CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Kevin Barron
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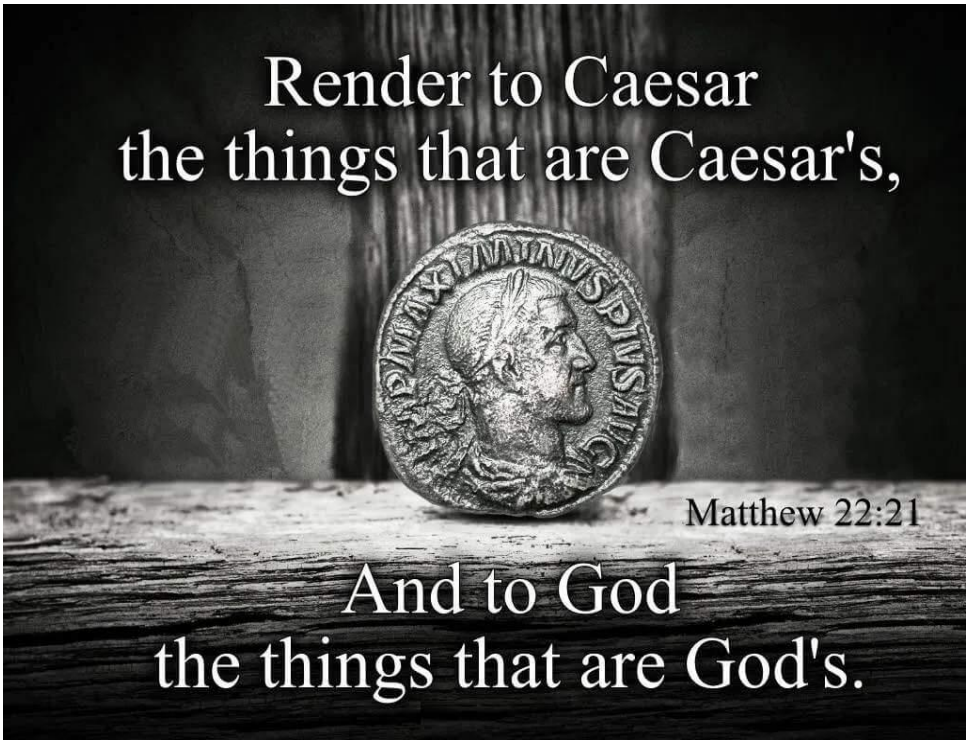
Sunday School
8:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.



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"Forward in Faith and Mission"

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10 a.m. October 18, 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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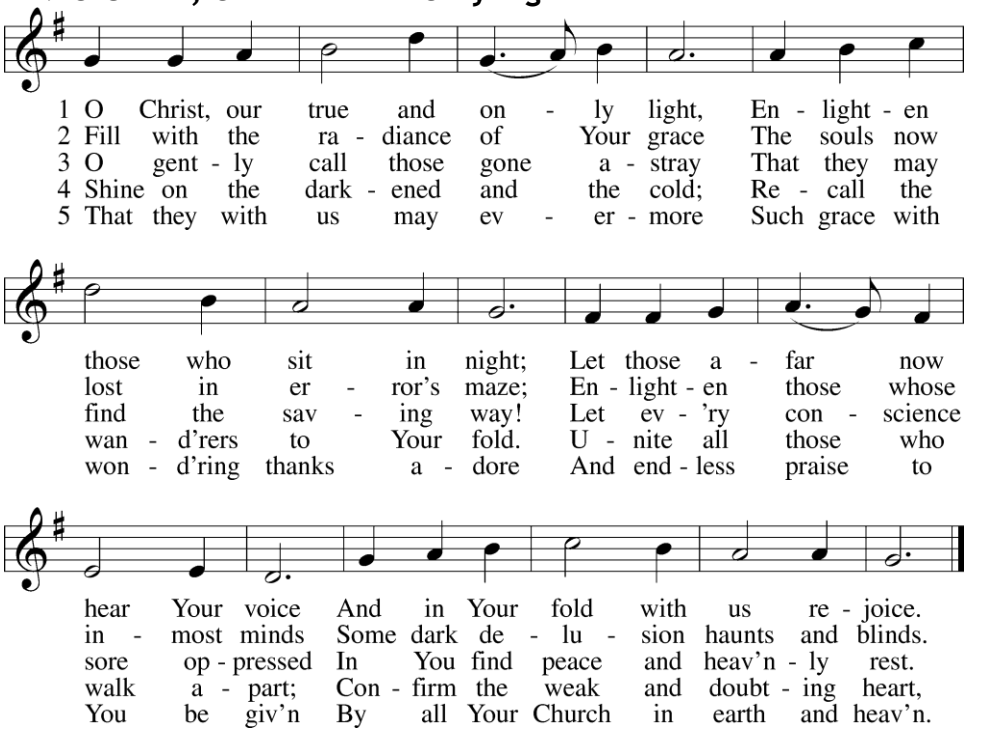
God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true 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 ***My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, Lord*** M. Burkhardt
O Christ, Our True and Only Light P. Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn
839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

