

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

Matthew 7:15

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 30, 2023

**Calvary Lutheran Church
Topeka, KS**

**Indicates to Stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, *OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN:

“Thy Strong Word”

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1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
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Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
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al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
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5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

△6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *Psalm 130:3-4*

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *[Luke 18:13]*

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

*INTROIT: Psalm 48: 9–10, 1, 3, 11, 14

P: We have thought on Your steadfast love, O God,

C: **in the midst of Your temple.**

P: As Your name, O God, so Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

C: **Your right hand is filled with righteousness.**

P: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

C: **in the city of our God, His holy mountain.**

P: Within her citadels

C: **God has made Himself known as a fortress.**

P: Let Mount Zion be glad!

C: **Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments!**

P: This is God, our God forever and ever.

C: **He will guide us forever.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***KYRIE** *≈ Lord Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

(The Kyrie may be sung once or several times in response to various petitions.)



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

***GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *≈ Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



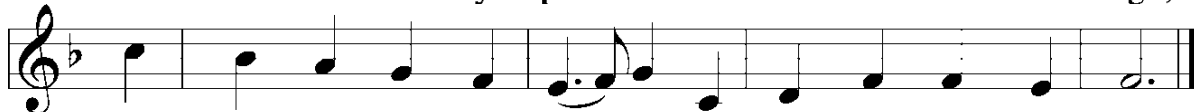
C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

***SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. . . one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 23:16–29

P: Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’” For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear His word, or who has paid attention to His word and listened? Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD will not turn back until He has executed and accomplished the intents of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. “I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My council, then they would have proclaimed My words to My people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make My people forget My name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot My name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has My word speak My word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. Is not My word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 31:2b, 1a

P: Be a rock of refuge for me,

C: a strong fortress to save me!

P: In You, O LORD, do I take refuge;

C: let me never be put to shame.

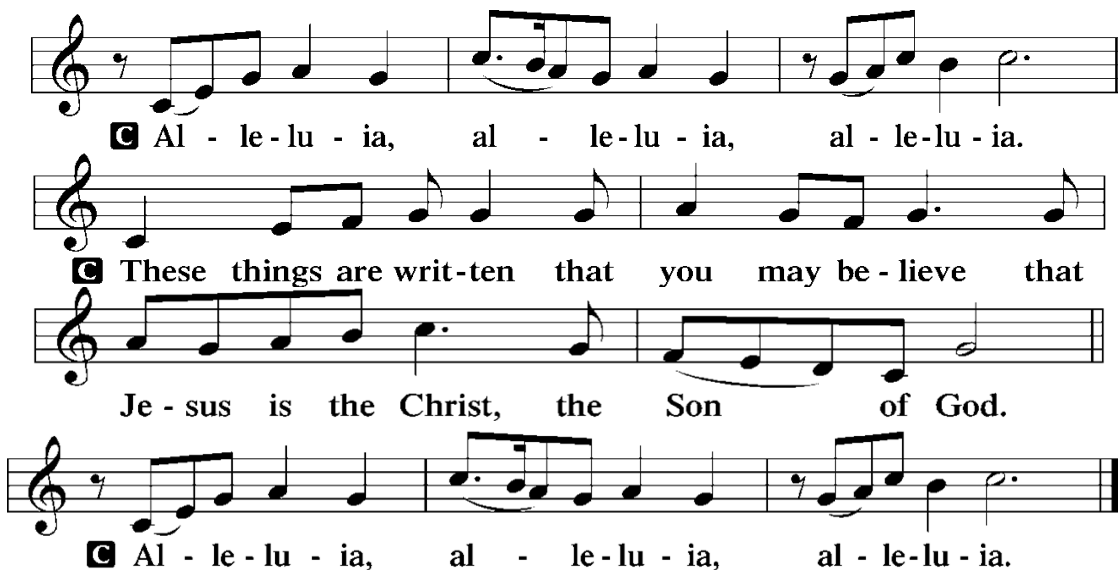
EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:12–17

P: So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA and VERSE**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

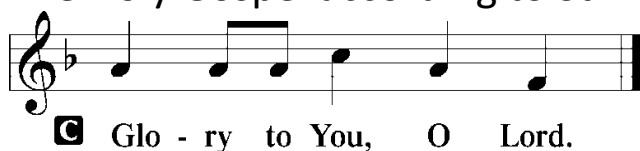
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

John 20:31

***HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 7:15–23

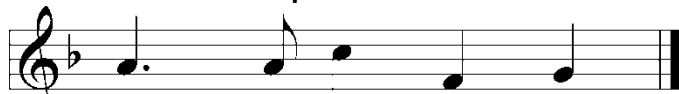
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P: Jesus said: “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to Me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and do many mighty works in Your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

