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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

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"Forward in Faith and Mission"

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10 a.m. September 20, 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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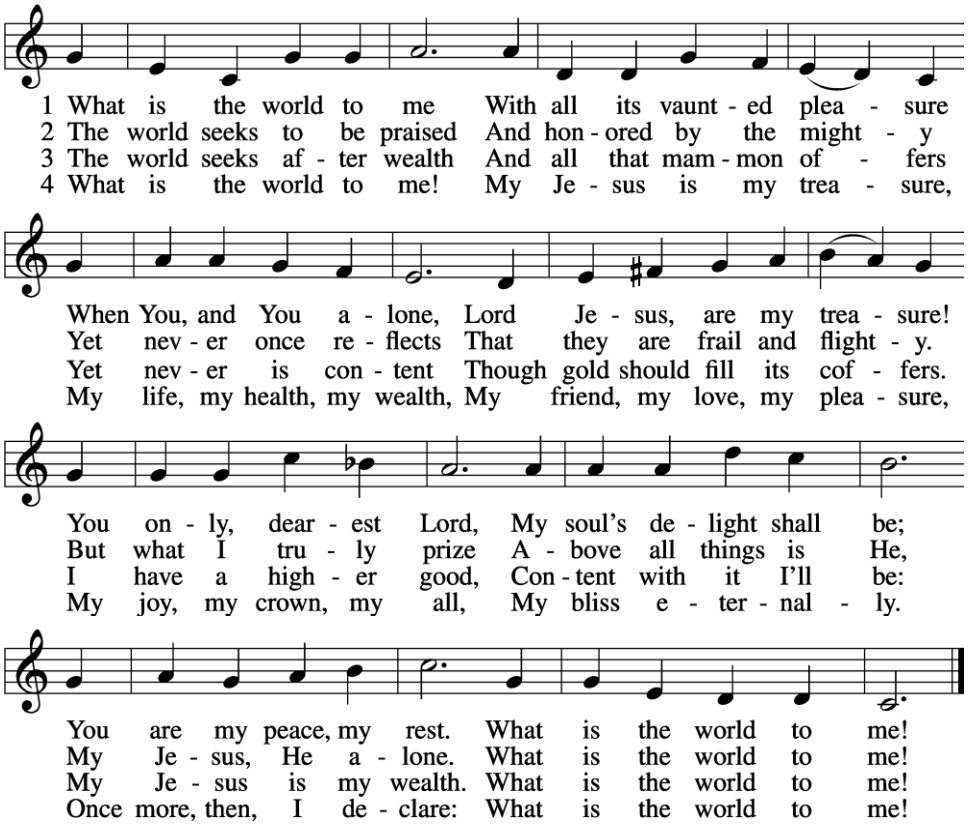
God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true 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 ***When Morning Gilds the Sky*** P. Stearns
Trumpet Processional in G D. German

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn
730 What Is the World to Me



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.**

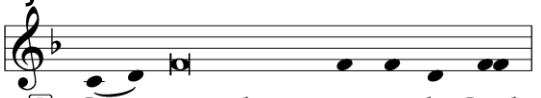
Absolution

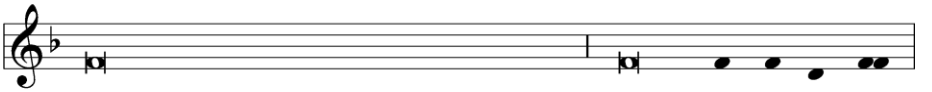
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

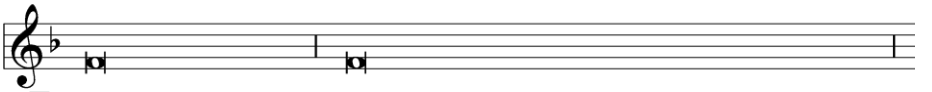
C **Amen.**

SERVICE of the WORD

Kyrie







let us pray to the Lord.

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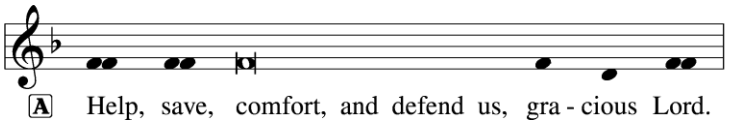
Lord, have mer - cy.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Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

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.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 55:6-9

6 "Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts."

