Jesus or the world. We look for our future with Him in heaven. Check out ***"Project Connect"*** on the pamphlet stand in the entrance way for ***"What Happens when I Die."***

CALVARY FOOD PANTRY (CFP): The "Calvary Life" pew insert has additional info on the CFP. Our grocery shelves are pretty bare, so for the coming months, we are looking for

cash/donations for pantry staples, shelf stable milk, breakfast items, canned goods, pasta, rice, condiments, etc.; household, cleaning, and personal hygiene items.

CFP's "thrift store" which offers a variety of household items, clothing, shoes, coats, etc. – is also looking for donations Consider donating to CFP when cleaning or emptying out cabinets and closets, or getting rid of furniture – we accept pretty much anything you can find in a thrift store! See any CFP crew member to help, donate, or if you have any questions. We could not continue to provide these services to our pantry families without Calvary congregation's and its families and friends' generous support! We appreciate it and know our neighbors whom we **serve do as well!**

CFP Workdays - Over the summer, CFP and some of the other classrooms will be switching and moving spaces and are looking for able-bodied folks who are interested in helping accomplish this. Cleaning, moving stuff, organizing, packing and unpacking – there's something for everyone and a **workday is scheduled for 9am, September 5.** Let Bridget or any CFP crew member know if you have any questions and/or are available to help.

GINA FAMILY FUND: as you may know, Gina recently suffered another loss with the death of her brother, Mike. Donations are being collected towards renting a dumpster to help her clean out his house and other associated expenses. Please see Pat or Bridget to donate or with any questions – make checks payable to "Calvary Lutheran Church," "Gina Family Fund" in the memo line. Envelopes are also provided in the church Narthex - thank you!

CALVARY LUTHERAN "FUN" RAISING ACTIVITIES: Volunteers are needed to help with upcoming fund-raising projects which will benefit the elevator replacement fund: **Retro Basket & Vintage Designer Purse Bingo (November 7, 2026, Calvary Fellowship Hall)** – regular bingo/special games, raffles, 50/50, Calvary purse table, light refreshments, and more!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR FOLKS TO SPONSOR "FILLING" BASKETS and it's just $20 to sponsor – see Bridget Jones or Linda Gast to sponsor or with any questions about the baskets; and Sunnie Bell or Cheryl Reek with questions on or to donate purses.

Vendor Fair (May 8, 2027, location TBD) – outside vendors, crafts, light refreshments, raffles, Calvary purse and costume jewelry tables, and more! We're still looking for costume jewelry donations - see Ronnie Segal or Janice Woollen with any questions or to donate.

If you have any questions, need more info, or are interested in volunteering for either of these events, please see Bridget. Thank you to all who have donated and contributed to date!

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 30th	Jazz Service & Congregation Picnic
Tuesday, September 1	Calvary Food Pantry, 8:30am-10:30am
Wednesday, Sept. 9th – Dec. 9th	Grief Share, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Grace Place
Sunday, September 6th	Favorite Hymn Sunday
Saturday, September 12	CFP Work Day (tentative), 9am
Tuesday, October 6th	Calvary Food Pantry, 8:30am-10:30am
Tuesday, November 3rd	Calvary Food Pantry, 8:30am-10:30am
Saturday, November 7th	Retro Basket & Vintage Designer Purse Bingo Calvary Fellowship Hall
Saturday, December 5th	CFP Holiday Event, 10am (*note date/time change*)