***APOSTLES' CREED:** *(spoken by all)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

913



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
 2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
 from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
 in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
 That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
 That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
 ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
 and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
 Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
 Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
 And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
 Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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SERMON

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"

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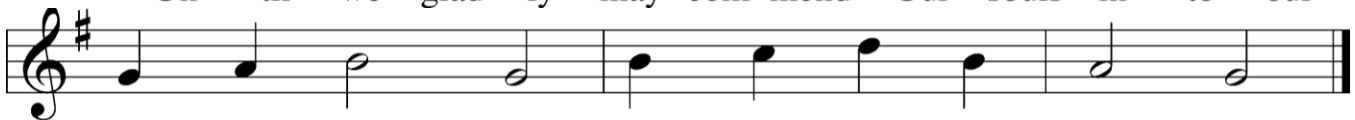
1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav - ior
2 Help us that we Thy sav - ing Word In faith - ful hearts may trea - sure;
3 And when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter hour im - pend - ing,



In faith and fer - vent love em - brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er.
Let e'er that Bread of Life af - ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure.
Then may Thy work in us be - gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing,



The hour of death can - not bring loss When we are shel - tered
O make us die to ev - 'ry sin, Each day cre - ate new
Un - til we glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our



by the cross That can - celed our trans - gres - sions.
life with - in, That fruits of faith may flour - ish.
Sav - ior's hand, The crown of life ob - tain - ing.

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***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

OFFERING: *(as the offerings are being gathered to glorify our Lord, please sign and pass the red attendance booklet found in the pew)*

***OFFERTORY:** "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise" # 946 vss. 1-2



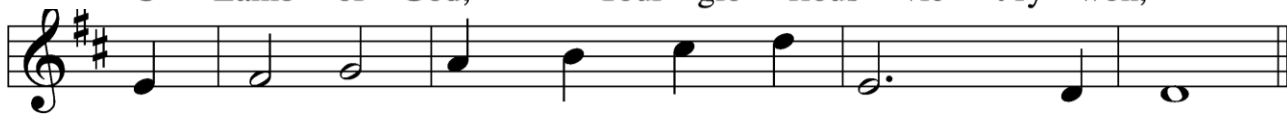
1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.

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***CONCLUDING COLLECT**

P: Let us pray. ...one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

***BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless us and keep us u. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.



C A - men.

*CLOSING HYMN:

"How Firm a Foundation"

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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at Calvary Lutheran Church, we celebrate our Lord's Supper. If you are a member in good standing of an LCMS congregation, we welcome you to the fellowship of our Lord's Body and Blood at this table. However, if you are a guest, whether from another LCMS congregation or elsewhere, and would like to receive the Lord's Body and Blood in this Sacrament and the forgiveness that He has won by them, we kindly ask that you speak privately with the pastor before the service.

GUESTS AND MEMBERS: A Nursery and a Cry Room are located in the upper north pod if a need arises. Children's Activity Boards are provided in a bin next to the south Sanctuary doors. Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Devices are available – ask one of the ushers for assistance. Please sign the red Attendance Book found in the pew so we can have a record of your attendance with us. Those needing to sit instead of stand should feel free to do so at any time. If you would like to know more about Calvary or are interested in becoming a member, please talk to the pastor or call the church office.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are from the funeral of Diana Arnold and given to the glory of God in memory of Diana.

PASTOR OCKREE IS OUT OF THE OFFICE this week attending the LCMS National Convention. He will return to the office on Monday, August 6. If you are in need of emergency pastoral assistance during this time, please contact the church office.

FED TO FEED: For the next month (*and at any time of the year*) Calvary is collecting **Backpack Food Items** to help supply the TNO Operation Backpack pantry. A list of needed items is included in the bulletin and is also posted on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes. Items should be placed in the bin under the Usher's Table in the Narthex. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AUGUST

TNO Operation Backpack Special Door Offering – Calvary will take a special door offering on Sunday, August 13 for the Backpack Program. We will also be collecting any other donations you would like to give at any time. Checks should be made payable to "Calvary" with 'TNO Backpack' written in the memo line or on your offering envelope. The Backpack Program has been denied several grants they were expecting, so they have no funding to provide weekly food sacks starting in September.

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions – will be due no later than Sunday, August 20. Use insert in the bulletin to subscribe.

College Age Bible Study – Pastor Ockree will be leading a college age Bible study starting Tuesday, August 22nd. The study will be held every Tuesday evening at the church from 6:30–8:00 PM. Watch for more info to come!

Confirmation Class – A confirmation parent/student informational meeting will be held Wednesday, August 23, at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall, to go over expectations and lay out the curriculum for the coming year. Parents will be receiving further details in a letter coming out next week.