A This is the Word of the Lord. C

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27 (read responsively)

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

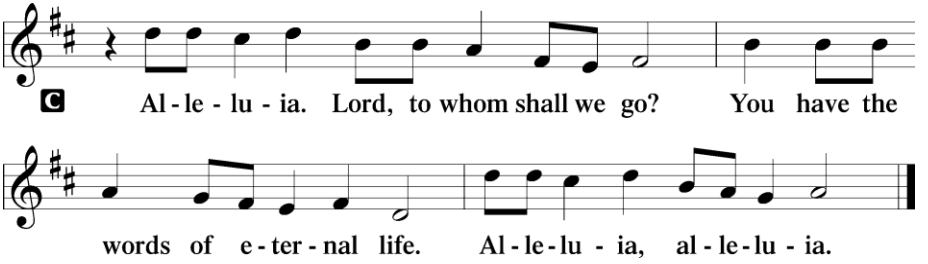
[2]When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.
[3]Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.
[4]One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.
[5]For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.
[6]And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
[7]Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
[8]You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,
"Your face, Lord, do I seek."
[9]Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

Epistle Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

12 I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to
advance the gospel, 13 so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard
and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. 14 And most of the brothers, having
become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the
word without fear. . . .
19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will
turn out for my deliverance, 20 as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at
all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body,
whether by life or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I am to
live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.
23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is
far better. 24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. 25 Convinced of
this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the
faith, 26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my
coming to you again.
27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come
and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with
one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not frightened in anything
by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation,
and that from God. 29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should
not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, 30 engaged in the same conflict that
you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

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

[1]Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out
early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. [2]After agreeing with the laborers
for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. [3]And going out about the third hour
he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, [4]and to them he said, 'You go into the
vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' [5]So they went. Going out again about
the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. [6]And about the eleventh hour he went
out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all
day?' [7]They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the
vineyard too.' [8]And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman,
'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' [9]And
when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. [10]Now
when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also
received a denarius. [11]And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,
[12]saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who
have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' [13]But he replied to one of them,
'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14]Take
what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. [15]Am I
not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my
generosity?' [16]So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Sermon Hymn
821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Sermon Rev. Kevin Barron

Nicene Creed

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

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

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

Prayers of the Church

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

Offering Hymns
783 Take My Life and Let It Be
1. Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
1. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

SERVICE of the SACRAMENT

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

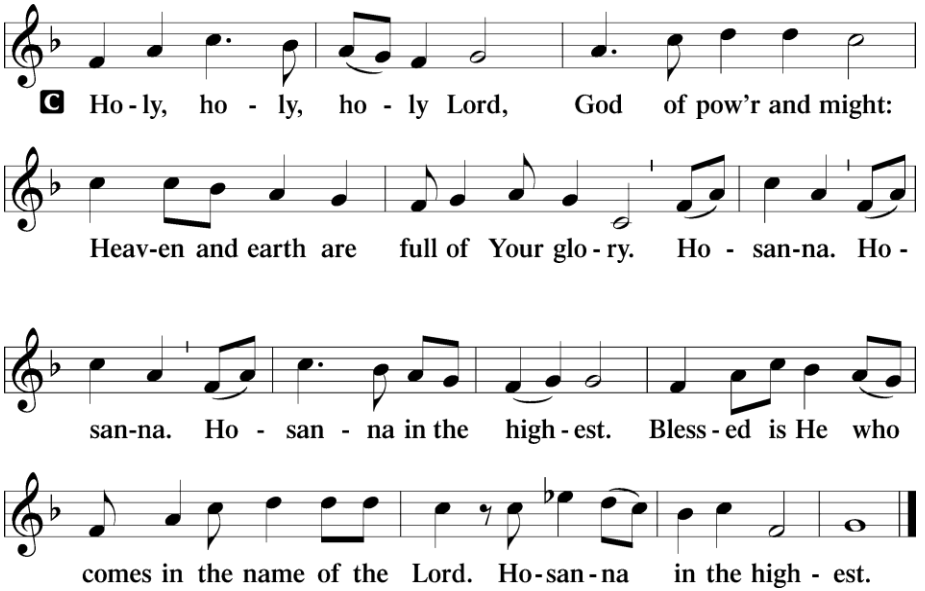
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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;

