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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

Forgiveness through Christ

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"Forward in Faith and Mission"

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10 a.m. September 13, 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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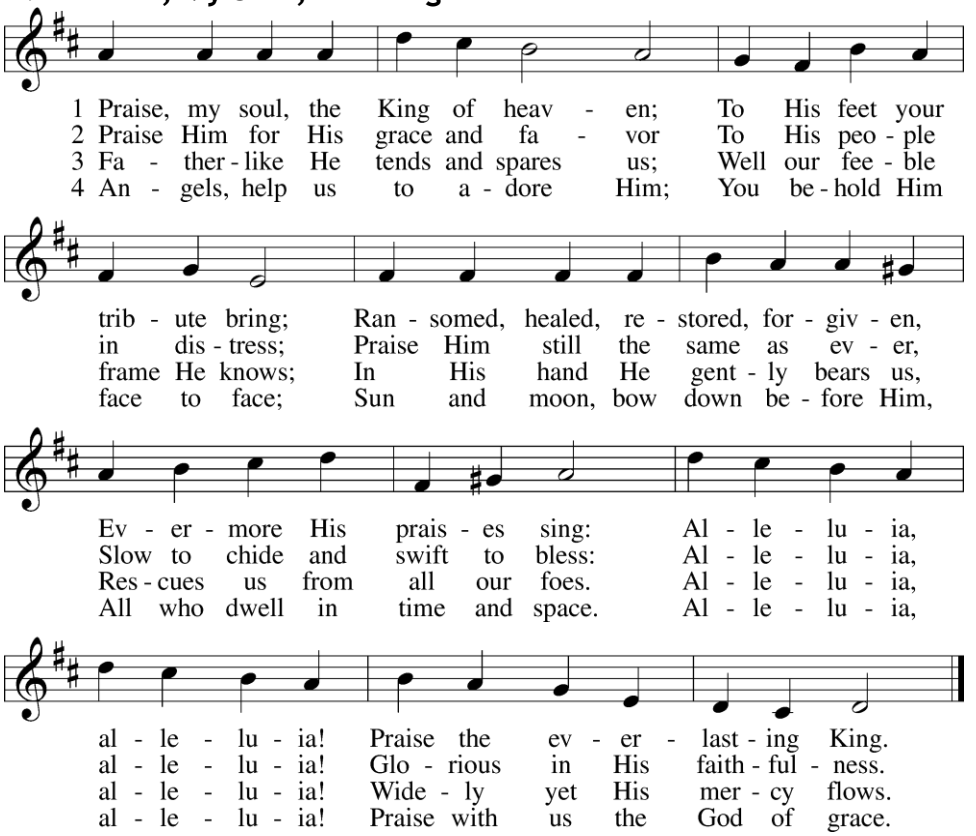
God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true 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 *Creator of the Stars at Night* W. Held
Praise My Soul the King of Heaven P. Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn
793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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.**

Exhortation

P 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.**

Kneel/Stand

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

Confession of Sins

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.**

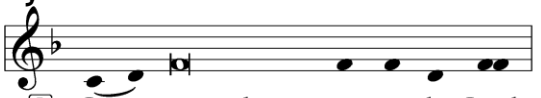
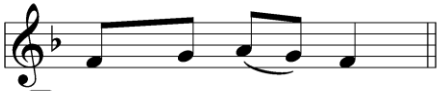
Absolution

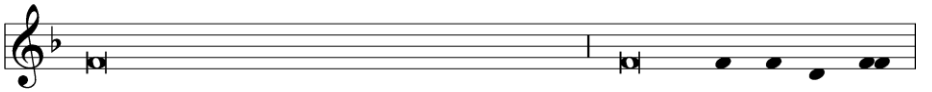
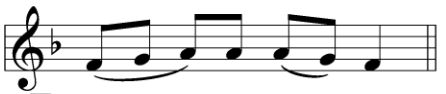
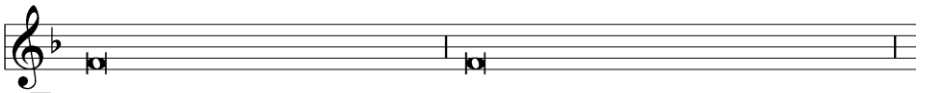
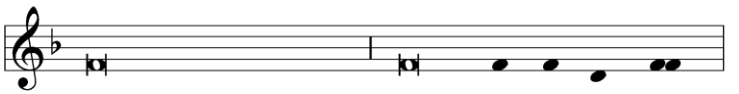
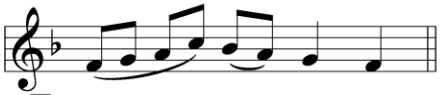
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