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

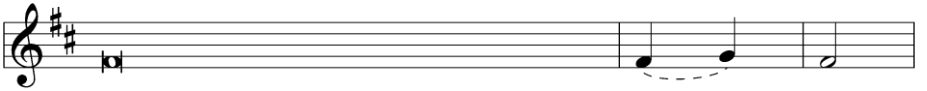
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE of the WORD

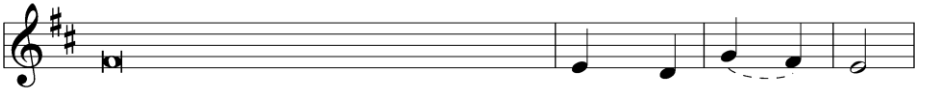
Hymn of Praise

Venite



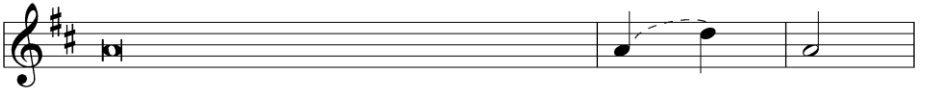
C 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son

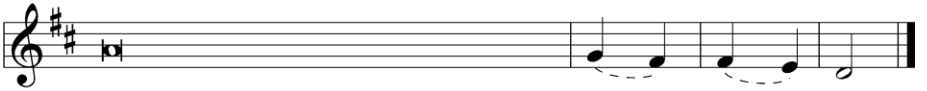


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.

5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,
4 For He . . . . . is our God,
5 as it was in the be - - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 45:1-7

[1]Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
[2]"I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
[3]I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
[4]For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.

[5]I am the Lord, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
[6]that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
[7]I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the Lord, who does all these things."

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

Psalm 96 (read responsively)

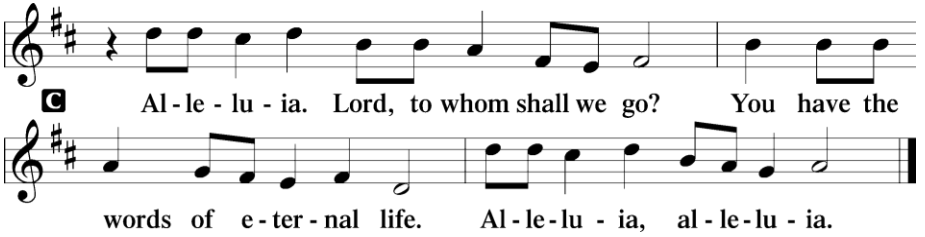
[1]Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
[2]Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
[3]Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
[4]For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
[5]For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
[6]Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
[7]Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
[8]Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
[9]Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!
[10] Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
12 let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
13 before the Lord, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