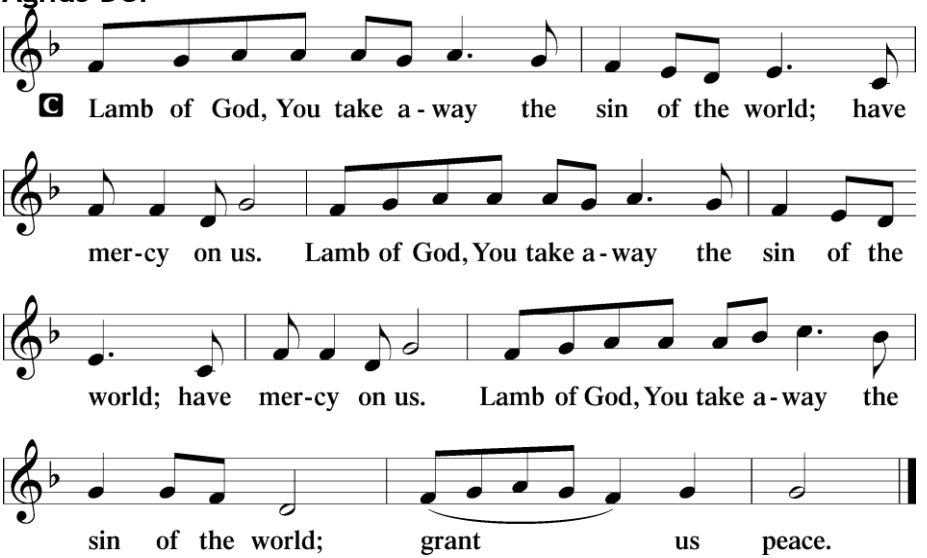
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

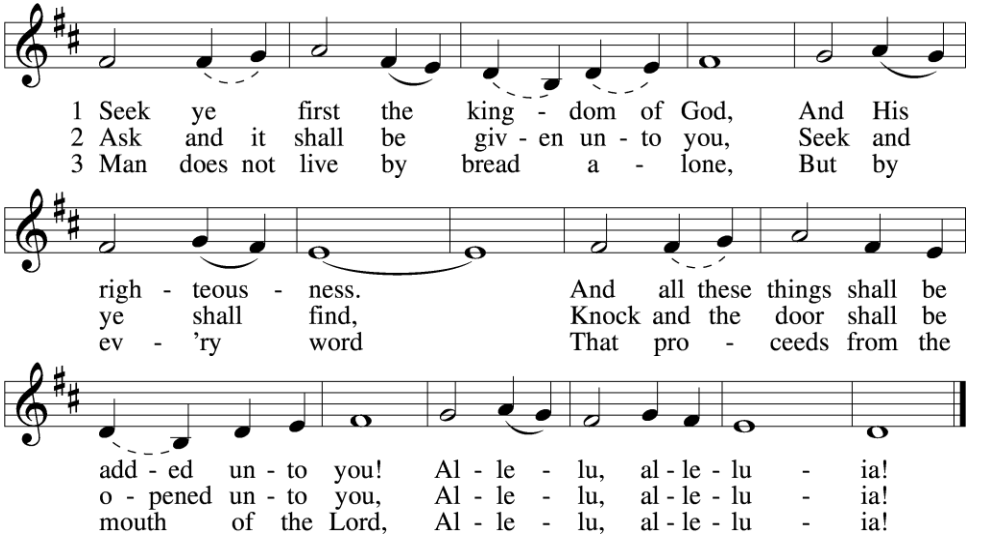
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

