

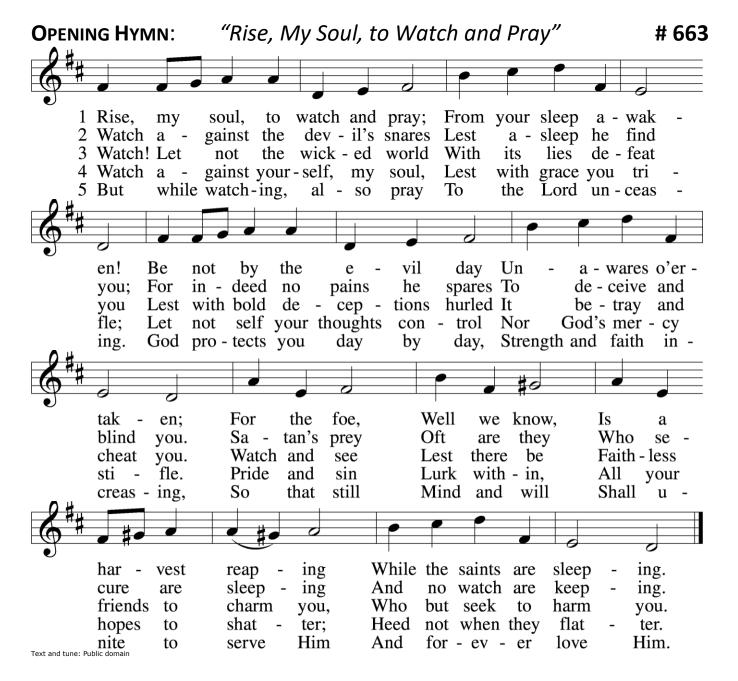
"For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God." Luke 16:15

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY August 6, 2023

Calvary Lutheran Church Topeka, KS

#### \*Indicates to Stand

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, \*OPENING PRAYER**



#### \*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 54: 4–5, 1–3, 7

P: Behold, God is my helper;

C: the Lord is the upholder of my life.

P: He will return the evil to my enemies;

C: in Your faithfulness put an end to them.

P: O God, save me, by Your name,

C: and vindicate me by Your might.

P: O God, hear my prayer;

C: give ear to the words of my mouth.

P: For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;

C: they do not set God before themselves.

P: For He has delivered me from every trouble,

C: and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

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.



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



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.



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



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



\*HYMN OF PRAISE: "G

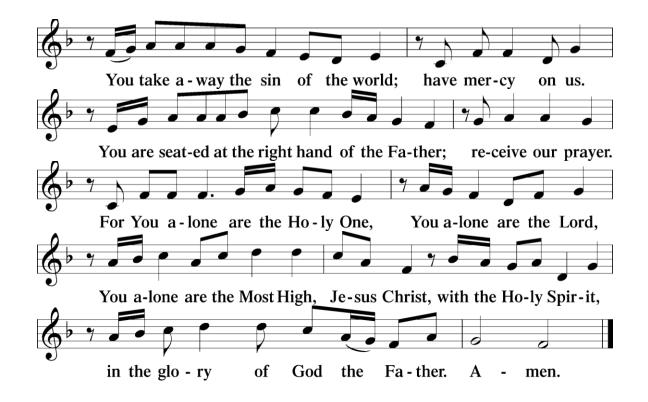
"Gloria in Excelsis"

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

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



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



#### \*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:** 2 Samuel 22:26–34

P: "With the merciful You show Yourself merciful; with the blameless man You show Yourself blameless; with the purified You deal purely, and with the crooked You make yourself seem tortuous. You save a humble people, but Your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. For You are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—His way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him. "For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God? This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless. He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL:** Psalm 8:1

P: O LORD, our Lord,

C: how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

P: You have set Your glory

C: above the heavens.

**EPISTLE READING:** 1 Corinthians 10:6–13

P: Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



\*HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:1–9

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



Jesus also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a P: manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings."

