

"He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen."

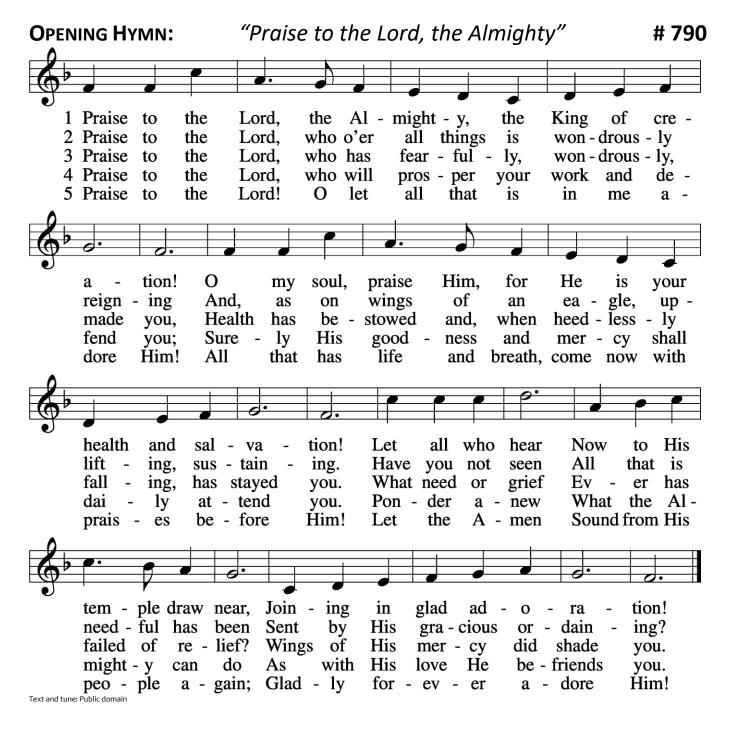
Deuteronomy 10:21

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 8, 2023

Calvary Lutheran Church Topeka, Kansas

*Indicates to Stand

ANNOUNCEMENTS and *OPENING PRAYER



*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.

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 alter, 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.

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 \maltese Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*INTROIT: Liturgical Text, Psalm 122: 1, 6, 8–9

P: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You,

C: and let Your prophets be proven faithful.

P: Hear the prayer of Your servants,

C: according to the blessing of Aaron upon Your people.

P: I was glad when they said to me,

C: "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

P: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

C: May they be secure who love you!

P: For my brothers and companions' sake

C: I will say, "Peace be within you!"

P: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

C: I will seek your good.

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.

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.
- P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



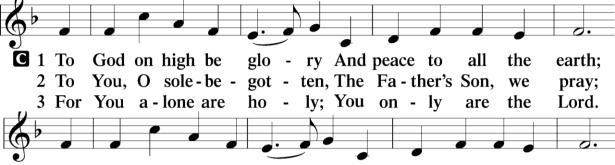
- C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.
- P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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



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;



*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: Deuteronomy 10:12–21

P: "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the LORD set His heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve Him and hold fast to Him, and by His name you shall swear. He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 122:1, 7

P: I was glad when they said to me,

C: "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

P: Peace be within your walls

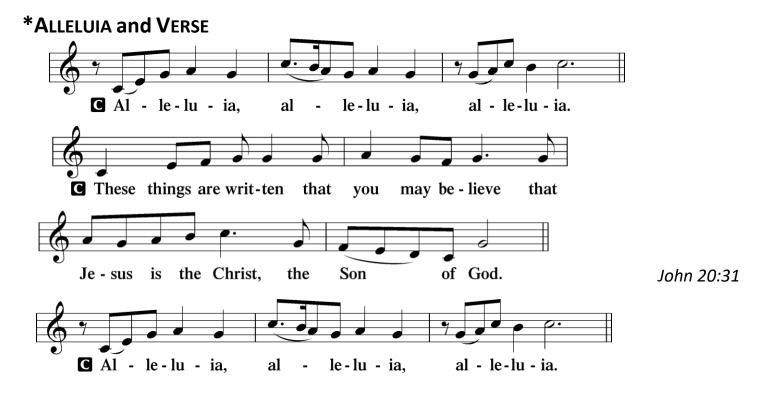
C: and security within your towers!