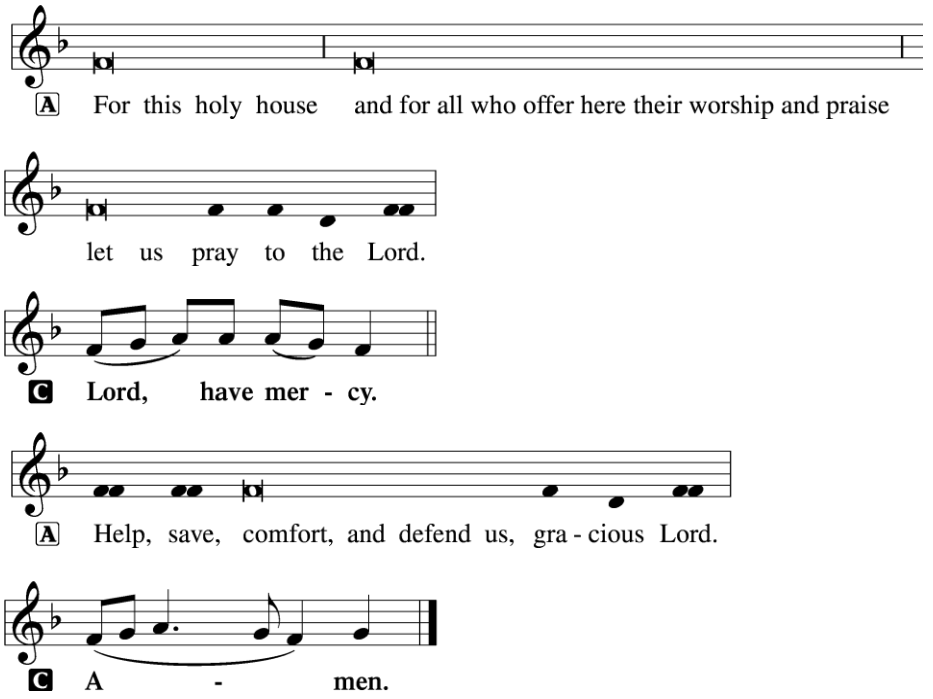
C **Amen.**

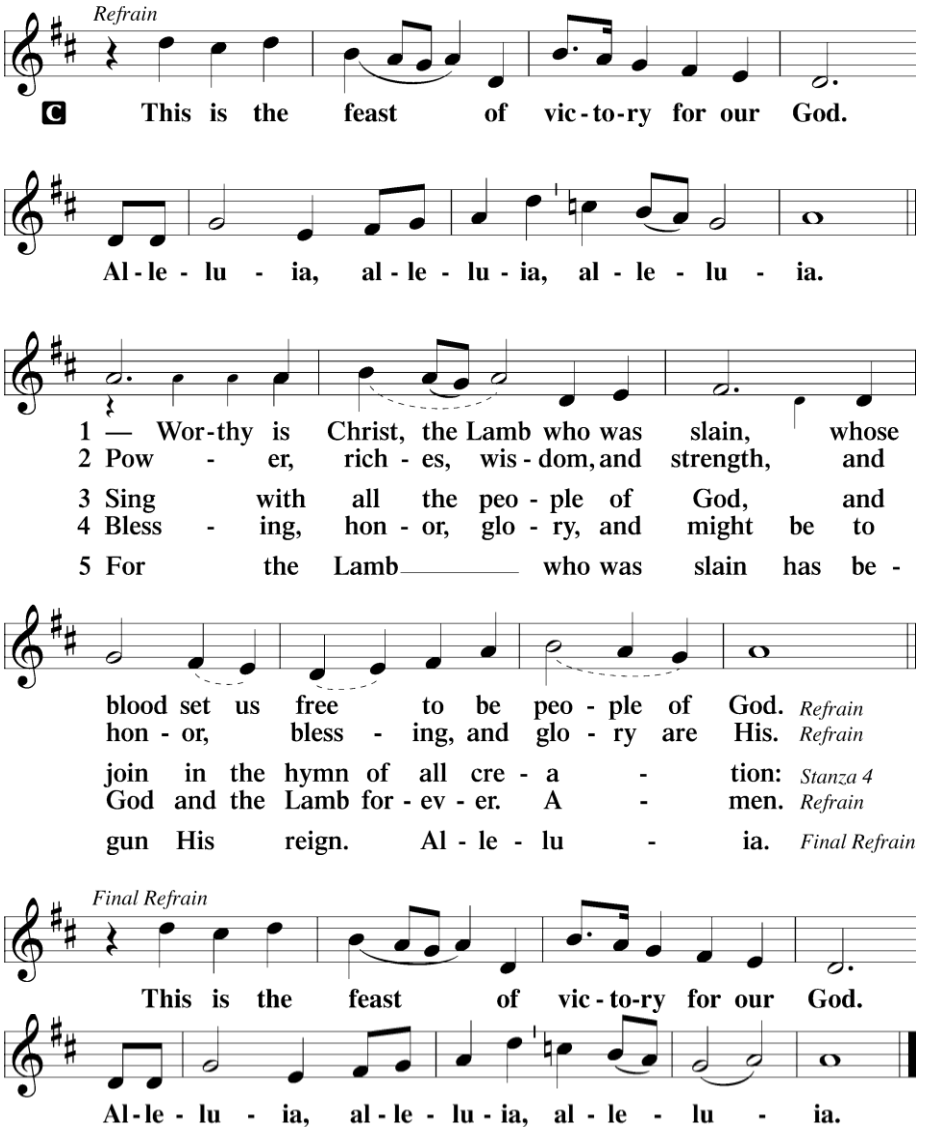
SERVICE of the WORD

Kyrie






A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise
let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.
C A - men.

Hymn of Praise
This Is the Feast

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

The Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Reading — Genesis 50:15–21

15When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that
Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." 16So they sent a
message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 17'Say to
Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did
evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your
father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18His brothers also came and fell down
before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19But Joseph said to them, "Do not
fear, for am I in the place of God? 20As for you, you meant evil against me, but God
meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are
today. 21So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted
them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103 (read in unison)

1Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
2Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
3who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
4who redeems your life from the pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
5who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
