



“He has done all things well. He even makes
the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

[Mark 7:37]

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 27, 2023

**Calvary Lutheran Church
Topeka, KS**

**Indicates to Stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, *OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN:

“Christ the Eternal Lord”

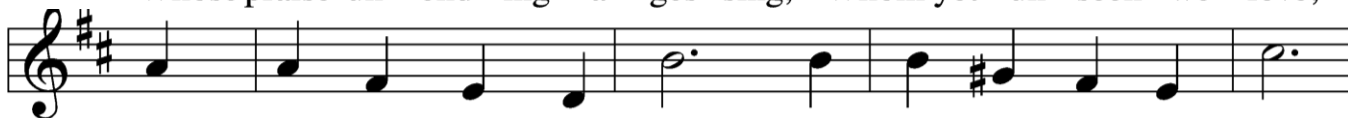
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1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,
 5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
 Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;
 And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
 Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
 Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
 Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
 That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,
 When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav - en's throne



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
 With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
 Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.
 Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

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***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C: Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)

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.

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.

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. *[John 20:19-23]*

C: Amen.

***INTROIT:** Psalm 70:1-2b, 4a, 5b

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

C: O Lord, make haste to help me!

P: Let them be put to shame and confusion

C: who seek my life!

P: Let them be turned back

C: and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

P: May all who seek You rejoice

C: and be glad in You!

P: You are my help and my deliverer;

C: O Lord, do not delay!

**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

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



☐ A - men.

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** *“Gloria in Excelsis”*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



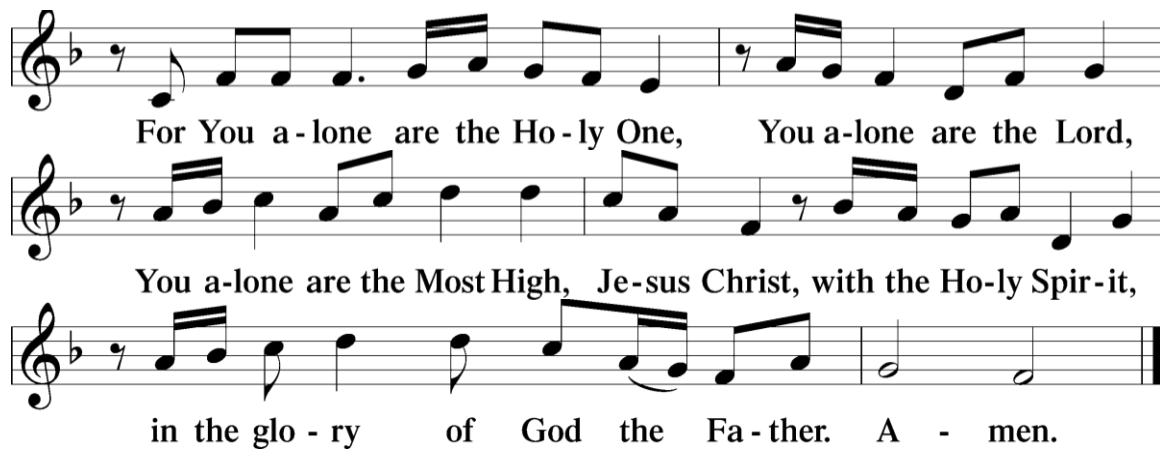
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***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: Isaiah 29:17–24

P: Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right. Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: “Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. For when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, they will sanctify My name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 34:1–2

P: I will bless the LORD at all times;

C: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

C: let the humble hear and be glad.

EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 3:4–11

P: Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA and VERSE**

John 6:68

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 7:31–37

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P: Jesus returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

***NICENE CREED:** *(spoken by all)*

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 of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

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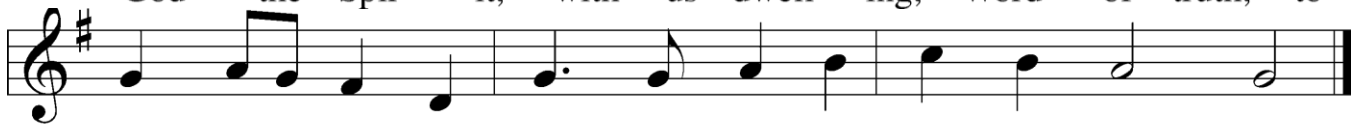
1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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SERMON: "Opened"