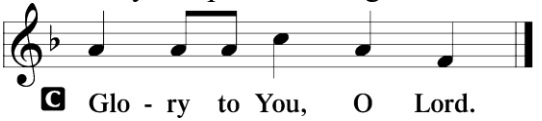
Epistle — 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.
2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers,
3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. 9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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

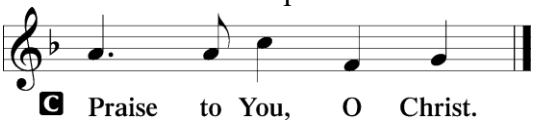
Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel Matthew 22:15–22

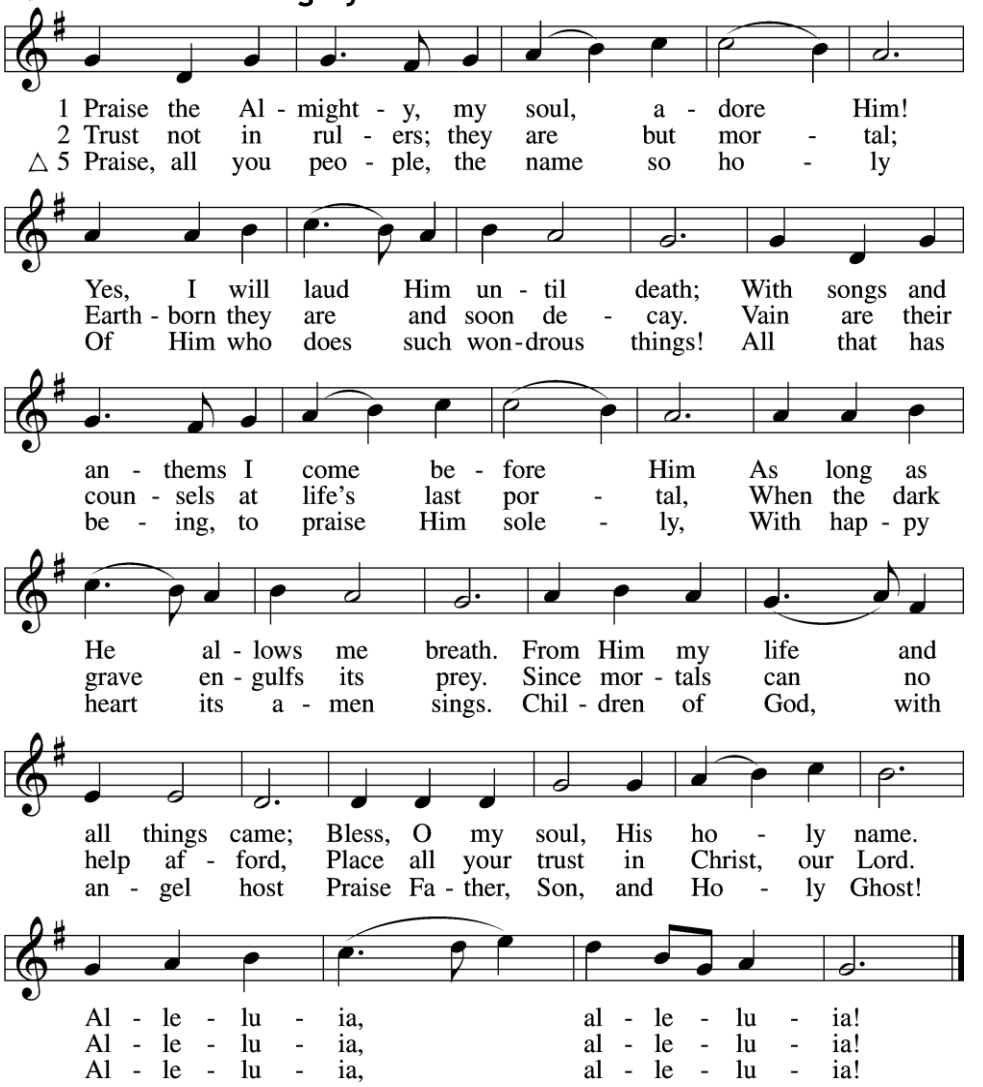
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his talk. 16 And
they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that
you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's
opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it
lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put
me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a
denarius. 20 And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" 21 They said,
"Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are
Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard it, they marveled.
And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon Hymn
797 Praise the Almighty

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.