6The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
7He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
8The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
9He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
10He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
11For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
12as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

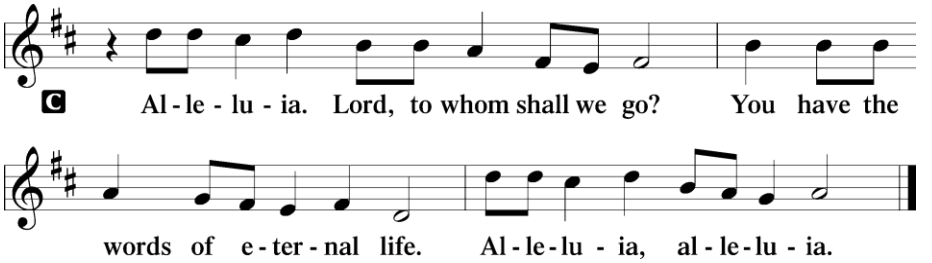
Epistle — Romans 14:1-12

1As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. 2One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 3Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. 4Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.
5One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. 6The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. 7For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 8If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.
10Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; 11for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God."
12So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

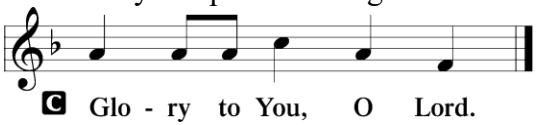
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Matthew 18:21–35

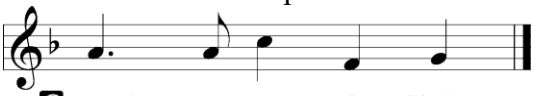
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



21Peter came up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against
me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" 22Jesus said to him, "I do not say to
you seven times, but seventy times seven.

