CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

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"Forward in Faith and Mission"

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10 a.m. September 27, 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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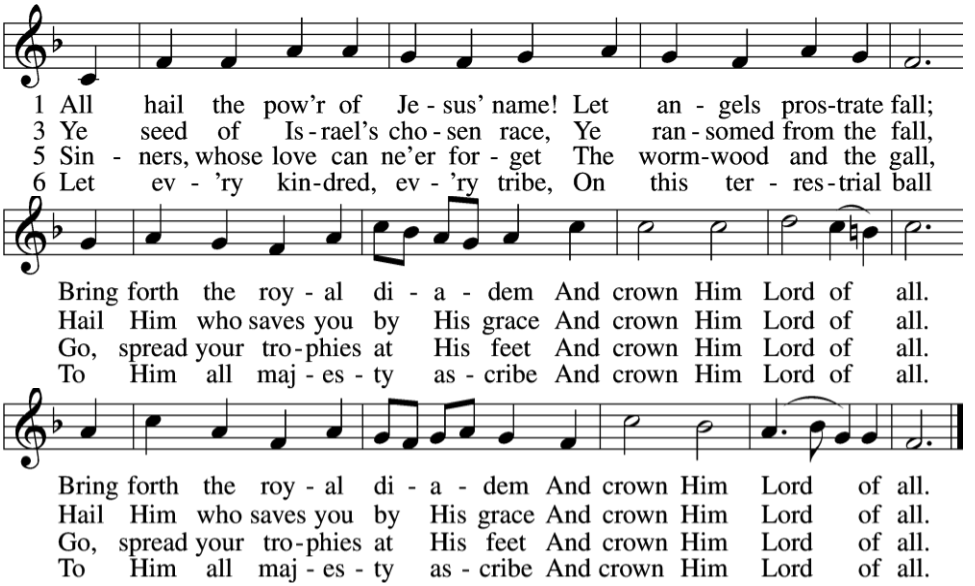
God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true 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 ***This Is My Father's World*** R. Hobby
Fourth Concerto G.F Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn
549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