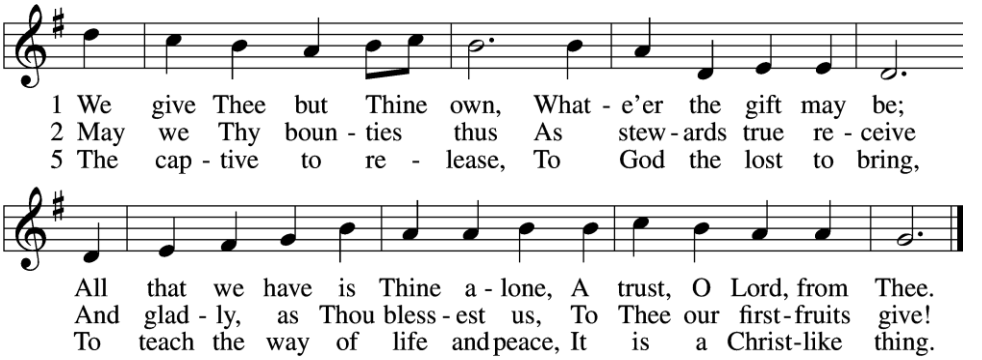
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

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.)

The Hymn
781 We Give Thee But Thine Own



SERVICE of the SACRAMENT

Preface
P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

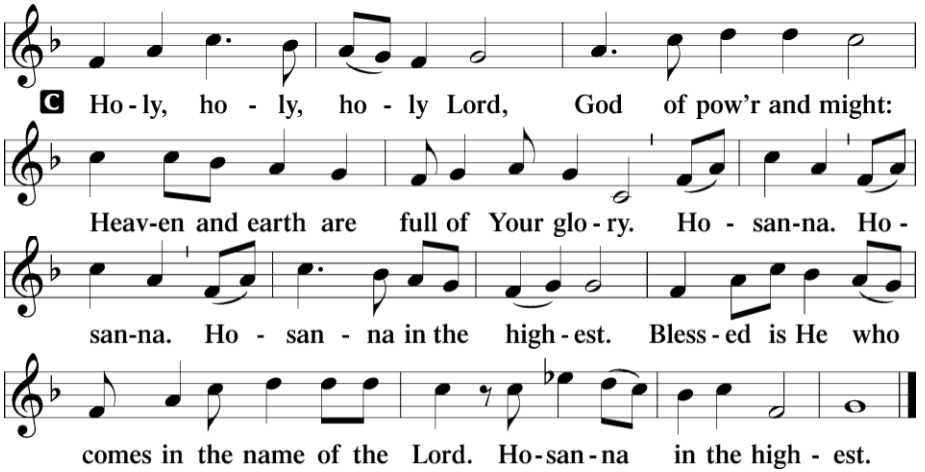
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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.