23"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to
settle accounts with his servants. 24When he began to settle, one was brought to him who
owed him ten thousand talents. 25And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to
be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26So the
servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you
everything.' 27And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and
forgave him the debt. 28But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow
servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him,
saying, 'Pay what you owe.' 29So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him,
'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30He refused and went and put him in prison
until he should pay the debt. 31When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they
were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken

place. [32]Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. [33]And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ [34]And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. [35]So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn
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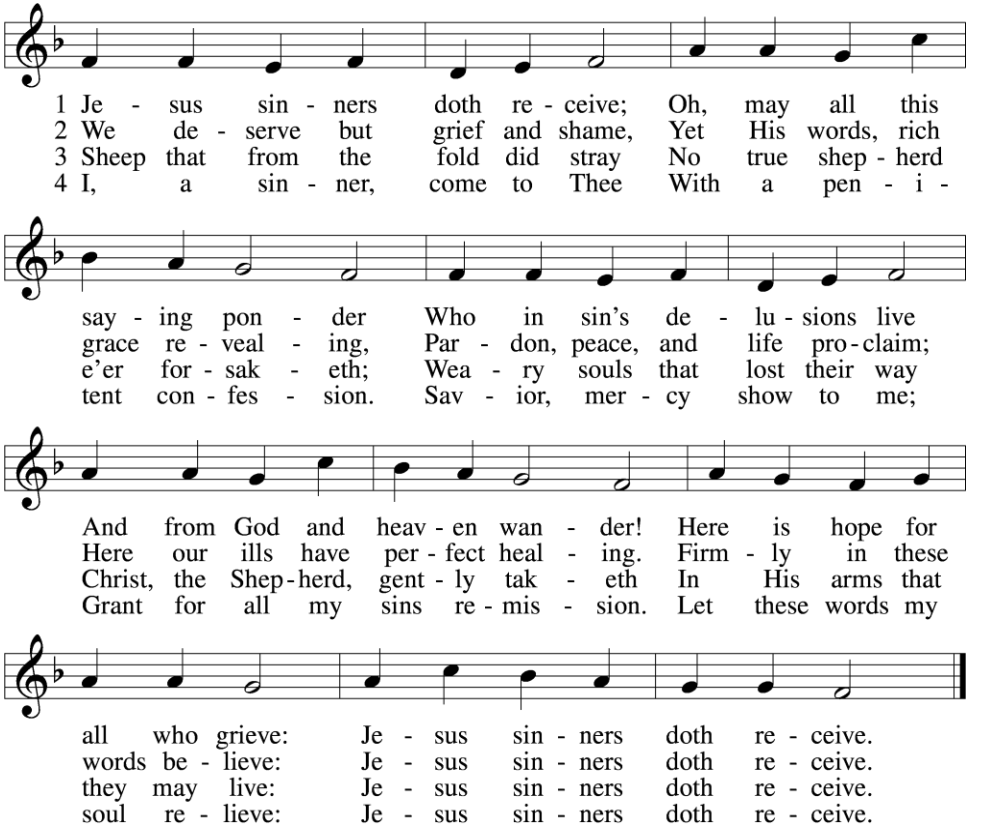

Sermon Rev. Kevin Barron

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.