Sunday School Promotion – Promotion to the next SS class will be held on Sunday, August 28 (*since no classes will be held on September 4 due to the Labor Day holiday*). On August 28 Students should check into their current classroom for attendance to be taken and then they will move to a celebration in the upstairs north pod. They will also be shown to their new classrooms and introduced to their new teachers.

Home Devotional Reading Guide: July 30 – Aug 5

Jeremiah 46:1 – 49:33

Psalm 28 – 3;

Acts 27:39 – 28:31; Ephesians 1 – 2

SERVANTS FOR TODAY

Preacher: Deacon Jim LaCrone
Organist: Annette Jackson
Acolyte: Elinor Ockree
Elder: Don Harrison
Greeters: Connor Ockree, Mike Ewing
Altar Guild: Mary North
Ushers: Phil LaCrone, Wilbur Schwant, Eric Ketchum, Jason Ketchum
Counters: Grace Pasley, Sharon Dooley
Coffee Maker: Mary North
Mug Detail: Clausen Family

Mowing Schedule

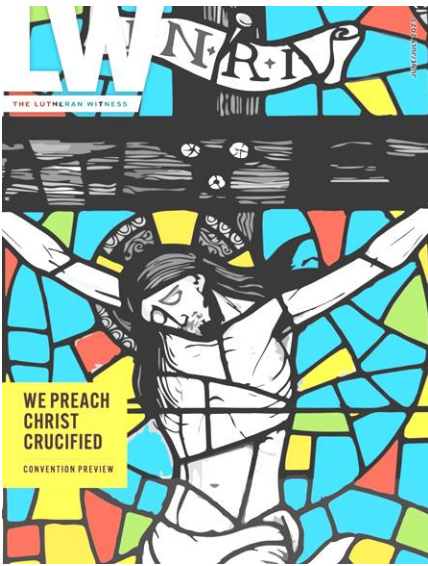
*Thank You to this Week's Mowers – John Guffey, Allan Jackson
Next Weekend – Larry Winter, Stuart Bach*

THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

Today:	LCMS National Convention	
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
Monday:	LCMS National Convention	
Tuesday:	LCMS National Convention	
Wednesday:	LCMS National Convention	
Thursday:	LCMS National Convention	
	Weekly Bulletin Article Deadline	9:00 AM
Friday:	Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting in F. Hall	7:00 PM
Next Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM

SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

Preacher:	Pastor Ben Ockree
Organist:	Annette Jackson
Acolyte:	Jack Williams
Elder:	Tony Zimmerman
Greeters:	Tony & Rae Zimmerman
Altar Guild:	Greta Trimble
Ushers:	Rick Blush, Bill Arnold, David Eberhart, A.J. Velasquez
Counters:	Tamara Ockree, Heather Williams
Coffee Maker:	Larry & Bonnie Winter
Mug Detail:	Tony & Rae Zimmerman



The Lutheran Witness

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Please return order form and payment to the church office **NO LATER THAN Sunday, August 20, 2023.** Checks should be made payable to 'Calvary Lutheran Church'.

***Please do not place orders in the collection plate**



Operation BACKPACK

Weekend Food Sacks

"Feeding the Mind, Body & Spirit"

Your donation helps provide weekend food sacks for children of low income families. Thank you!

Wish List!

**Nutritional, kid-friendly snacks and single-serving size food items
that are easy for youth to prepare:**

(all items must be non-perishable, individually wrapped and sugar-free if available)

Microwave bowls or small cans of:	Individual serving size of peanut butter
Soup, stew or chili	Fruit, veggie or yogurt pouches
Dumplings, noodles	Fruit snacks
Spaghetti, lasagna	Cheese crackers or pretzels
Raviolis, Spaghetti Os	Peanut butter crackers or pretzels
Mac and cheese	Chips, Chex Mix, Cheezits, Goldfish
Beans and wieners	Teddy Grahams, graham or animal crackers
Small cans of meat	Nuts, snack mix or trail mix
Hormel Compleats	Granola bars, protein bars, fruit bars
Small microwave meals, packets of rice	Breakfast biscuits/bites
Ramen Noodles or Cup of Soup	Small boxes of cold cereal
Instant Lunch	Instant hot cereal/oatmeal
Tuna/chicken salad, with crackers	Non-perishable, shelf stable milk
Small cans/cups of vegetables	Packs of Carnation Instant Breakfast
Applesauce, fruit cups	Single serve packets of Kool-Aid/juice mix/cocoa



Topeka North Outreach Youth Ministry

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Prayer Petitions for the Week of July 30-August 5