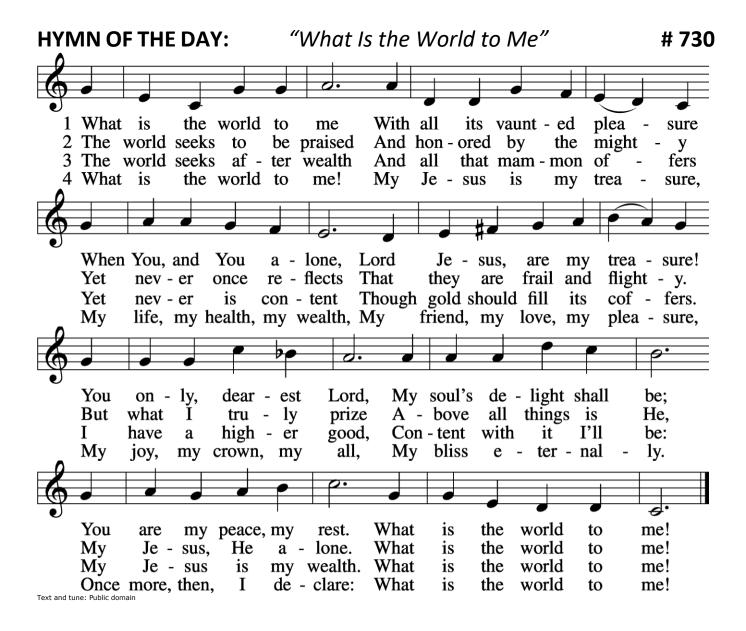
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



\*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.

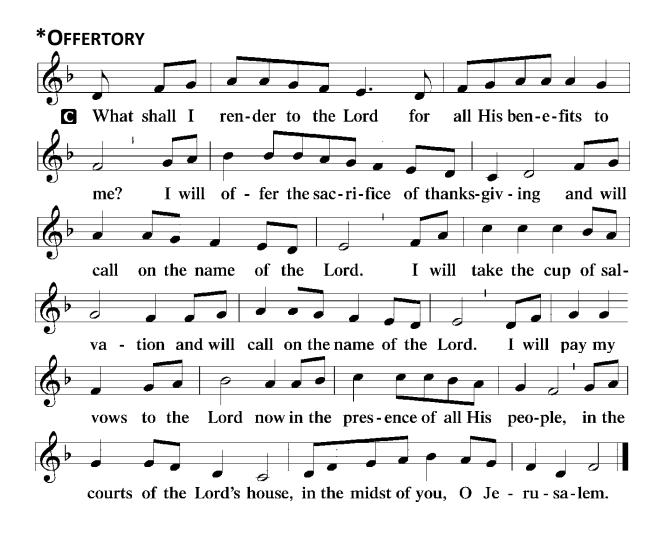


**SERMON:** "Shrewdness & Faithfulness"

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

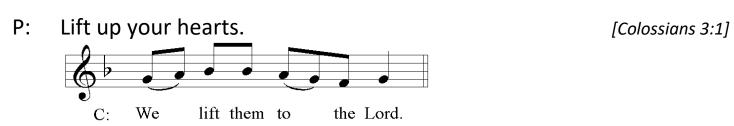
**OFFERING:** (as the offerings are being gathered to glorify our Lord, please sign and pass the red attendance booklet found in the pew)

<sup>\*</sup>PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



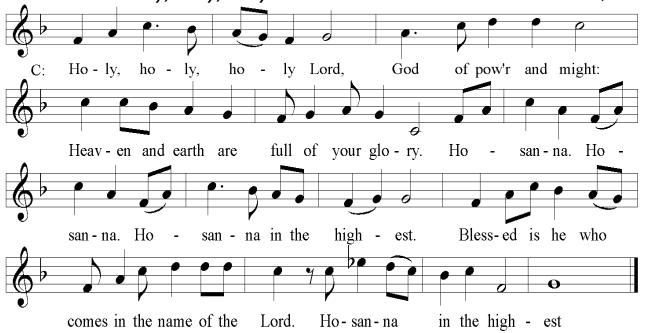
#### \*PREFACE







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



\*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]

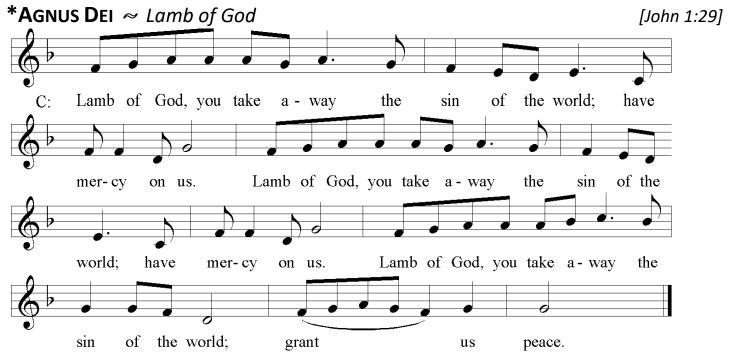
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\maltese$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, 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  $\maltese$  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]