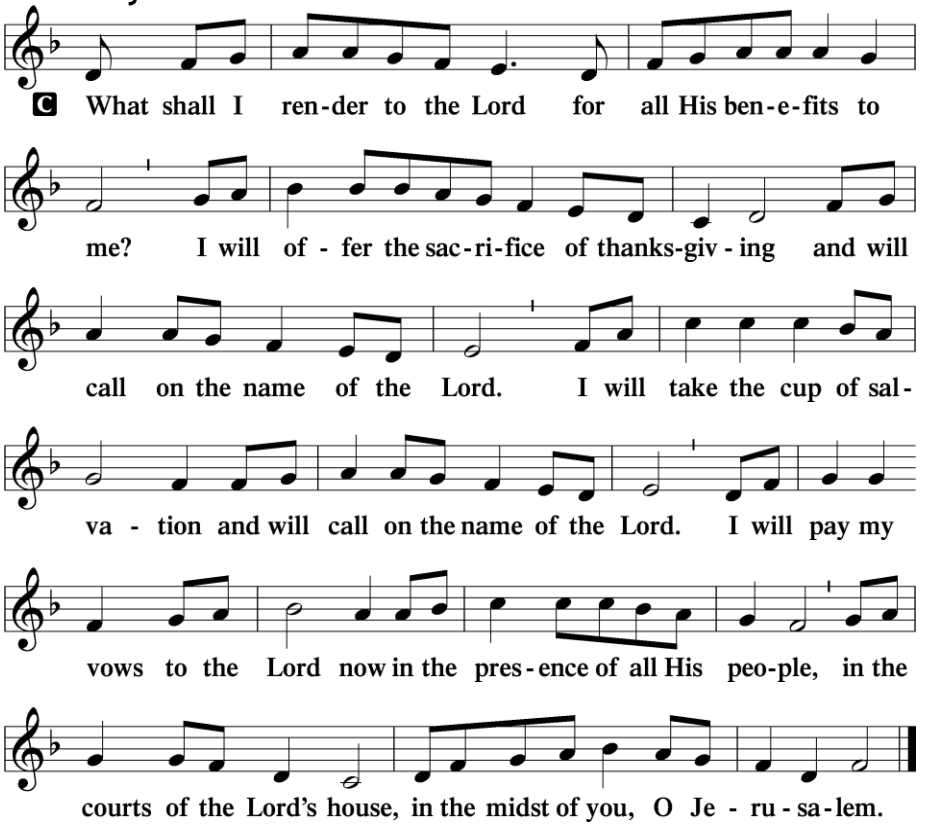
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission 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.)

Offertory



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.**

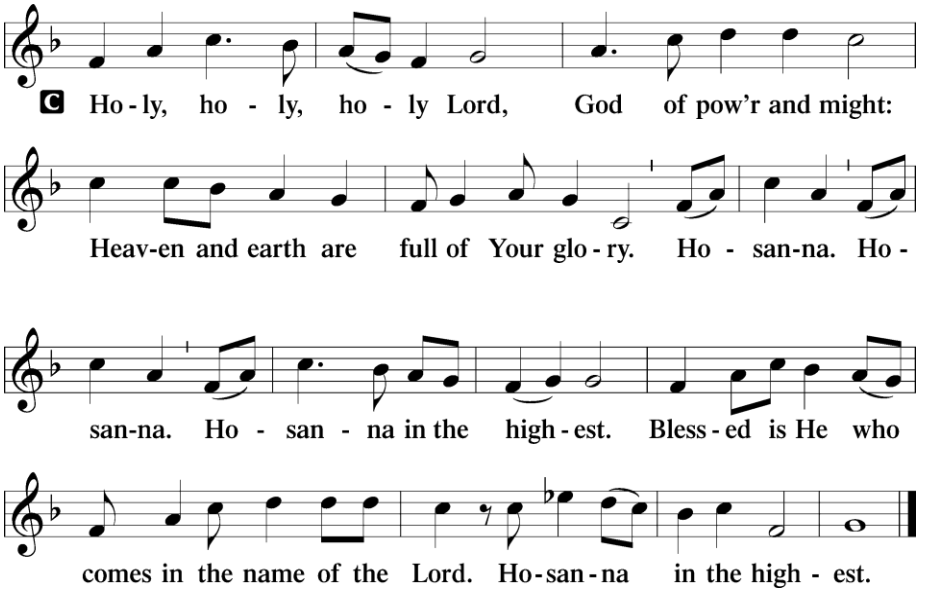
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

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

Proper Preface

P It is truly 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



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.

