

CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chandler, Arizona † July 11 & 12, 2026 † Pentecost 7

Welcome. At Calvary, our worship is designed to praise God and enrich faith. We aim to make the service clear and appropriately reverent. For your convenience, the service is printed in its entirety in your bulletin. Please do sign the connection cards in the pews or the guest book by the entryway so that we know you were here in case we didn't get to say hello. Feel free to ask Pastor Spaude or Pastor Sprain any questions you may have or go to our website, www.calvarychandler.net

Bring the kids. Our congregation enjoys the worshipping family. Please sit in any pew where you feel comfortable. We do have a message specifically for the children Sunday morning during worship.

May we suggest: Quietly explain the worship service as it takes place. Share with your children the "why" of what they are hearing. Sing the hymns, pray the prayers etc. Children learn behavior by mimicking you. And please remember, if you have to leave the sanctuary (the cry room is located in the back of church) with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. For Jesus said: "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

To our Calvary Family, the presence of children is a gift to the Church, and they remind us that our church is growing. Give a smile and warm encouragement to them and their families.

Don't feel obligated. Our members give offerings to the Lord as an expression of our thanks and praise for his amazing love! Visitors, please know you are not expected or required to give an offering. It is completely your choice. We are just glad you are here!

Make yourself at home. After the service, we join together for coffee, snacks and conversation. We would be honored if you'd join us.

For those who have hearing issues our sound system allows for you to engage the "T" setting on your hearing aid. There are also hearing devices available. Ask an usher.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

The Bible describes the supernatural process by which God calls people to faith through the gospel. He promises that his Word always accomplishes his purpose.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

Blue: CW 644; Red: CW 324



- 1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
- 2 Let not the foe of Christ and man this ho - ly seed re - move,
- 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
- 4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and right - eous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, abr., alt.
Tune: The CL Psalms of David, Edinburgh, 1615
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P: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The first line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the sixth line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

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FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:6–11

Seek the LORD while he may be found! Call on him while he is near!
Let the wicked man abandon his way. Let an evil man abandon his thoughts.
Let him turn to the LORD, and he will show him mercy.
Let him turn to our God, because he will abundantly pardon.

*God's
Word
produces
the fruit
that God
desires.*

Certainly my plans are not your plans, and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD. Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my plans are higher than your plans.

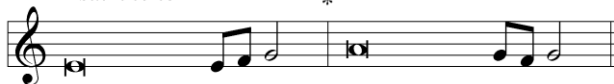
Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not return there unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout, so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater, in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

PSALM 65

Refrain



Psalm tone



Praise awaits you, O God,*
you call forth songs of joy.

You care for the land and water it;*
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

*Psalm 65:
Fruits
come
from
preaching
and
teaching
the
gospel.*

The streams of God are filled with water*
to provide the people with grain.

Refrain

You crown the year with your bounty,*
and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the desert overflow;*
the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;*
they shout for joy and sing.

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.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:1–11

For this reason, I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles--

Surely you have heard of the administration of God's grace given to me for you, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation (as I have already written briefly). When you read this, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ. This mystery was not made known to people in past generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and people who also share in the promise through the gospel.

I became a servant of this gospel, in keeping with the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. To me—even though I am the very least of all the saints—was given this grace: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ and to enlighten everyone about the administration of this mystery. In past ages this mystery remained hidden in God, who created all things. He did this so that, through the church, the multifaceted wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was done according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Through
the Bible
God reveals
the
"mystery",
that is what
cannot
otherwise
be known,
that we are
saved by
Jesus
perfect life
and
innocent
death.*

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



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



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

That same day Jesus left the house and was sitting by the sea. A large crowd gathered around him. So he stepped into a boat and sat down, while all the people stood on the shore. He told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen, a sower went out to sow. As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil.

Immediately the seed sprang up, because the soil was not deep. But when the sun rose, the seed was scorched. Because it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on good ground and produced grain: some one hundred times, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.”

“So listen carefully to the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the Evil One comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the seed that was sown along the path. The seed that was sown on rocky ground is the person who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he is not deeply rooted and does not endure. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed that was sown among the thorns is the one who hears the word, but the worry of this world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it produces no fruit. But the seed that was sown on the good ground is the one who continues to hear and understand the word. Indeed he continues to produce fruit: some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown.”

Jesus pictures ministry as a farmer scattering seed.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Sunday Morning)

Children are invited to come forward to the altar area for the children's sermon at this time. (Parents can come with their children if the children are hesitant to go by themselves.)

O Word of God Incarnate

Blue: CW 642; Red: CW 279



- 1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
- 2 The Church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine,
- 3 O make your Church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky,
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old.



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
O teach your wan - d'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, abr., alt.

Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 3rd. ed., Meiningen, 1693

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SERMON

Ephesians 3:1-11 A God's-Eye View of the Bible

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Speak, O Lord

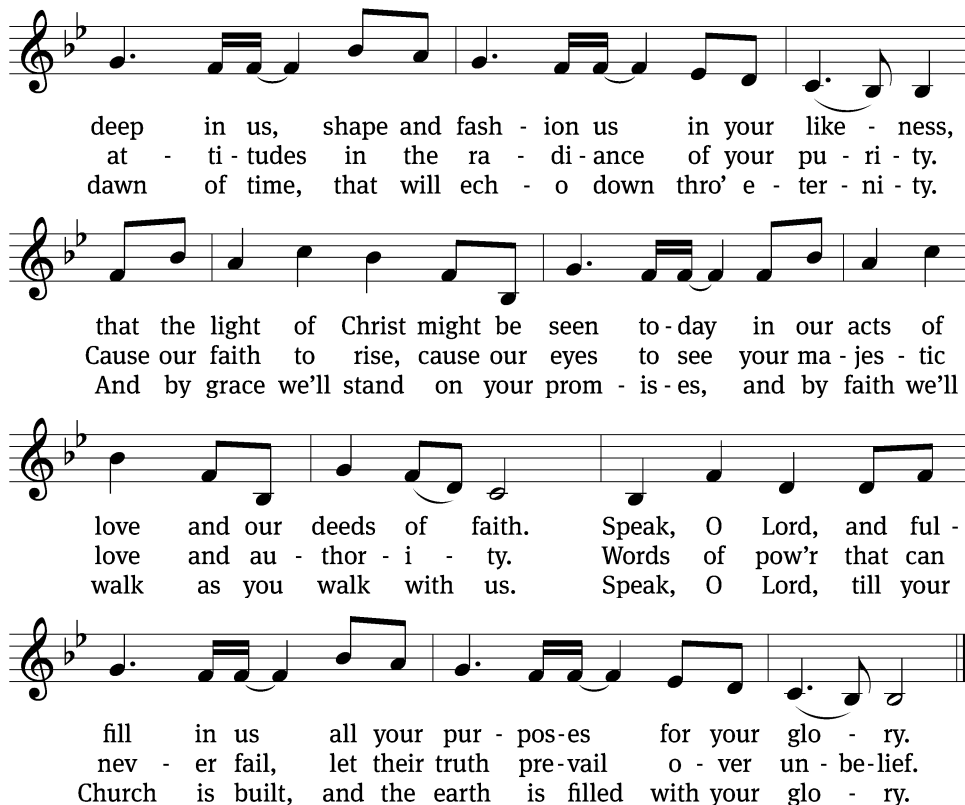
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- 1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food
- 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,
- 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights



of your ho - ly Word; take your truth, plant it
true hu - mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our
of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the



deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness,
at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty.
dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.

that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic
And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll

love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your

fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
nev - er fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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PRAYER

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Or

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want Us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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



God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Blue: CW 640; Red: CW 293



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are no Sunday morning Bible classes and Wednesday evening Bible classes in July.

After Church Refreshments – There is a snack sign-up sheet on the back counter in the entryway of church. Anyone willing to provide refreshments, please pick a date that works for you. You can also donate money to the cause. Give your donation to Barb Converse and she will purchase the snacks. Thanks!

New Wednesday Bible Class beginning August 5th: Creation Vs. Evolution. Are scientists really certain about evolution? Join us for a new Bible study that looks at Creation vs. Evolution. This course will help us learn how to talk with our evolutionist friends in a way that provides opportunities for us to share the gospel message about Jesus. In this way, we can reflect God's love to others.

The next Sunday morning Bible Class will be starting up on Sunday, August 9th at 10:25AM. This will continue the study of the book of Revelation. This book is an interesting look at the end times in which we are living.

Mornings with Mommy will not be held until the September session due to the remodel.

Installation service and meal for Pastoral candidate Daniel Gensmer | July 19

Emmanuel will be receiving a new pastor in July. Pastoral candidate Daniel Gensmer will be ordained into the Holy Ministry and installed as Emmanuel's youth and family ministry pastor on Sunday, July 19th. A special service will be held on Sunday, July 19th at 4PM, followed by a meal served in the Ministry and Education Center. Daniel and his wife, Rachel, are expecting their first child this month and plan to move to Arizona in July. Please keep them in your prayers during this new and exciting time and move to Arizona.

The July Voters' Meeting will be held after the service on Sunday, July 26th.

Book Club: In July, we will be discussing *The Foxhole Victory Tour* by Amy Lynn Green. An eclectic group of entertainers join a USO variety show during World War II. As they tour North Africa, they are competing among themselves for a chance to tour with Bob Hope. But as they face danger on their tour, can they actually form friendships as they continue to compete? Join our discussion on July 26th at 3PM. If you have any questions, contact Pam Abbe.

Our Savior Lutheran Church cordially invites you to join them for the installation service of their new shepherd, Pastor Steven Wagenknecht. As part of the WELS family, your presence and prayers would mean a great deal to both their congregation and Pastor Wagenknecht as they celebrate this exciting new chapter in their ministry. Sunday, July 26th at 4PM at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 9925 N. 103rd Avenue, Sun City, AZ. (between Olive & Peoria Avenues.) A meal will follow the service, and you are invited to stay and celebrate.

Last week at Calvary:

25 attended the Saturday service and 87 attended the Sunday service.

\$7,518 was given for the work of the Lord. Included in this, \$274 for Parish Assistance, \$800 for Instruments, and \$2,000 for 50th anniversary fund.

Pastor: Martin Spaude

Pianist: Jean Wynia

Head Usher: James Armbruster

Ushers: Scott Abbe, Nate Traudt, Ken Marks, Richard Muenchow