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.**

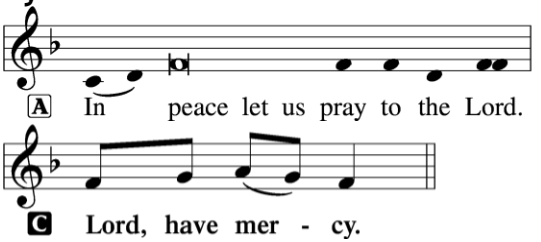
Absolution

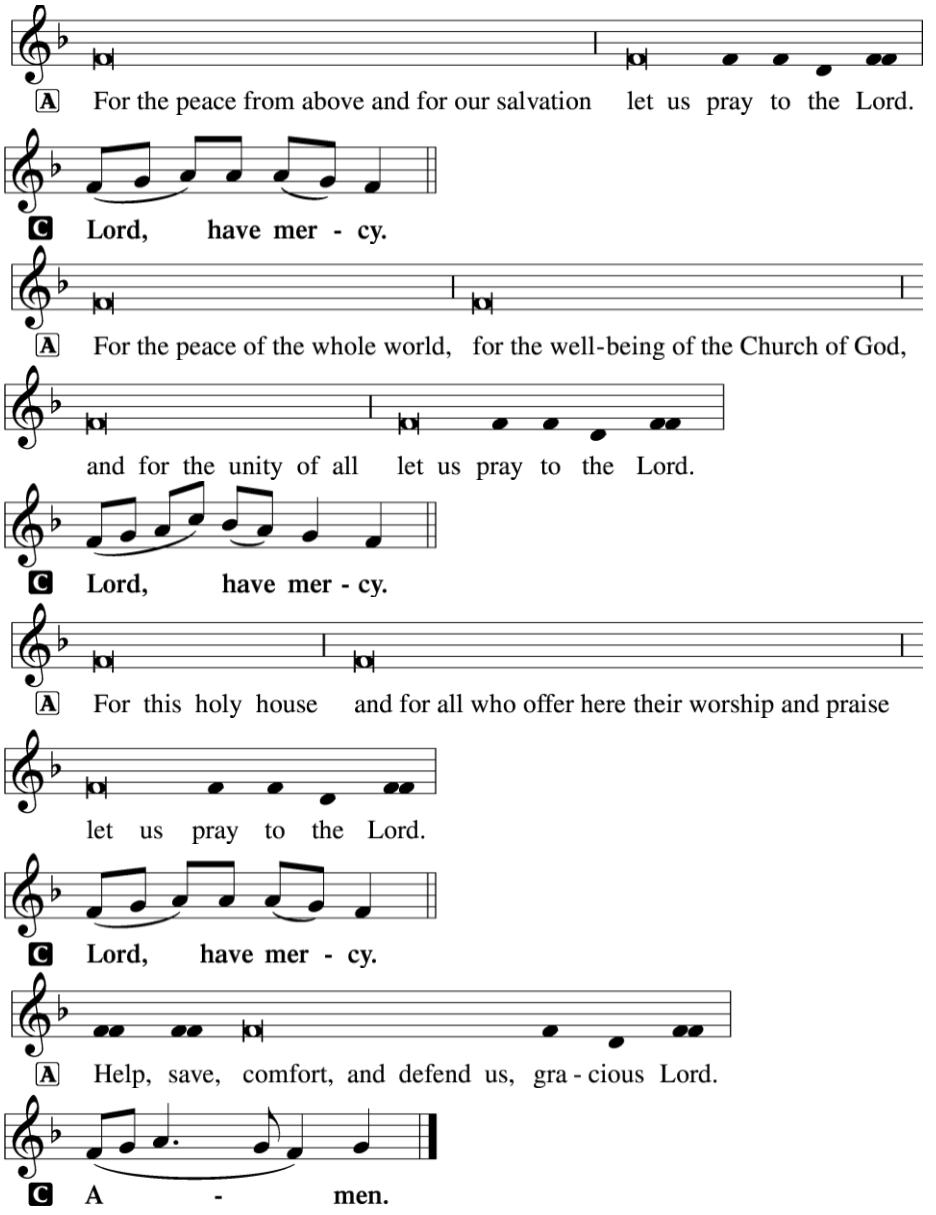
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE of the WORD

Kyrie




A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
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.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; 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 Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

[1]The word of the Lord came to me: [2]"What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? [3]As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. [4]Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

[25]"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? [26]When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. [27]Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. [28]Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. [29]Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

[30]"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. [31]Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? [32]For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."

A This is the Word of the Lord. C

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25 (read responsively)

[1]To you, O Lord,
I lift up my soul.
[2]O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
[3]Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
[4]Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
[5]Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.
[6]Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
[7]Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!
[8]Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
[9]He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.
[10]All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Epistle — Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

[1]If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, [2]complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. [3]Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. [4]Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .
[14]Do all things without grumbling or questioning, [15]that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, [16]holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

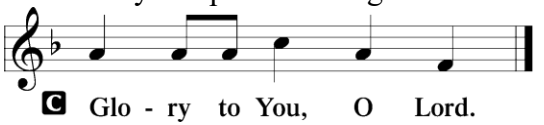
17 Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your
faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice
with me.

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

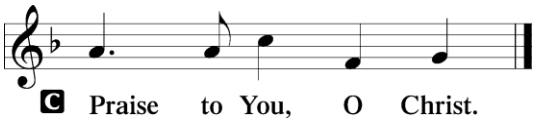
Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel Matthew 21:23-27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



23 When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people
came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these
things, and who gave you this authority?" 24 Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one
question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do
these things. 25 The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from
man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he
will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 26 But if we say, 'From man,' we are
afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." 27 So they answered Jesus,
"We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do
these things."



