CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Forward in Faith and Mission"

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10 a.m. August 30, 2026

JAZZ SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION AT CALVARY

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

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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 ***All Blues*** M. Davis Jazz Quartet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn
728 How Firm a Foundation
How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!

"When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine**.**

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

Hymn of Praise
Great is the Lord (x2)

Great is the Lord,
He is holy and just,
By His power we trust
in His love.
Great is the Lord,
He is faithful and true,
by His mercy He proves
He is love.
Great is the Lord
and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord
and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord,
now lift up your voice
Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord!
Great is the Lord!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; 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 Jeremiah 15:15–21

15 O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.
16 Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
17 I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?
19 Therefore thus says the LORD:
"If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.
20 And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.

[21]I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

A This is the Word of the Lord. C

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26 (read responsively)

[1]Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
[2]Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.
[3]For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in your faithfulness.
[4]I do not sit with men of falsehood,
nor do I consort with hypocrites.
[5]I hate the assembly of evildoers,
and I will not sit with the wicked.
[6]I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O LORD,
[7]proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
[8]O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.
[9]Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
[10]in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.
[11]But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
[12]My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

Epistle Romans 12:9–21

[9]Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. [10]Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. [11]Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. [12]Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. [13]Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

[14]Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. [15]Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. [16]Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. [17]Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. [18]If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. [19]Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." [20]To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." [21]Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

The Song
Love, Love, Love

Love, love, love!
That's what it's all about.
'Cause God loves us we love each other,
Mother, father, sister, brother,
Ev'rybody sing and shout!
'Cause that's what it's all about!
It's about love, love, love.
It's about love, love, love.

Peace, peace, peace!
That's what it's all about.
'Cause God loves us we love each other,
Mother, father, sister, brother,
Ev'rybody sing and shout!
'Cause that's what it's all about!
It's about peace, peace, peace!
It's about peace, peace, peace!

Joy, joy, joy!
That's what it's all about.
'Cause God loves us we love each other,
Mother, father, sister, brother,
Ev'rybody sing and shout!
'Cause that's what it's all about!
It's about joy, joy, joy!
It's about joy, joy, joy!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia*! May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which God has called us.** ***Alleluia!
(Ephesians 1: 17, 18)

Holy Gospel — Matthew 16:21–28

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

[21]From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. [22]And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." [23]But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

[24]Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. [25]For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. [26]For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? [27]For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then

he will repay each person according to what he has done. [28]Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Hymn In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for ev'ry sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave, He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no human plan,
can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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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
Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Will you let me be your servant.
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey.
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you;
speak the peace you long to hear.

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.

The Hymn
Lord I Lift Your Name on High (x2)

Lord, I lift Your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life,
I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth
to show the way,
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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.**

The Hymn
There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Chorus
Thank You, O my Father
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til
Your work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
hope for sinners slain. ***Chorus***

When I stand in glory
I will see His face,
and there I'll serve My King forever,
in that holy place. ***Chorus***

Distribution Music during Communion Jazz Quartet
All the Things You Are J. Kern

Post-Communion Hymn
744 Amazing Grace
Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.

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.**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

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
Pass it On

It only takes a spark
To get a fire going,
And soon all those around
can warm up in the glowing;
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it:
You spread His love
to everyone,
You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring
When all the trees are budding,
The birds begin to sing,
the flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
You want to sing,
it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend,
this happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him,
it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top,
I want the world to know:
The Lord of Love
has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

The Sending

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE **Rhythm – A- Ning** T. Monk Jazz Quartet

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Proclaimer:	Rev. Kevin Barron
Liturgist:	Mike Bell
Cantor:	Cindy Hoerl
Jazz Quartet:	Bass – Shawn Simon; Piano – Bronson Hoover; Drums - Claudio Silva; Saxophone - Russell Kirk
Lector:	Linda Gast
Crucifer/Acolyte:	Caleb Barron
IT Assistants:	Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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Lord I Lift Your Name on High!

****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, August 30, 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

Hello Friends! Our **Sunday Bible class** will start again on **September 13th @ 8:30** in the media center. No previous experience or Biblical knowledge needed. All sinners welcomed! Call Nancie 410-936-0451 anytime.

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.

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

Tuesday, September 1st	Calvary Food Pantry, 8:30am-10:30am
Saturday, September 5th	Memorial Service for Carole Nolet, 11 am @ Calvary
Sunday, September 6th	Favorite Hymn Sunday
Wed. Sept. 9th – Dec. 9th	Grief Share, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Grace Place
Saturday, September 12th	CFP Workday, 9 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, Calvary Fellowship Hall.
Saturday, December 5th	CFP Holiday Event, 10am (**note date/time change**)