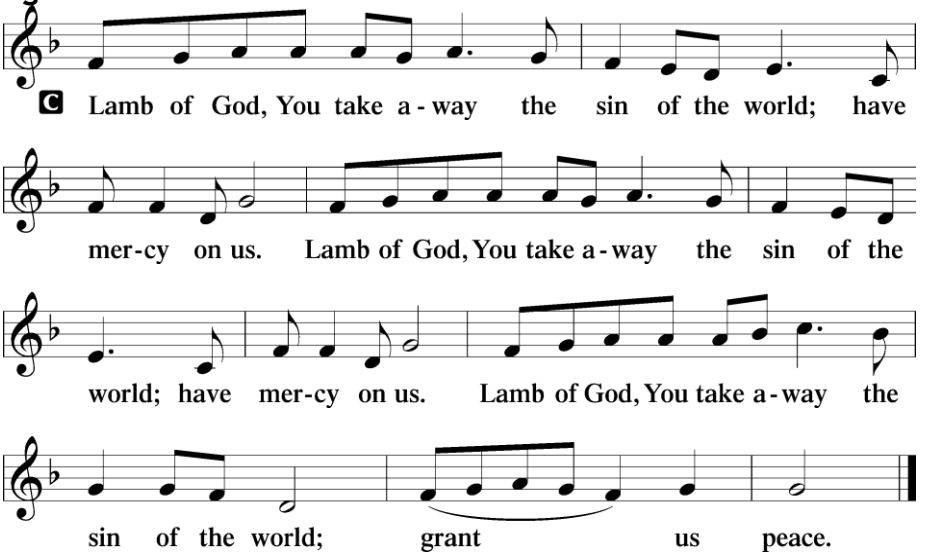
The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

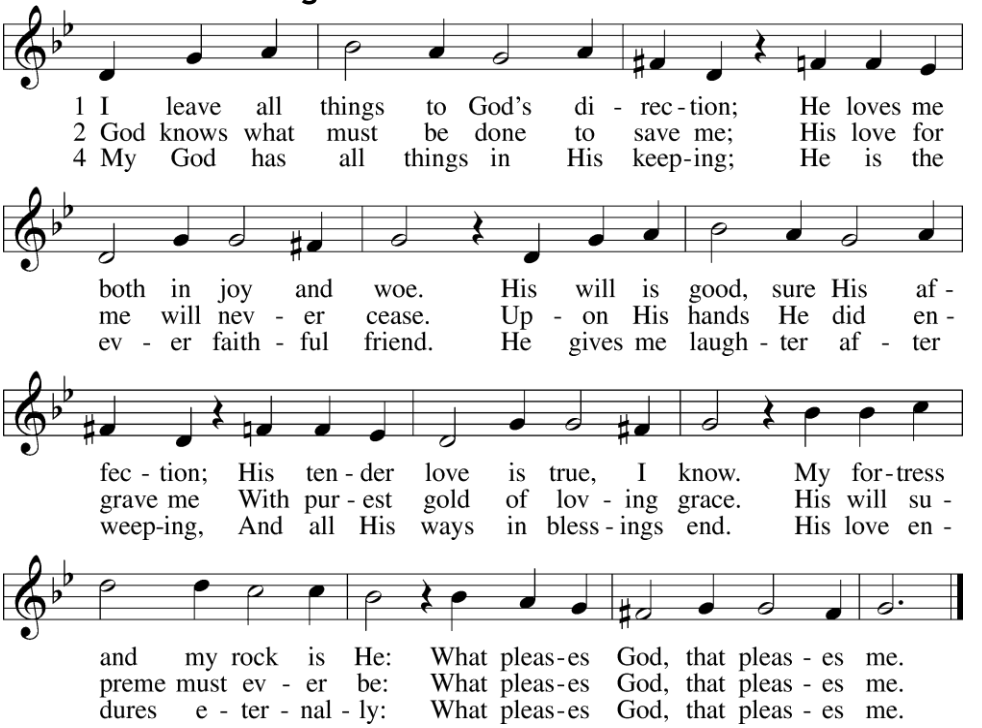
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei



Distribution Hymns

719 I Leave All Things to God's Direction

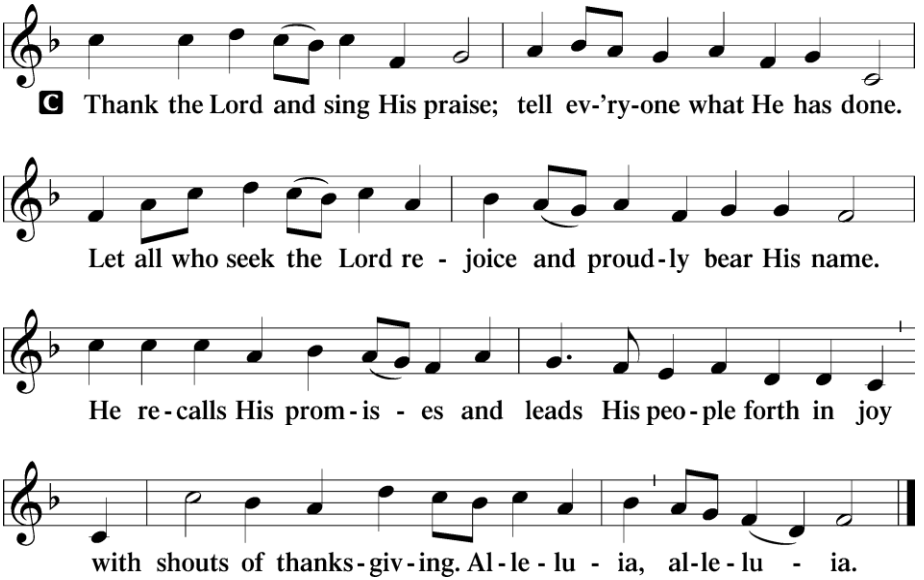


My Jesus, I Love Thee

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Post-Communion Canticle
Thank the Lord



Post-Communion Collect

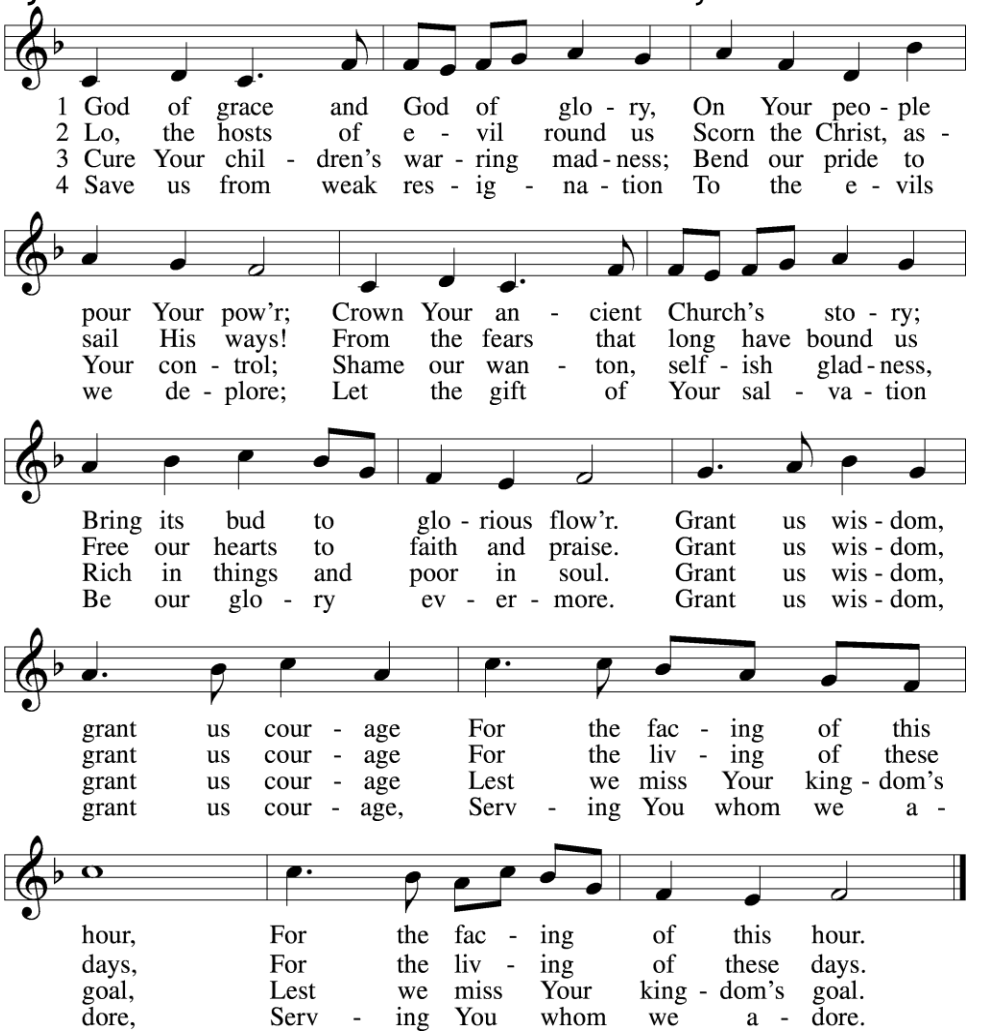
A Let us pray.

