

“Do not be anxious about your life.”

[Matthew 6:26]

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 17, 2023

**Calvary Lutheran Church
Topeka, Kansas**

Indicates to Stand*ANNOUNCEMENTS, *OPENING PRAYER****OPENING HYMN:** *“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”***# 794**

1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
 3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
 △ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
 The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
 The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
 To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
 Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
 His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
 And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
 Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
 God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

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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.**

Psalms 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.** *Psalms 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 86: 1a, 2b, 3-4, 6, 15a, 16

P: Incline Your ear, O Lord, and answer me,

C: save Your servant, who trusts in You—You are my God.

P: Be gracious to me, O Lord,

C: for to You do I cry all the day.

P: Gladden the soul of Your servant,

C: for to You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

P: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

C: listen to my plea for grace.

P: But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious;

C: turn to me and be gracious to me;

P: give Your strength to Your servant,

C: and save the son of Your maidservant.

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.)



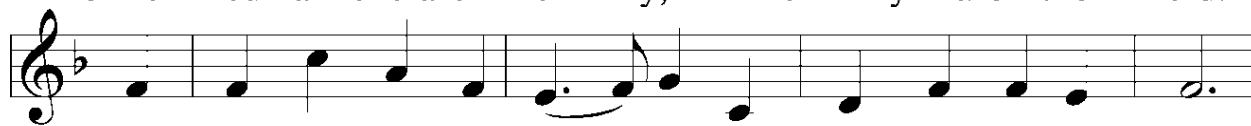
☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

***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: 1 Kings 17:8–16

P: Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in

a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 118:8–9

P: It is better to take refuge in the Lord

C: than to trust in man.

P: It is better to take refuge in the Lord

C: than to trust in princes.

EPISTLE READING: Galatians 5:25—6:10

P: If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load. One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then,

as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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.

John 20:31



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

***HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 6:24–34**

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: Jesus said: “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you,

O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **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.



1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is
 2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er
 3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing
 4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my



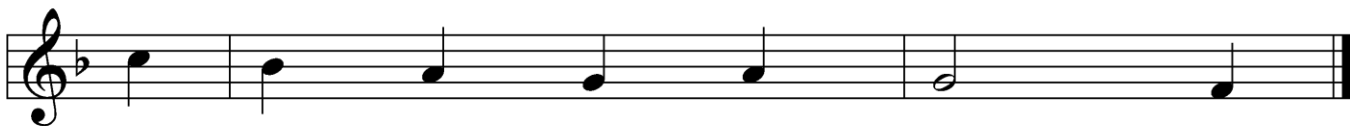
just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,
 will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,
 thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup
 friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm



I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed
 And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent
 That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;
 Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know



In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;
 What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness
 Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,
 Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly



To Him, then, I will yield me.
 Will turn my tears to glad - ness.
 My life to Him com - mend - ing.
 That He has loved me dear - ly.

5 What God ordains is always good:
 Though I the cup am drinking
 Which savors now of bitterness,
 I take it without shrinking.
 For after grief
 God gives relief,
 My heart with comfort filling
 And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:
 This truth remains unshaken.
 Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
 I shall not be forsaken.
 I fear no harm,
 For with His arm
 He shall embrace and shield me;
 So to my God I yield me.

SERMON: "Consecrated Future"

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

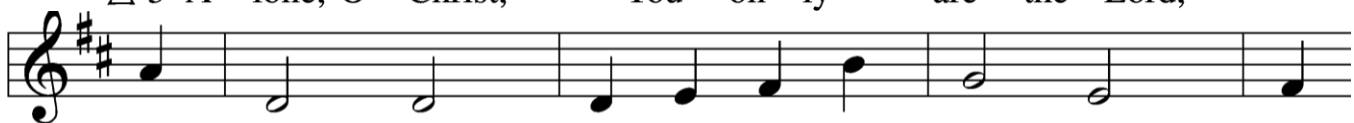
[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

*OFFERTORY: "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise" # 946 vss. 1-3