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

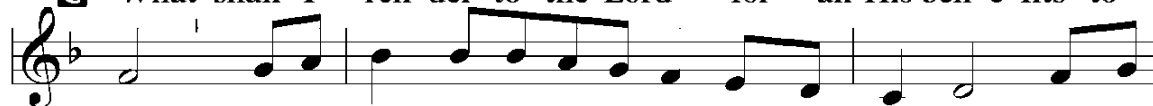
[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

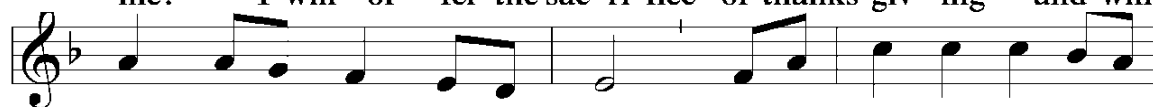
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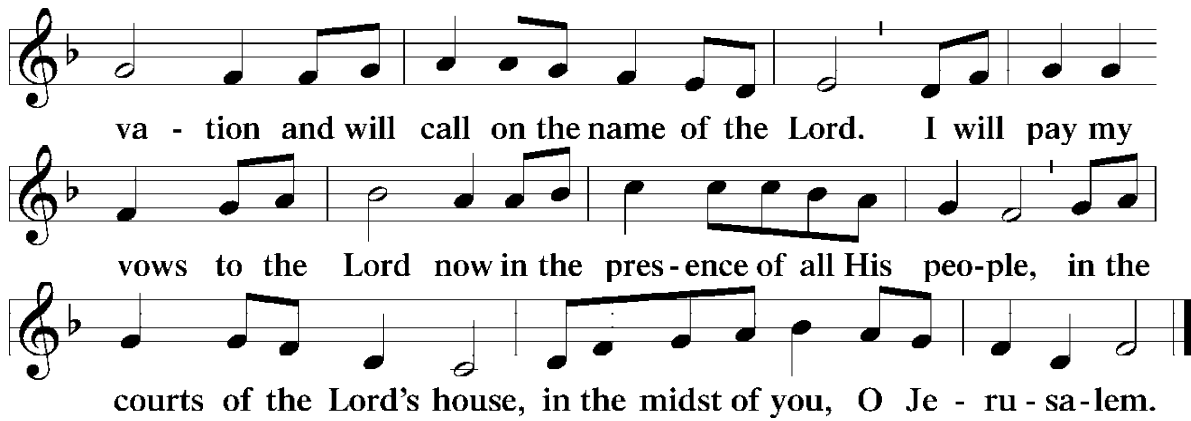
What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -

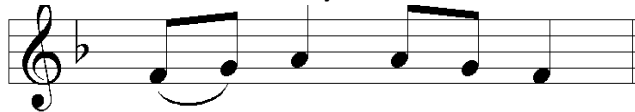


va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

***PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

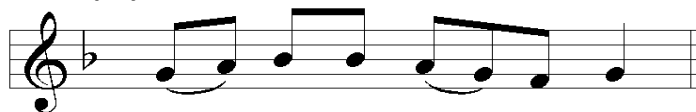
2 Timothy 4:22



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

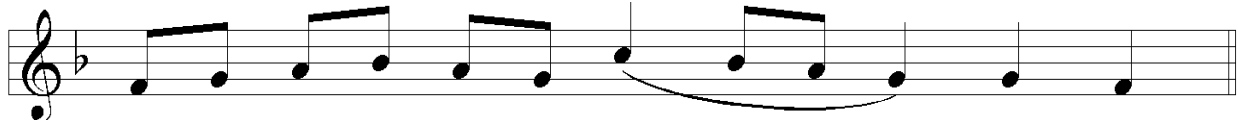
[Colossians 3:1]



C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you and saying:

***SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy**

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

***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.

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

[Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11]

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

***PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord**

[John 20:19]

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



G A - men.

***AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God**

[John 1:29]

C: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

(After singing "The Agnus Dei," the congregation may be seated.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"

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1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent His
2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who made the a -
3 It brings the Sav - ior's righ - teous - ness To robe our
4 It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and



Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus
ton - ing sac - ri - fice, And calls the souls with
souls in roy - al dress; From all our guilt it
Sa - tan and the grave; It works the faith which



lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
guilt op - pressed To come and find e - ter - nal rest.
brings re - lease And gives the trou - bled con - science peace.
firm - ly clings To all the trea - sures which it brings.