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
850 God of Grace and God of Glory
Hymn Introduction R. Hobby

Sending

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE ***Rigaudon*** A. Campra

TODAY'S SERVANTS

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

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****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, September October 18, 2026****

WELCOME IN JESUS CHRIST!

Please include the following in your daily prayers:
Prayers for healing: Paul Thompson, 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

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.

The **Festival Choir** will be singing for **Reformation, Sunday, October 25th**. We will be rehearsing **today** after services and 9 am on the 25th. All who love to sing, please join us.

SHARE THE WARMTH: Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with our "Share the Warmth" Calvary's bi-annual coat giveaway. Additionally, thanks to those who have donated coats, gloves, scarves, and blankets. ****SET UP** for our event will take place on **Saturday, October 24th from 10 am – noon.**** The coat giveaway will take place on **Sunday, October 25th from 1-3 pm.** Volunteers are needed to help during this event. 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. If you are able to assist, please contact Linda Gast. Much thanks!!

CALVARY FOOD PANTRY (CFP) - The "Calvary Life" pew insert has additional info on the CFP. Please note the upcoming dates: **Nov. 3rd,** and **Saturday, Dec. 5th (special holiday date)** – we are collecting the following items or money for:

- **Holiday Meals (Oct - Dec.) – boxed potatoes and stuffing, gravy, muffins and biscuits, canned veggies, cranberry sauce, hams, turkeys, chickens, etc.**

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, 1-4 pm, doors open at noon - please note date change!)** – regular bingo/special games, raffles, 50/50, light refreshments, bake table, and more! Please consider purchasing tickets for you and your friends ahead of time- such a bargain at $15 in advance or $20 at the door! They are available through Deb Kamplain, Janice Woollen, Ronnie Segal or Bridget Jones at Calvary; or online through Eventbrite - https://CalvaryBingo.eventbrite.com. Bingo not your thing? Consider volunteering that afternoon to help out with tickets, raffles, food, setup/cleanup- plenty of ways to contribute! Just about everything for this event has been generously donated and proceeds will benefit Calvary's elevator replacement fund - something from which we can all benefit!

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.

CFP REQUEST: If you have an SUV or pick-up truck and would be willing and able to pick-up donations and drop them at church 1-2 times per month from the Food Access Coalition (near church at 4220 Shannon Drive, Baltimore, MD 21213), please contact Bridget. Dates and times (in 15-min increments) for pick-ups are limited to Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am - 11:45am. Thank you!

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!**

***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

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!

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

Tuesday, October 20th	Bible Study, 11 am
Wednesday, October 21st	Grief Share, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Grace Place
Saturday, October 24th	Set up for Bi-Annual Coat Giveaway, 10 am – 12
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, 1-4 pm – doors open @ noon
Saturday, December 5th	CFP Holiday Event, 8:30 am (**note DATE change**)