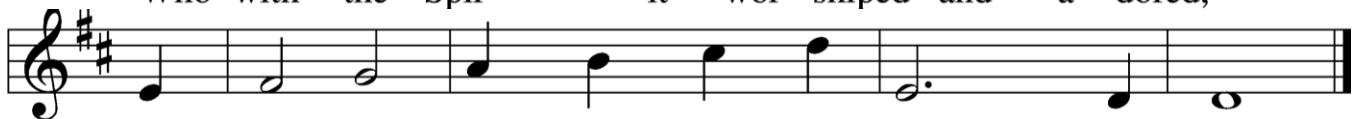
1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - mighty - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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*PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

[Colossians 3:11]

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

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

[Psalm 136]

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

***SANCTUS** *≈ Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:** *(spoken by all)*

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

C: Amen.

***AGNUS DEI** ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

"All Depends on Our Possessing"

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1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
 4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my
 grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
 heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.
 They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
 To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y
 not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
 I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

5 Well He knows what best to grant me;
 All the longing hopes that haunt me,
 Joy and sorrow, have their day.
 I shall doubt His wisdom never;
 As God wills, so be it ever;
 I commit to Him my way.

6 If my days on earth He lengthen,
 God my weary soul will strengthen;
 All my trust in Him I place.
 Earthly wealth is not abiding,
 Like a stream away is gliding;
 Safe I anchor in His grace.

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"Jesus, Lead Thou On"

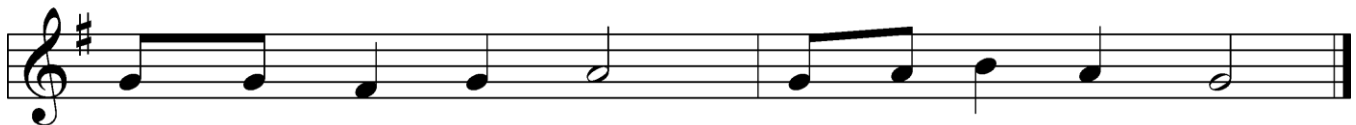
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1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith-less
 3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer-less, We will fol-low calm and fear-less.
 fears o'er-take us; Let not faith and hope for-sake us;
 come al-lur-ing, Make us pa-tient and en-dur-ing.
 still di-rect us, Still sup-port, con-sole, pro-TECT us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa-ther-land.
 For through man-ya woe To our home we go.
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 Till we safe-ly stand In our fa-ther-land.

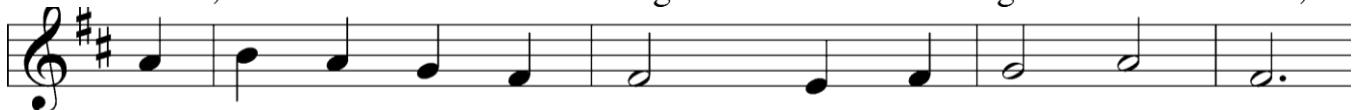
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"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

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1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up-on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem-pest ra-ges, I need not fear,
 3 Lord, when the shad-ows length-en And night has come,



Di-rect, pro-TECT, and feed me From day to day.
 For You, the Rock of A-ges, Are al-ways near.
 I know that You will strength-en My steps toward home.

With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;

So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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***NUNC DIMITTIS** ~ *Song of Simeon*

Luke 2:29-32

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

***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 COLLECT**

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

C: Amen.

***BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

C: **Amen.**

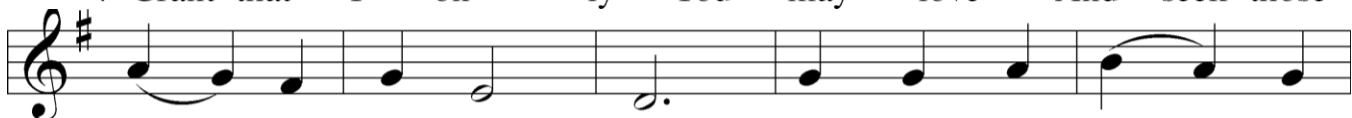
Numbers 6:24-26

***CLOSING HYMN:** *“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”*

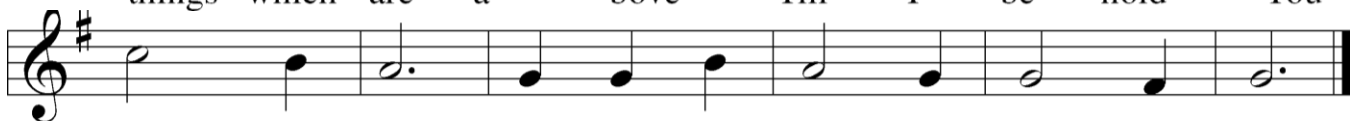
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1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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.

PASTOR'S "BEING CHRISTIAN" NEW MEMBER CLASS STARTS TODAY. It's not too late to sign up to attend! Class will meet in the big classroom in the upstairs north pod starting at 1 PM and will conclude around 2:30 PM. Class will be held every Sunday until December 10 (*13 weeks*). If you are interested in becoming a Calvary Member or are a member just wanting a refresher course, this class is for you! Sign-up forms are on the Usher's table.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE OF GREATER TOPEKA is hosting a Youth4Life presentation in Calvary's Fellowship Hall this coming Thursday, September 21, at 6:30 PM. The presenter is Michelle Bauman who is the Youth4Life Director. Y4LIFE seeks to equip high-school and college-aged youth to be gospel-motivated voices for life. Through service, education, worship, and celebration, youth are encouraged to engage in life-affirming activities and become Leaders 4 Life in their schools, communities, nation, and world.

2024 PLEDGE CARDS AND TIME & TALENT SHEETS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN YOUR CHURCH MAILBOXES. Calvary's Consecration Sunday will be next September 24. Please prayerfully consider what you will contribute to the work and ministry of Calvary in the coming year as you fill out your pledge cards and time & talent sheets, which will be brought before God during Divine service that day.

YOUTH GROUP (grades 7 – 12) has started meeting for the school year on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month in the Youth Rm. Dinner is provided with Bible study from 5–6:30 and free time from 6:30–7:30. They will meet again next Sunday, September 24.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CALVARY'S OKTOBERFEST FALL FESTIVAL which will be held on Saturday, October 7, starting at 5 PM. We are planning food, fellowship, and fun for everyone! Watch for more information to come in the next few weeks.

FED TO FEED: During the month of September Calvary will collect **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!

FLOWER FUND – To help beautify Calvary's sanctuary, we would like to bolster our Flower Fund so fresh flowers can be provided by Calvary on more Sundays. A nice floral arrangement costs approximately \$75. You may not want to provide an entire arrangement, but may be willing to give a smaller amount. If you would like to contribute, please mark your check/envelope as "Flower Fund" and place in the plate. This can be done at any time. **Reminder, if you would like to provide flowers on a particular Sunday for a special occasion, fill out the flower form on calvarytopeka.org found under the "Information" tab or contact the church office to get your date reserved.**

Home Devotional Reading Guide: Sept 17 – 23

Ezekiel 14 – 20

Psalm 76 – 81

2 Timothy 2 – 4; Titus 1

SERVANTS FOR TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree
Organist: Renee Patzer
Acolyte: Sophie Humphrey
Elder: Tony Zimmerman
Greeters: Tony & Rae Zimmerman
Altar Guild: Linda Devoe

Ushers: Stuart Bach, Rae Zimmerman, Connor Ockree, Mike Ewing
Counters: Don & Linda Harrison
Coffee Maker: Joann LaCrone
Mug Detail: Larry & Bonnie Winter

Mowing Schedule

*Thank You to this Week's Mowers – Wilbur Schwant, Tim Leatherman
 Next Weekend – Dave Duffey & Trent Duffey*

THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

Today:	Beacon Article Deadline	
Worship	Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School and Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Being Christian Class- <i>Confirmation Rm.</i>	1:00 PM
Monday:	Cornerstone Choir Practice- <i>F. Hall</i>	11:00 AM
Tuesday:	College Bible Study- <i>at Iliff Recital Hall</i>	6:30 PM
Wednesday:	Confirmation Class- <i>Upstairs North Classroom</i>	6:00 PM
	Stephen Ministry- <i>Upstairs SE Classroom</i>	6:00 PM
Thursday:	Bulletin Announcement Deadline	9:00 AM
	Morning Break Bible Study- <i>Upstairs SE Classroom</i>	10:00 AM
	Church Council Meeting- <i>Upstairs SE Classroom</i>	6:30 PM
	Lutheran's for Life Youth4Life Presentation- <i>F. Hall</i>	6:30 PM
Friday:	Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting- <i>F. Hall</i>	7:00 PM
Saturday:	Ladies Brunch- <i>F. Hall</i>	10:00 AM
Next Sunday:	Consecration Sunday	
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School and Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Being Christian Class- <i>Confirmation Rm.</i>	1:00 PM
	Youth Group Dinner & Bible Study- <i>Youth Rm.</i>	5:00 PM

SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree
Organist: Renee Patzer
Acolyte: Brody Boyd
Elder: Kirk Johnson
Greeters: Sue LaCrone, Becky Martin

Altar Guild: Linda Devoe
Ushers: Stuart Bach, Rae Zimmerman, Connor Ockree, Mike Ewing
Counters: Grace Pasley, Sharon Dooley
Coffee Maker: Marcia Coufal
Mug Detail: Clausen Family

Prayer Petitions for the Week of September 17-23

- Pray that we would grow in faithfulness in Christ united as His people.
- Give thanks for Calvary. That we can meet for worship and be blessed in Word and Sacrament for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. For our unity and the return of those who have strayed.
- Pray for our families: Maureen Clemens. Brianna Cobb and family. Cheryl Collins. Chuck & Renelda Connell. April Conner, Marcia Coufal. Gail Cox.
- Pray for the sick and those recovering from sickness or procedures: Teddy Schuh, Allan Jackson, Chris Ketchum, Ralph Knehans, 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. For our Being Christian Class.
- Pray for confirmation this year that students and their families would be diligent and grow in faith together. For Evelyn Guffey, Abriella Guenther, Cecelia Humphrey, Violet Ockree, Cora Russell, Brody Boyd, Anabelle Clausen, Sophia Humphrey, Chloe Keehn, Lilly Ketchum, Elinor Ockree, Jack Williams, Jace Carter, Laithen Paulsen, Carly Simpson, Duval Thieme.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: LaVoyce Ewing, Jett Williams, Belinda Diekhoff, Michelle Paulsen, Wanda Fay, Gary Schultz, Vickie Sturgeon, Steve Brockhoff.

- Pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Eric & Mindy Ketchum, 18 yrs; T.J. & Beth Wedeking, 23 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 renewal in the Spirit.
- Pray for the saints of Christ, Pastor Micheel, and DCE Amanda Adams.
- Pray for the saints of Messiah, Hays, and blessings in vacancy.
- 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 all people in society and for all Christians in their vocations. For the unemployed and underemployed. For employers looking for workers. For those struggling financially and facing instability. For those who are homeless and lack other necessities of life. For all who own their own businesses and have employees under their care.
- 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 help in a troubled world. For an end to the war in the Ukraine. For an end to gun violence and peace in the hearts of all. For those afflicted by bad weather and other disasters. For an end to abortion, exploitation, and all other evils in the world. For the truth of God to guide us over the destructive lies of Satan.
- 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 the Christians who are risking their lives to live their faith. Pray for the reign of God's peace and that the gospel be proclaimed.
- 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.

- 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 that God would grant us to see the sanctified future we have in Christ and take away our fear and anxiety to live to Him.

**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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