- 5 It bears to all the tidings glad
And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The weary, burdened souls it cheers
And banishes their guilty fears.
- 6 May we in faith its message learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

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1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
treas - ury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

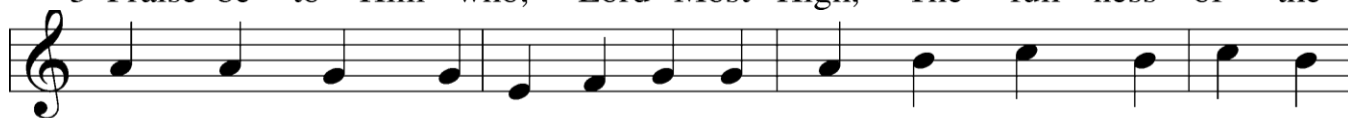
6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death!

"Praise Be to Christ"

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1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The im - age of the
2 Praise be to Him whose sov - 'reign sway And will up - holds cre -
3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The full - ness of the



Fa - ther shown, The first-born Son re - vealed and known, The truth and
a - tion's plan; Who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan And when our
God-head shares; And yet our hu - man na - ture bears, Who came as



grace of de - i - ty; Through whom cre - a - tion came to birth,
world has passed a - way: Lord of the Church, its life and head,
man to bleed and die. And from His cross there flows our peace



Whose fin - gers set the stars in place, The un - seen pow'rs, and
Re - demp - tion's price and source and theme, A - live, the first - born
Who chose for us the path He trod, That so might sins and



this small earth, The fur - thest bounds of time and space.
from the dead, To reign as all - in - all su - preme.
sor - rows cease And all be rec - on - ciled to God.

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***COMMUNION DISMISSAL**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Nunc Dimittis" ~ Song of Simeon** Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

***POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

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



A - men.

***BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

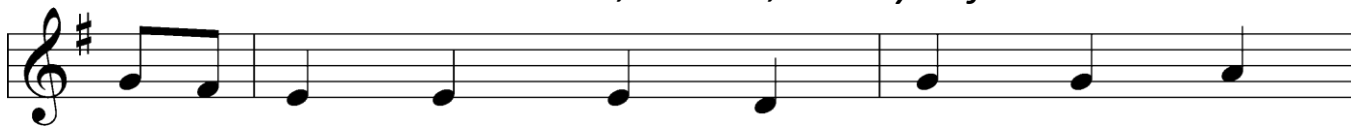
P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



A - men.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Your Hand, O Lord, In Days of Old"

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1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
3 O be our great de - liv - 'er still,



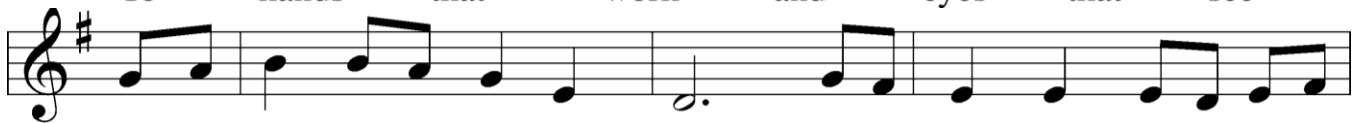
Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver
Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.
fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.
soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.



To You they came, the blind, the mute,
And now, O Lord, be near the bless,
To hands that work and eyes that see



The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their
Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by
Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.
weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

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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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION is being held ***today***. Students should first check into their current classroom so attendance can be taken and then they will move to a donut celebration in the upstairs north pod. They will also be shown to their new classrooms and introduced to their new teachers if applicable.

COLLEGE AGE BIBLE STUDY – Pastor Ockree is leading an in-depth study of the Gospel of John for college age (18-25) each Tuesday evening from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. The study will continue to be held every Tuesday evening at Iliff Recital Hall, 2201 NE 31st, Topeka. Contact Pastor Ockree with questions.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 3, THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR ADULT BIBLE STUDY classes held due to the Labor Day Holiday weekend. Worship Service will be held at 9 AM as usual.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL BEGIN on Wednesday, September 6, at 6 PM. The 5th grade will do their work at home and 6th-7th grade will meet at church in the upstairs north pod large classroom.

THURSDAY MORNING BREAK BIBLE STUDY will start meeting again on Thursday, September 7, at 10 AM. We will meet in the upstairs SE classroom.