Sermon Hymn
812 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

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

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.**

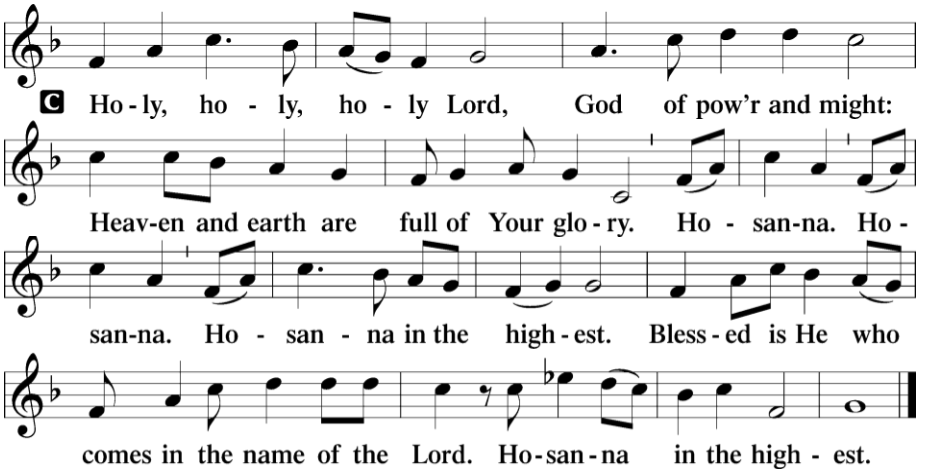
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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;

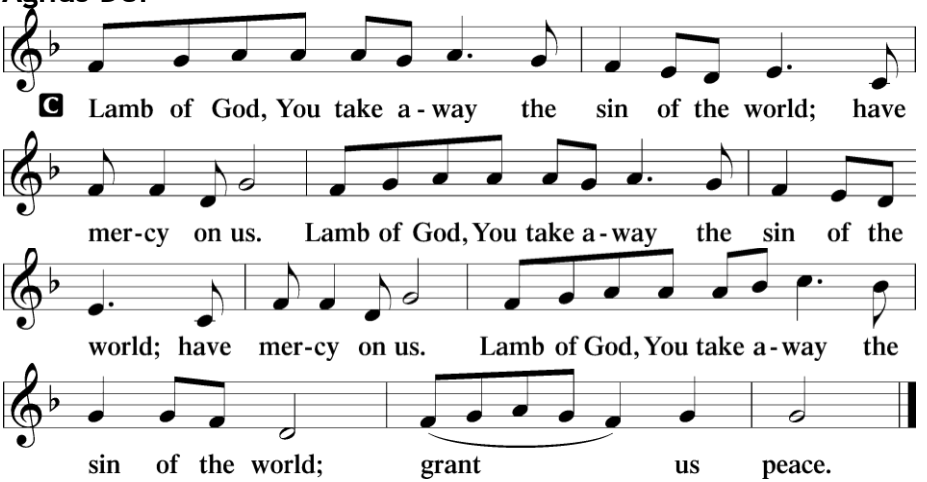
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

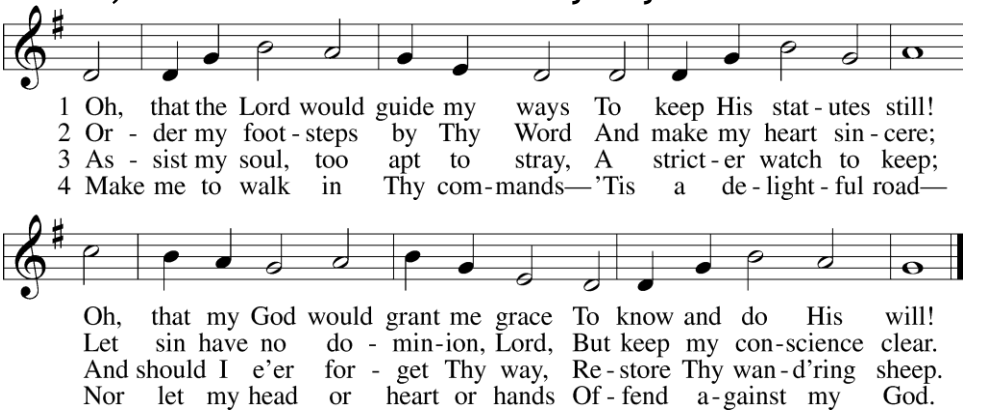
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei