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:4–9

P: I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



*Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34–46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

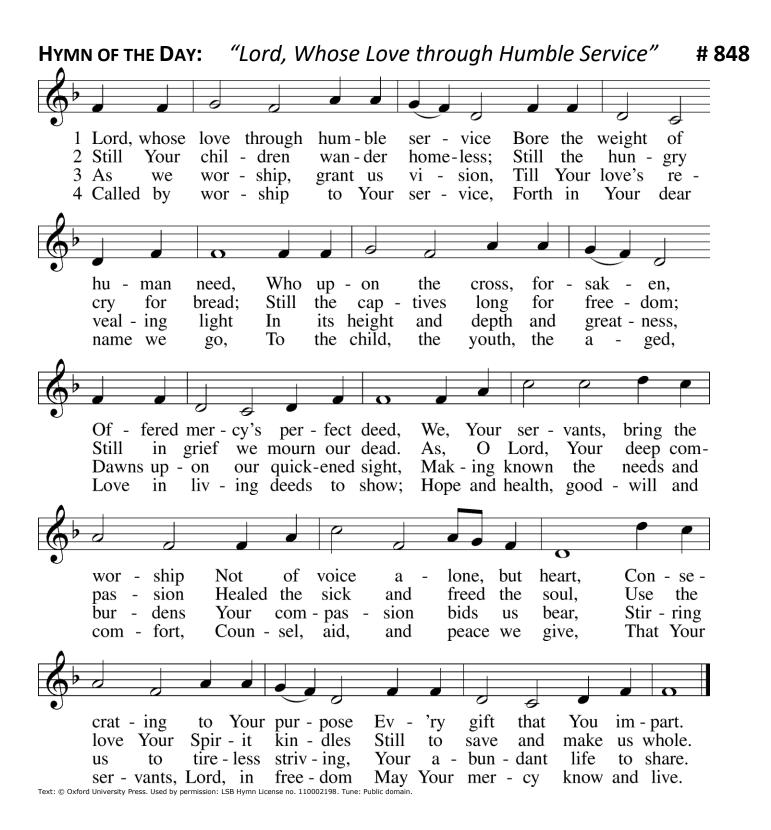
When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, P: they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is He?" They said to Him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls Him Lord, saying, "'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, until I put Your enemies under Your feet'? If then David calls Him Lord, how is He his son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask Him any more questions.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: 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.

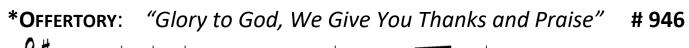


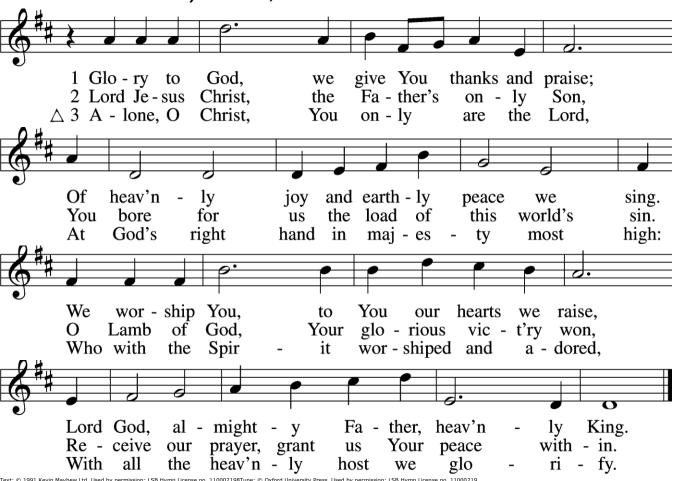
SERMON: "Beautiful"

P: Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

^{*}PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: (response to each petition shown below) [1 Timothy 2:1-4]





*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.

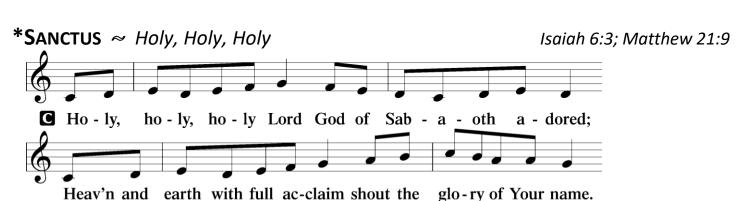
[Colossians 3:11]

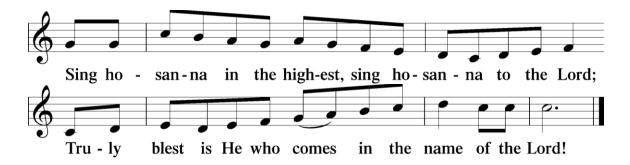
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:





*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."