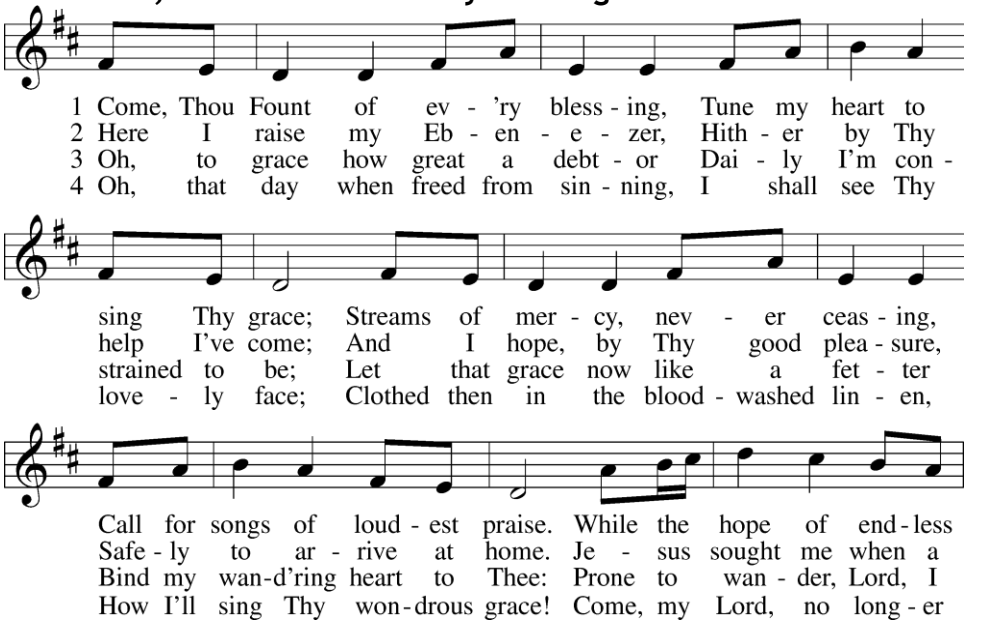


Distribution Hymns

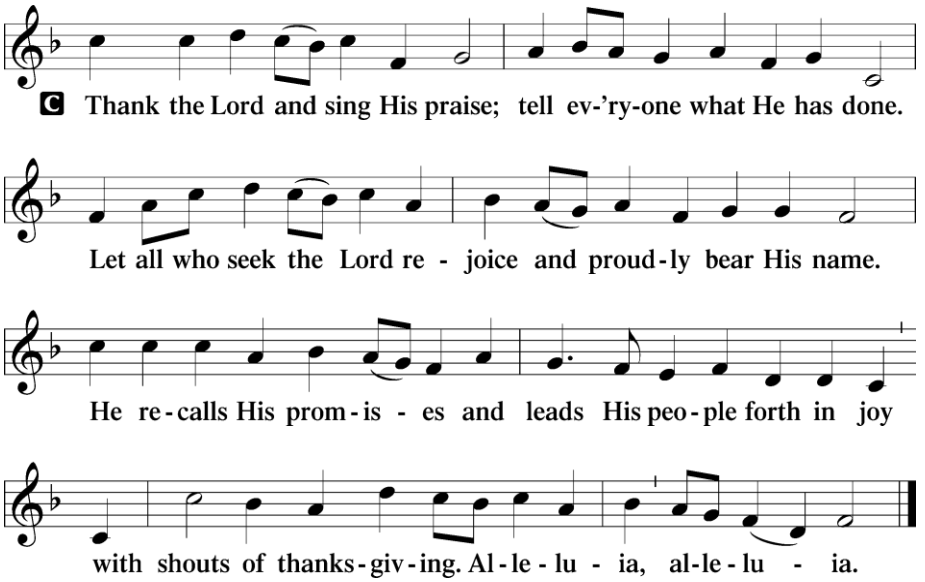
712 Seek Ye First



686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



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

782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

The Sending

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE ***Toccata (Deo Gratias)*** R. Biggs

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Proclaimer:	Rev. Kevin Barron
Liturgist:	Mike Bell
Organist:	Barbara Sommer
Cantor:	Clay Langlotz
Lector:	Linda Gast
Crucifer/Acolyte:	Caleb Barron
IT Assistants:	Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, September 20, 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

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.

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!

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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 **– note date change!) –** regular bingo/special games, raffles, 50/50, light refreshments, and more!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR FOLKS TO SPONSOR 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. Also, we're looking for volunteers for this event – there's a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for various

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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Calendar of Events

Wednesday, September 9th – December 9th	Grief Share, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Grace Place
Tuesday, September 22nd	Bible Study, 11 am
Monday, September 28th	After school program starts @ 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 in the Fellowship Hall, 1-4pm
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 @ 1130
Football alumni tailgate for milestone reunions 72,77,82,87,92,2002,2007, 2012, 2017

Oktoberfest for all alum, family and friends 2-5 Free will Offering
RSVP is helpful for all events for planning but not required. See website for complete details.