Distribution Hymns

707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

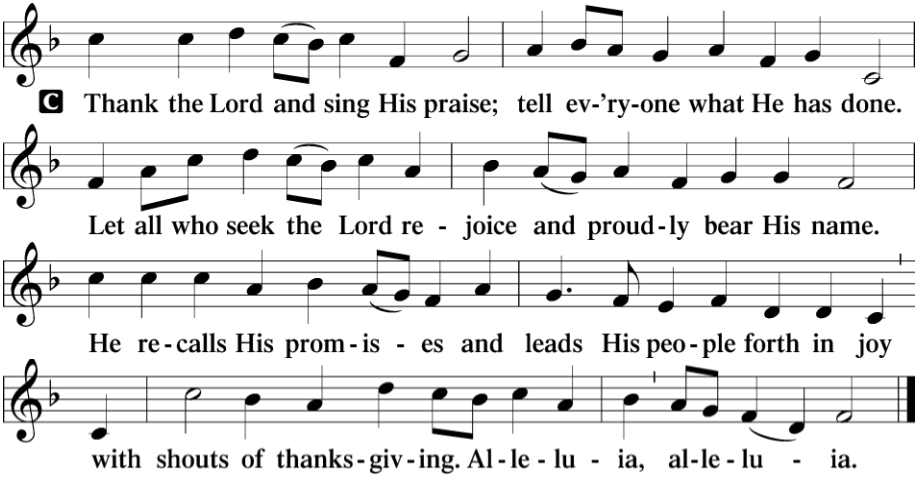
O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free
Tell me Thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care

Teach me Thy patience, still with Thee
In closer, dearer company
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong
In truth that triumphs over wrong

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way
In peace that only Thou canst give
With Thee, O Master, let me live