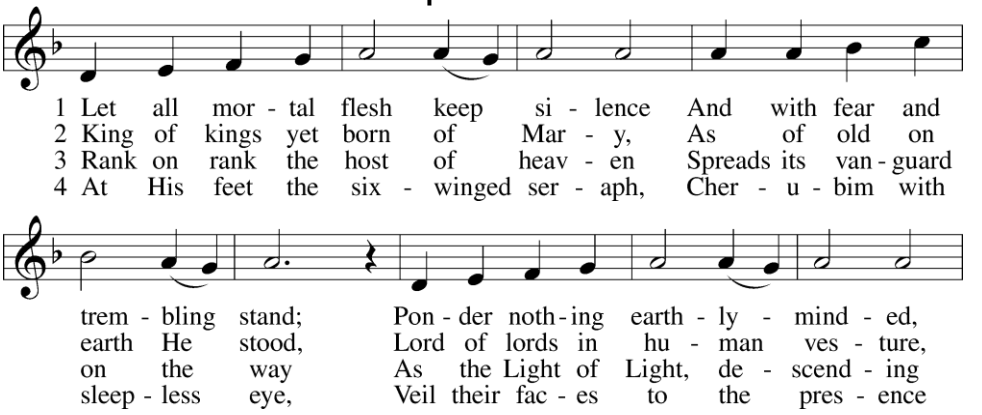
The Words of Our Lord

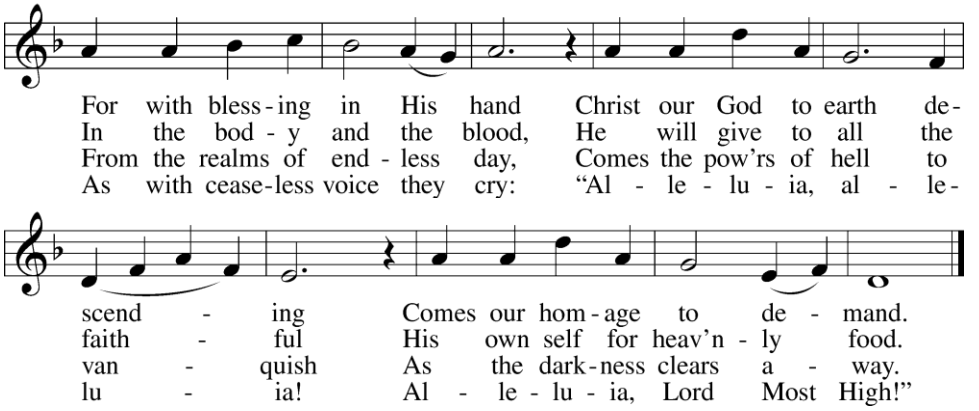
Pax Domini

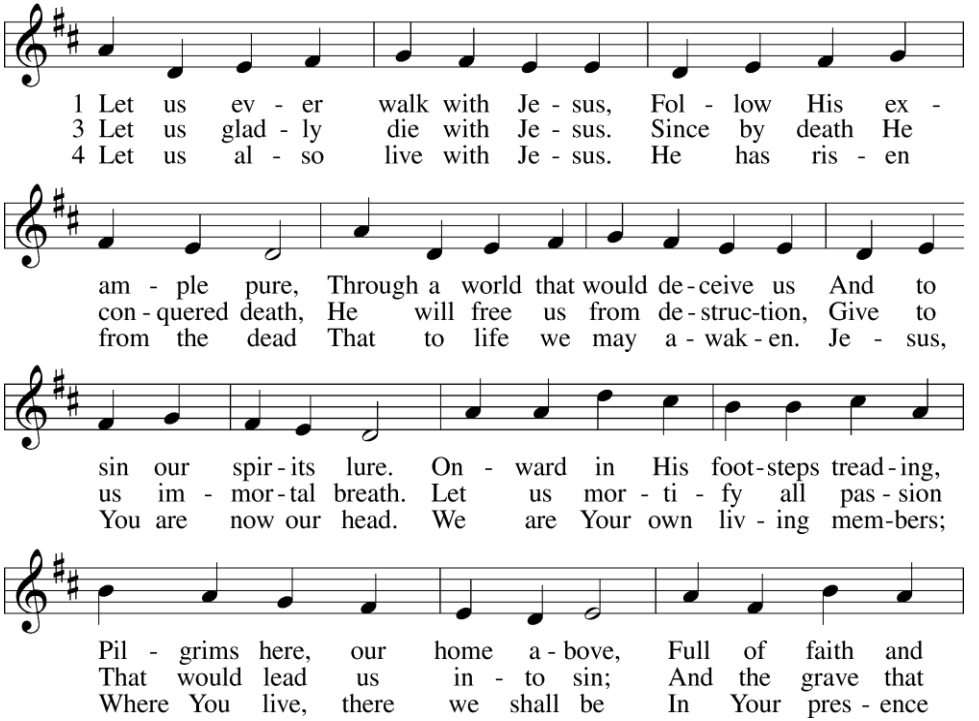
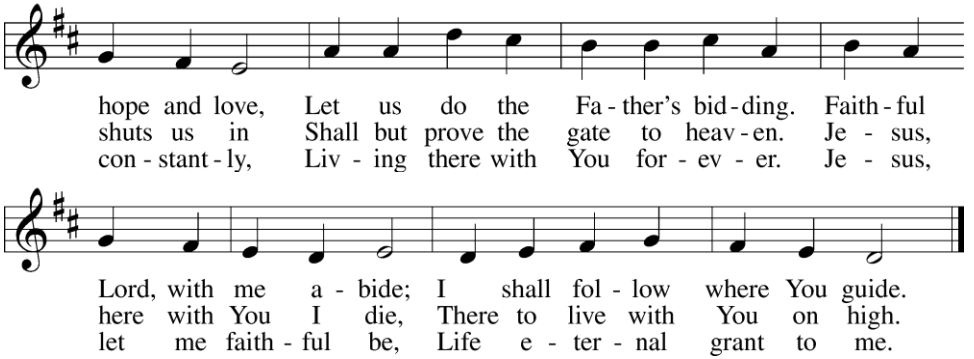