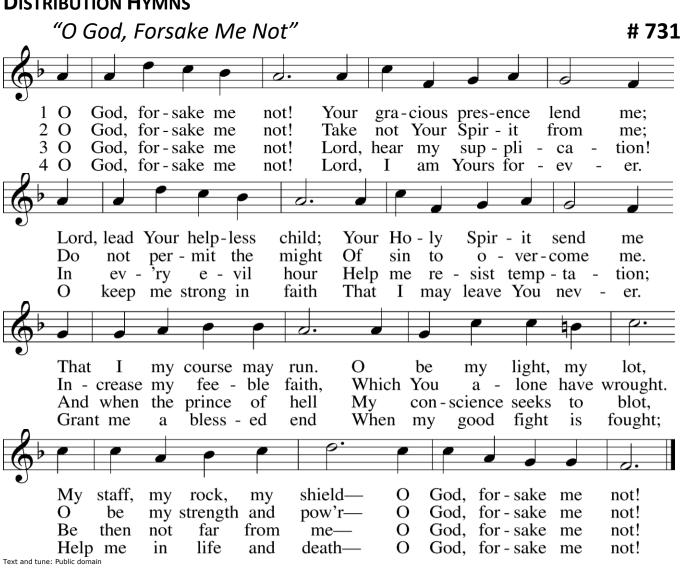
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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







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5 I am trusting Thee for power;

Thine can never fail.

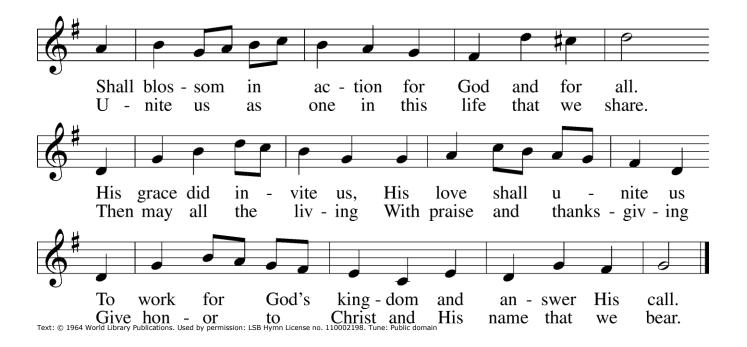
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.

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6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;Never let me fall.I am trusting Thee forever

And for all.

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" # 643 1 Sent forth God's by bless-ing, Our true faith con - fess-ing, 2 With praise and God thanks - giv - ing To ev - er - liv - ing, dwell - ing The of God from His peo ple take leave. ev - 'ry - day life The tasks of will face. our we The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be tend - ed ex shar - ing, faith Our In love ev - er ev er car - ing, The fruits of this ser - vice all who be - lieve. in Em - brac ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race. seed of The His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing, You With Your feast feed us. With Your light now lead



#### \*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.

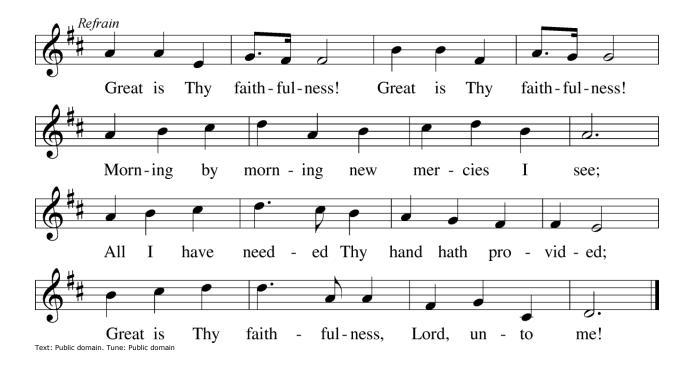


\*BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

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.







#### **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 ALTAR FLOWERS** this morning are given to the glory of God by Kirk & Cheryl Johnson in honor of their 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary which is on August 8.