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.**

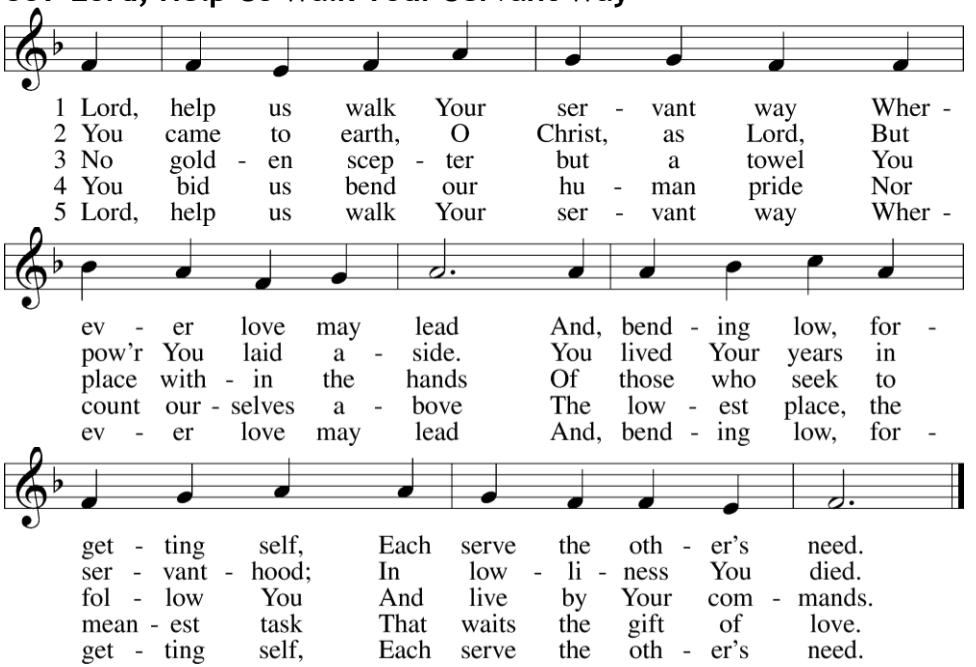
Benediction

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

857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way



The Sending

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE ***Trumpet Duet*** J.H. Roman

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Proclaimer: Rev. Kevin Barron
Liturgist: Mike Bell
Organist: Barbara Sommer
Cantor: John Robinson
Lector: Ronnie Segal
Crucifer/Acolyte: Caleb Barron
IT Assistants: Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, September 27, 2026****

WELCOME IN JESUS CHRIST!

Please include the following in your daily prayers:
Prayers for healing: Amanda Richter, The Carpenter Family, Arnold Christie (brother of Lynn Flaherty), Alison Baptiste, 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, 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, Alison Baptiste

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

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

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

SHARE THE WARMTH: Calvary's bi-annual winter coat giveaway will take place on **Sunday, October 25th from 1-3pm.** Volunteers are needed to help during this event. Please contact Linda Gast if you are able to help. Lunch will be provided for volunteers after church/prior to the start of the giveaway. Monetary donations can also be made. Checks should be made out to "Calvary Lutheran Church" with "Good Samaritan" in the memo line.

NEW Calvary Food Pantry (CFP): the CFP continues to serve 75-100 people per month through the continued support, benevolence, hard work and generosity of Calvary's congregation. As you may know, we are working to expand operations into several other classrooms within our facility. As such, we are looking for anyone who may be interested in donating to several needs to assist in this expansion, including: (1) two additional large **utility carts**; (2) **metal shelving** to

replace the old wooden (formerly library book) shelves; and (3) a **refrigerator and upright freezer** for additional perishable storage. Any and all donations are welcome, and if you have any questions or would like to donate in memory or honor of someone, see any member of the CFP crew

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!**

CALVARY LUTHERAN "FUN" RAISING ACTIVITIES: Volunteers are needed to help with upcoming fund-raising projects which will benefit the elevator replacement fund: **Retro Basket and Vintage Designer Purse Bingo** (**November 14, 2026**, Calvary Fellowship Hall, 1-4pm, doors open at noon - **please note date change!)** – regular bingo/special games, raffles, 50/50, light refreshments, bake table, and more! This event is open to all so we if you plan to attend and play Bingo, please bring a friend!

We're looking for folks to sponsor baskets - 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. Also, we're looking for volunteers for this event – there's a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for various activities which will help this event be successful! We hope you can join us either as a player (flyer enclosed with information on how to register) or a helper!

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!

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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.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, September 29th	Bible Study, 11 am
Wednesday, September 30th	Grief Share, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Grace Place
Tuesday, October 6th	Calvary Food Pantry, 8:30am-10:30 am
Sunday, October 25th	Calvary's Bi-Annual Coat Giveaway, 1 – 3 pm
Tuesday, November 3rd	Calvary Food Pantry, 8:30 am-10:30 am
Saturday, November 14th	Retro Basket & Vintage Designer Purse Bingo, Fellowship Hall, 1-4pm, doors open at noon
Saturday, December 5th	CFP Holiday Event, 8:30am (**note date change**)

Upcoming Events at Concordia Prep School

10/9 soccer tailgate for championship teams from '91, 2001, 2016

10/10 @ 11:30 am - Football alumni tailgate for milestone reunions 72,77,82,87,92,2002, 2007, 2012, 2017

10/10; 2-5 pm - Oktoberfest for all alum, family and friends Free will offering. RSVP is helpful for all events for planning but not required. **See website for complete details.**