- Pray that the Church would continue to grow in wisdom and devotion.
- Give thanks that we can meet for worship and be blessed in Word and Sacrament for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.
- Pray for our families. For T.J. Wedeking and family. For Glenn & Barb Wehking. For Michael Wehking. For Matt & Heather Williams and family. For Donna Winright. For Larry & Bonnie Winter. For Gary & Jane Wise
- Pray for the sick and those recovering from sickness or procedures: Teddy Schuh. For those with chronic ailments: Vernon Bean, Wendy Humphrey, Ralph Knehans, Joye Slocum, Rosella Calderwood, Kay Foster, Connor Hurd, Phil Lawrence, Arleen Marston, Bob Ockree, Juan Alvarez, Abbie Alvarez, Ashton Alvarez, Alijah Alvarez, Teddy Schuh, Pastor Hopkins.
- For the family of Diana Arnold called home to glory on July 20. Thank the Lord for Diana's faith and pray for comfort and strength in the promise of the resurrection.
- Pray for our shut-ins: Rosella Calderwood, Florence Deutsch, Grace Dienstbier, Karen Dreasher, DonnaRae Eissler, Dianne Hatesohl, Ralph Knehans, Dick LaCrone, Arleen Marston, Barbara Northcutt, Bob Ockree, Sam & Mary Randol, Sally Short, Joye Slocum, and Ron Stuewe.
- Rejoice at the birth of Jack Innes and pray that he and his parents would be kept in the Lord's care, especially until he can be brought to the waters of Holy Baptism.
- Pray for our pregnant mothers and their children: Annie Alvarez.
- Pray that Christian education will continue in our homes. That Adult Bible class would grow. That our Sunday School teachers and students would be blessed. That more education and fellowship opportunities would come.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Trevor Jackson, Jenni Smith, Cassie Boyd, Linda McCauley, Janet Stortzum, Peggy Myers, Dray Podlena, Sharon Dooley, Carol Heusted.
- Pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Cassie & Lucas Boyd, 3 yrs; Mike & Renee Patzer, 48 yrs.
- Pray for all who serve in our military, especially Jeremy Innes & Dawson Podlena. Pray for our chaplains and ministry to the armed services.
- Pray for the CLLC. For Miss Melissa, the staff, and all the children there.

- Pray for the whole Church of God, for her reconciliation, peace, and for her renewal in the Spirit. For unity at Calvary and the return of those who have strayed from the flock of God.
- Pray for the saints of Prince of Peace and Pastor DeHope.
- Pray for the saints of Immanuel, Junction City, and Pastor McCall.
- Pray for all people in society and for all Christians in their vocations. For all who are retired.
- Pray for the holy ministry and all ministers of the Church. For President Harrison, for the Synod, and for the upcoming Syndical convention. For President Panzer and the Kansas District.
- Pray for the synodical convention and for Pastor Ockree.
- Pray for all in civil authority. For the leaders of the nations of the world. For President Biden and the government of the United States. For Governor Kelly and the government of Kansas. For all our local communities and their leaders.
- Pray for an end to conflict especially the war in the Ukraine.
- Pray for an end to gun violence and peace in the hearts of all.
- Pray for an end to abortion, exploitation, and all other evils in the world.
- Pray that we would have a heart of love for the refugee, the immigrant, and the stranger among us. Pray that we would be able to help the Ukrainian immigrants in our midst in Topeka.
- Pray for those afflicted by bad weather and other disasters.
- Pray for the Christians who are risking their lives to live their faith. Pray that God's peace would reign everywhere, and that the gospel be proclaimed. Pray for all those who need our prayer. For the unemployed and underemployed. For employers looking for workers. For those who are homeless and lack other necessities of life.
- Pray for the mission of the Church. For the ministry of Topeka North Outreach. For the West Africa Mission including Guinea and the seminary at Togo. For the proclamation of the Gospel into all the world. For Lifeline and their ministry to parents and children, especially the Pregnancy Center. For the work of our Prayers & Stitching Ministry at Calvary. Pray for our Stephen Ministers and other caring ministries that we would faithfully work to meet the needs of God's people.
- Pray for growth in our benevolence fund and in our mission giving.

- Pray for the renewal of the Church. For faithful Christian witness that more would be brought into Christ's fellowship. For growing obedience to God's Word. For an increase in love for one another.
- Pray for respect for God's creation. To guard against the perils of abundance. For generous hearts that almsgiving would abound at Calvary that we would be dispensaries of God's good blessings.
- Pray that in the Spirit of adoption we received in our Baptism, we would hold fast to the Truth of Christ and know false teachers by their poisonous fruit.

**The Lord almighty bless ☩ us and
direct our days and our deeds in His peace.**

To place announcements or prayer concerns in the Sunday bulletin contact the church office by 9 AM on Thursdays. Prayer concerns printed in the bulletin do not replace prayer chain requests. To place a prayer chain request during evening and weekend hours please call Leila Schuh at 785-224-7962; during week days call the Church Office or send an e-mail to the Church Secretary.

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Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 AM

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