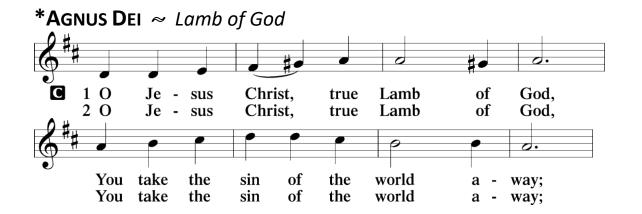
*Pax Domini ≈ The Peace of the Lord

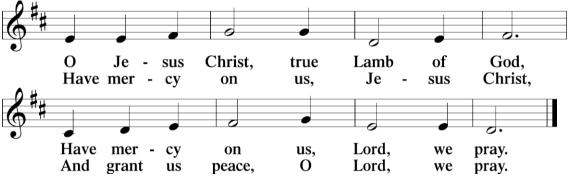
John 20:19

John 1:29

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

C: Amen.





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

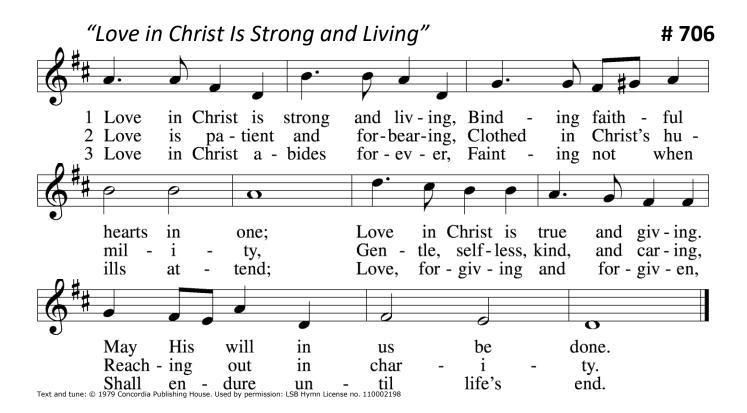
COMMUNION HYMNS:



- 5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces: Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places. I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me; I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
 Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust,
 And let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears
 Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.

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- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for Your grace
 And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
 Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be
 A blessèd comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.



*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.

Numbers 6:24-26

C: Amen.



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. 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.

DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER WE WILL BE PRINTING out the entire service, minus the hymns, in the regular bulletin (the large print will continue as usual). So members have full information, the print cost will increase from \$6 per week to approx. \$50 per week, depending on length of readings and etc. to provide the full print. The Elders would like your opinion on this new format. Please contact one of the Elders to inform if this new format is favorable or not for you.

A VIDEO DOORBELL/AUTOMATIC DOOR OPENER has been added to the outside south entry door nearest the office. The door will remain locked during office hours. You can push the doorbell to talk to staff and for entrance to the building. We are looking at eventually mounting the same on the basement entrance.

A SECOND SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS HAS STARTED. Boone Smith is leading a study on the Psalms. The class is currently meeting in the Library until the Crume Room floor is replaced.

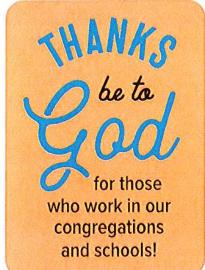
CHOIR PRACTICE HAS BEGUN! Practices are held on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM. Everyone high school age and older is welcome and encouraged to join choir! See Anna Reb if you have questions.

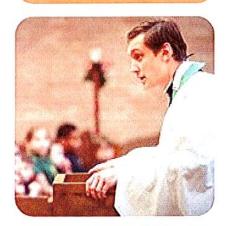
2024 PLEDGE CARDS AND TIME & TALENT SHEETS: If you haven't turned yours in yet, there is still time to do so. You can put them in the mailbox of Aric Harrington, Board of Stewardship Chair, or turn them in to the church office. We would like to get them in within the next week so we can prepare the 2024 Operating Budget in time for the Voter's Meeting on Oct. 29.

CLLC IS HAVING A Trunk or Treat <u>for their students</u> on Friday, October 27 at 3:30 PM in the parking lot. If you would like to pass out candy, please call Miss Melissa at 785-783-2121 to let her know. All candy needs to be nut/peanut butter free.