**THE AUGUST PRAYERS & STITCHING MEETING** has been rescheduled <u>from</u> August 12 to August 19 at 9:00 AM.

A SPECIAL DOOR OFFERING FOR TNO OPERATION BACKPACK will be taken next <u>Sunday</u>, <u>August 13</u>. Monetary and/or food donations can be given for this program at any time of the year. The Backpack Program has been denied several grants they were expecting, so they have no funding to provide weekly food sacks starting in September. <u>Checks should be made payable to "Calvary" with 'TNO Backpack' written in the memo line or on your offering envelope</u>.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS** – are due no later than <u>Sunday, August</u> <u>20</u>. Use the insert in the bulletin to subscribe. Please place it in one of the Office Manager's office door bins and not in the offering plate. Thanks!

**COLLEGE AGE BIBLE STUDY** – Pastor Ockree will be leading a college age Bible study starting Tuesday, <u>August 22<sup>nd</sup></u>. 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 INFORMATION** – A Confirmation parent/student informational meeting will be held <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>August 23</u>, at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall, to go over expectations and lay out the curriculum for the coming year. Please contact Pastor Ockree with any questions.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION** to the next grade will be held on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>August 28</u> (since no classes will be held on September 4 due to the Labor Day holiday). On that morning students should check into their current classroom for attendance to 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.

**FED TO FEED:** For the month of August (and at any time of the year) Calvary is collecting <u>Backpack Food Items</u> to help supply the TNO Operation Backpack Program. 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!

**Home Devotional Reading Guide: August 6 – 12** 

Jeremiah 49:34 – 51:58 Psalm 35 – 40 Ephesians 3 – 6

#### **SERVANTS FOR TODAY**

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

#### **Mowing Schedule**

Thank You to this Week's Mowers – Larry Winter, Stuart Bach Next Weekend – Dave Duffey, Trent Duffey

#### **THIS WEEK IN CALVARY**

Today:	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Young Men's Group-at Guffey's House	6:00 PM
Thursday:	Weekly Bulletin Article Deadline	9:00 AM
	Board of Elder's Meeting	7:00 PM
Friday:	Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting in F. Hall	7:00 PM
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Special Door Offering for TNO Backpack Program	

Worship Service 9:00 AM

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM

#### **SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

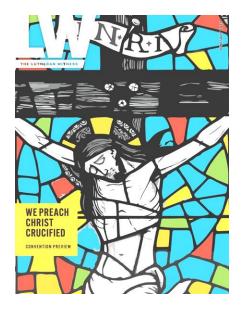
Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree
Organist: Annette Jackson
Duval Thieme
Elder: Mike Krise

**Greeters:** Sue LaCrone, Becky Martin

Altar Guild: Greta Trimble

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Counters: Rick & Sandi Blush
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# The Lutheran Witness (order forms can be found on the Usher's Table)

The Lutheran Witness, the official periodical of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, provides you with stories about —

- your fellow Christians
- current events
- your church
- the Synod
- what the Bible has to say about the issues and decisions you face daily

The annual subscription cost is \$30, an increase after none for 5 years. The subscription year runs from November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024.

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.



"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

(785) 286-1370

<u>Website</u>: www.topekanorthoutreach.org <u>Email</u>: youth@topekanorthoutreach.org

#### **Prayer Petitions for the Week of August 6-12**

- 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 Samantha Wise. For Darell Wright & family. For Paul & Deb Wurtz. For Ethan Wurtz. For Jeff Zimmerman. For Tony & Rae Zimmerman. For Juan & Annie Alvarez and family.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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: David Eberhart, Katie Henry, Kathi Killman, Jack Williams, Dae Duffey, Tate Russell, Shawna Harrington, Carol Kobuszewski, Josh Brohaugh, Donna Winright, Karys Deiter.
- Pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Kirk & Cheryl Johnson, 42 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 Christ, Pastor Micheel and DCE Amanda Adams.
- Pray for the saints of Immanuel, Oakley, and Pastor Brockman.
- 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 all college students.
- 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 we would be as faithful in pursuing the Kingdom of God as the world and our sinful flesh is in shrewd in pursuing wealth and the pleasures of this world.

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 <u>during</u> evening and weekend hours please call Leila Schuh at 785-224-7962; <u>during</u> week days call the Church Office or send an e-mail to the Church Secretary.

#### **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 4211 NW Topeka Blvd.

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