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Distribution Hymns

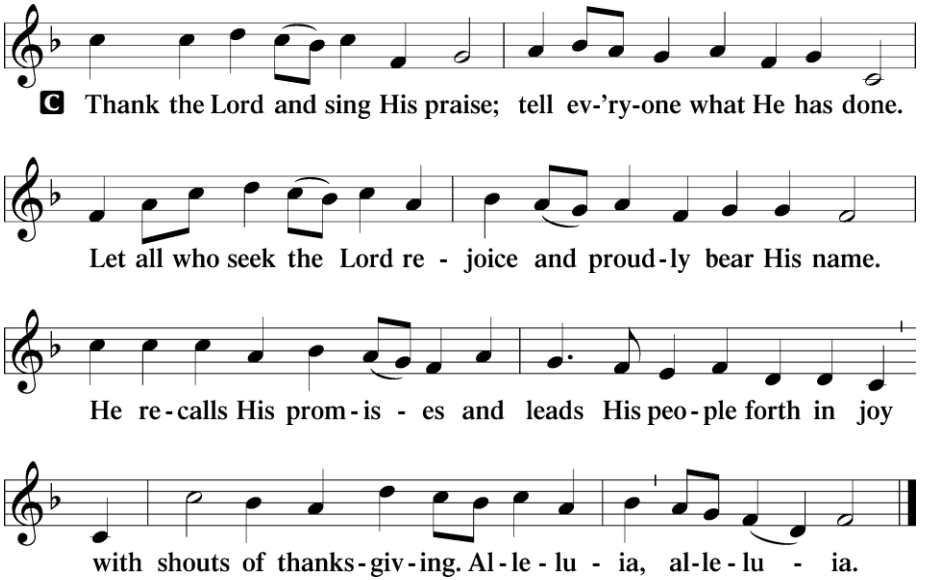
621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence





685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



Post-Communion Canticle
Thank the Lord



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,

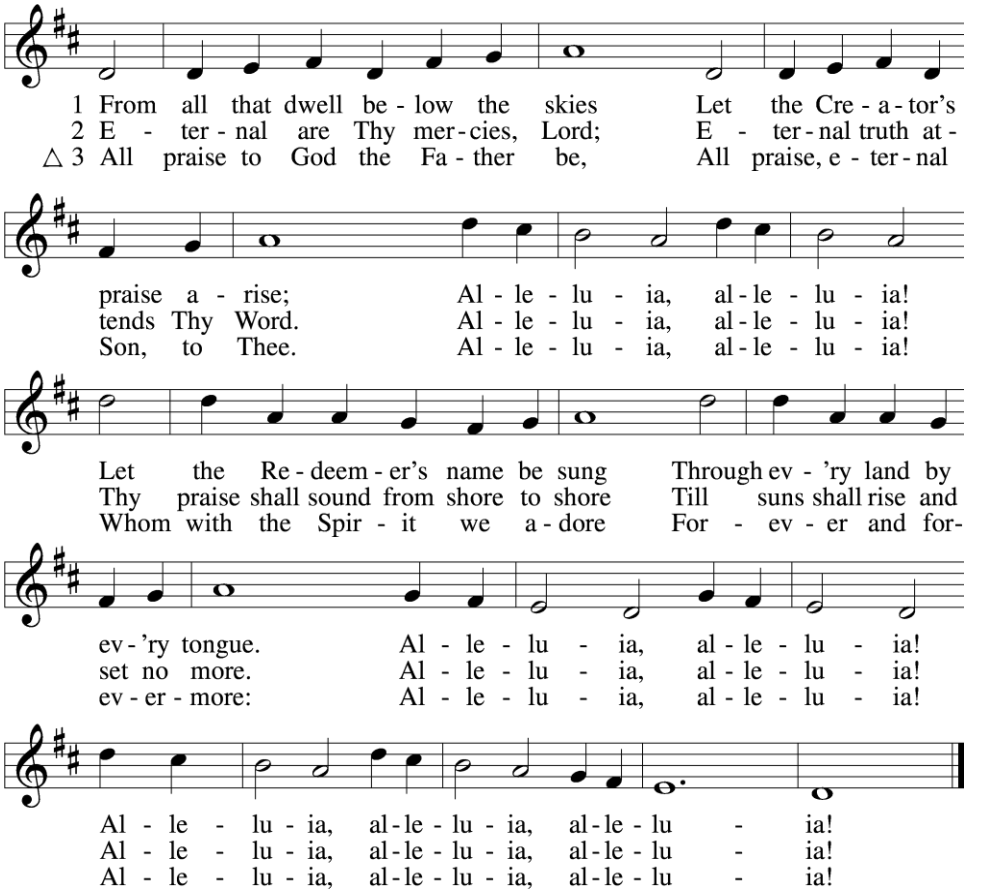
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Benedication

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
#816 From All That Dwell Below the Skies



The Sending

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE ***Fugue in C Major*** J.S. Bach

TODAY'S SERVANTS

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

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****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, September 13, 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, 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

As we prepare for Stewardship Sunday, let us hear the message for us today that Paul wrote to the Romans: "For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think of yourself with sober judgment, according to the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and not all members have the same function, so in Christ we who are many are one body, and each member belongs to one another.

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. Romans 12:3-13

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.

Hello Friends! Our Sunday Bible class has resumed @ 8:30 in the media center. No previous experience or Biblical knowledge needed. All sinners welcomed! Call Nancie 410-936-0451 anytime.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A BRIEF, MEANINGFUL DAILY DEVOTION RESOURCE? Try Lutheran Hour Ministries which provides daily on-line devotions. Simply log-on to: LMH.ORG/DAILY DEVOTIONS. The devotions are approximately four minutes in length, and can be read on screen as you listen to them. See The Project Connect rack in the lobby for special topics.

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. 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

Wednesday, Sept. 9th – Dec. 9th	Grief Share, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Grace Place
Sunday, September 20th	Stewardship Sunday
Tuesday, September 22nd	Bible Study, 11 am
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 in the Fellowship Hall, 1pm-4pm
Saturday, December 5th	CFP Holiday Event, 8:30am (**note date change**)