FED TO FEED: During the month of October Calvary will be collecting <u>Canned</u> <u>Soup</u> to help supply the TNO Food Pantry. Items should be placed in the bin under the Usher's Table in the Narthex. Thank you!









"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always

in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).

With this same gratitude, we thank the more than 11,000 church workers who serve our Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Throughout this month, congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for all church workers.

For teachers especially we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church.

For all church workers, from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!

Set Apart to Serve seeks to create an intentional culture of church worker formation and recruitment in every LCMS congregation, school and entity. Visit resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve to learn more.



Home Devotional Reading Guide: Oct. 8 - 14

Ezekiel 35 – 41 Psalm 96 – 102 Hebrews 7:11 – 10:31

SERVANTS FOR TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree

Liturgist: Deacon Jim LaCrone

Organist: Annette Jackson

Acolyte: Cora Russell

Elder: Tony Zimmerman

Greeters: Marica Coufal, Gail Cox

Altar Guild: Shelley Duffey

Ushers: Terry Bargmann, John Guffey, Timothy Humphrey,

T. J. Humphrey

Counters: Rick & Sandi Blush

Coffee Maker: Kirk Johnson

Mug Detail: Mary North, Kathy Kalinka

Mowing Schedule

Thank You to this Week's Mowers – Rick Blush, Wilbur Schwant

Next Weekend – Dave Duffey, Trent Duffey

THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

Today:	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School and Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Being Christian Class	1:00 PM
	Youth Group	5:00 PM
Monday:	Cornerstone Choir Practice	11:00 AM
	CLLC Board Meeting	5:30 PM
Tuesday:	College Bible Study	6:30 PM
Wednesday:	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Stephen Ministry	6:00 PM
	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Thursday:	Bulletin Announcement Deadline	9:00 AM
	Morning Break Bible Study	10:00 AM

Friday: Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting 7:00 PM **Saturday:** Prayers & Stitching Meeting 8:00 AM

Next Sunday: Beacon Article Deadline

Worship Service 9:00 AM
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM
Being Christian Class 1:00 PM

SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree Liturgist: Deacon Jim LaCrone

Organist: Annette Jackson
Acolyte: Violet Ockree
Elder: Michael Reb

Greeters: Dean Brunkow, Roddy Schwant

Altar Guild: Shelley Duffey

Ushers: Terry Bargmann, John Guffey, Timothy Humphrey,

T. J. Humphrey

Counters: Don & Linda Harrison

Coffee Maker: Kirk Johnson

Mug Detail: Larry & Bonnie Winter

Prayer Petitions for the Week of October 8-14

- Pray that we would grow in service even as we long for our eternal joy.
- 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: Shelley & Dave Duffey and Tara. Trent Duffey. Trey Duffey. Bob & Shelley Dugan. David Eberhart. Judy Edwards. Maddie Edwards.
- Pray for the sick and those recovering from sickness or procedures: Annie Alvarez, Arabella Alvarez, Teddy Schuh, Chris Ketchum, Shari Piel, Trent Duffey, Rick Blush, Loren Johannes. For those with chronic ailments: Vernon Bean, Wendy Humphrey, Ralph Knehans, Joye Slocum, 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 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 the Young Adults Bible class and the 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: Sheila Jones, Mike Ewing, Michael Wehking, Chad Guenther, Cassi Hurd, Cheryl Johson, Hunter Poort, Matt Ensley, Benjamin Humphrey, Mike Lietz, Barb Northcutt, Joy Pusch.
- Pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Eldon & Julie Jackson, 10 yrs; Matt & Michelle Paulsen, 11 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 peace and renewal in the Spirit.
- Pray for the saints of Immanuel and Pastor Wehling.
- Pray for the saints of Mount Calvary, Marysville, and Pastors Miller & Williamson.
- Pray for the holy ministry and all ministers of the LCMS. For President Harrison, for the Synod. For President Panzer and the Kansas District.
- Pray for the pastors, teachers, DCEs, and others attending the Church Workers' Conference in Wichita this week.
- 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 children and youths.
- 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 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. 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 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 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.
- Pray for growth in our benevolence fund and in our mission giving.
- Pray the ugliness of the world and our sin would be covered by Christ who
 makes us truly beautiful.

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 <u>9 AM on Thursdays</u>. Prayer concerns printed in the bulletin do not replace prayer chain requests. To place a prayer chain request <u>during</u> <u>evening and weekend hours</u> please call Leila Schuh at 785-224-7962; <u>during</u> <u>week days</u> call or email the Church Office.

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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