FED TO FEED: During the month of September Calvary will be collecting **Spaghetti Sauce & Packaged Pasta** to help supply the TNO Food Pantry. Items should be placed in the bin under the Usher's Table in the Narthex. Thank you!

THE TNO BACKPACK PROGRAM (through various fundraising efforts) has met its September need of \$15,000, which will provide enough food sacks for 871 students each weekend in September. In order to meet needs, TNO has reduced the number of food items to 6 from 8 in each sack, and have put more restrictions on eligibility requirements. Their fundraising efforts will be ongoing for the remainder of the school year.

Home Devotional Reading Guide: Aug 27 – Sept 2

Esther 3 – 9

Psalms 55 – 61

Colossians 4:7-18; Thessalonians 1 – 5



How would you answer the question of what it means to truly be a Christian?

Maybe you think it means that you are nicer than others, or that you go to church? Maybe it just means to do your best be a good person.

Maybe you think being a Christian is to be judgmental or a hypocrite.

This class will strive to answer what it means to be Christian by introducing the basics of the Christian faith and what they mean for our lives as taught in the Bible and expressed in Luther's Small Catechism. One goal of this class is to provide instruction for those seeking membership at Calvary, but it is open to anyone who wants to learn and grow in the Christian faith. This class will be an enriching experience if you are new to the faith or have been a Christian your entire life.

Classes start **Sunday, September 17**, and will be held every Sunday until **December 10** (13 weeks). Classes begin at **1 pm** and conclude around **2:30**. Mark your calendars and invite a friend who is curious about what we believe.

Snacks will be provided.

Sign-up forms can be found on the Usher's Table in the church narthex.

SERVANTS FOR TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree
Organist: Renee Patzer
Acolyte: Laithen Paulsen
Elder: Kirk Johnson
Greeters: Marcia Coufal, Gail Cox
Altar Guild: Greta Trimble
Ushers: Rick Blush, Bill Arnold, David Eberhart, A.J. Velasquez
Counters: Grace Pasley, Sharon Dooley
Coffee Maker: Larry & Bonnie Winter
Mug Detail: Clausen Family

Mowing Schedule

*Thank You to this Week's Mowers – Bill Arnold, Allan Jackson
Next Weekend – Bill Arnold, Stuart Bach*

THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

Today:	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
Monday:	Cornerstone Choir Practice-F. Hall	11:00 AM
Tuesday:	College Bible Study-at Iliff Recital Hall	6:30 PM
Thursday:	Bulletin Announcement Deadline	9:00 AM
Friday:	Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting in F. Hall	7:00 PM
Next Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study	

SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree
Organist: Annette Jackson
Acolyte: Carly Simpson
Elder: Michael Reb
Greeters: Dean Brunkow, Roddy Schwant
Altar Guild: Linda Devoe
Ushers: Stuart Bach, Rae Zimmerman, Connor Ockree, Mike Ewing
Counters: Tamara Ockree, Heather Williams
Coffee Maker: Marcia Coufal
Mug Detail: Tony & Rae Zimmerman

Prayer Petitions for the Week of August 27-September 2

- Pray that the Church would continue to grow in faithfulness in Christ united as His people.
- 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 Jayden Brandt. For Jodi Brandt. For Lyle & Jo Dee Brockhoff. For Mark Brockhoff. For Steven Brockhoff. For Anna Brodine. For Chris & Diana Brodine and Phoebe.
- Pray for the sick and those recovering from sickness or procedures: Teddy Schuh, Phil LaCrone, Jim Lohrbach. 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.
- Pray for our shut-ins: Vernon Bean, 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.
- 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 our new college age Bible class.
- Pray for confirmation this year that students and their families would be diligent and grow in faith together.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Madison Kobuszewski, Tara Duffey, Tyler Jackson, Bob Ockree, Anna Choitz.
- Pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Wilbur & Roddy Schwant, 57 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 Immanuel and Pastor Wehling.
- Pray for the holy ministry and all ministers of the Church. For President Harrison, for the Synod. For President Panzer and the Kansas District.
- Pray for the saints of Immanuel, Netawaka, and Pastor Gerdes.
- Pray for all people in society and for all Christians in their vocations. For all Doctors, nurses, and medical professionals.
- 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 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 for growth in our benevolence fund and in our mission giving.
- Pray that in Christ would open our ears to hear His Word and our mouths to proclaim that He has done all things well.

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

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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & LEARNING CENTER

Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 AM

(All Worship Services are live-streamed on Facebook)

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class: 10:15 AM

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