

CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chandler, Arizona † September 12 & 13, 2026 † Pentecost 16

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

Forgiveness we have freely been given through Jesus. Forgiveness of others we want to freely give out of thanks to our Lord.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

Blue: CW 623; Red: 238



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with-in me join and
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, nor let his mer - cies lie for -
3 'Tis he for - gives your sins, 'tis he re - lieves your pain, 'tis
4 He fills the poor with good; he gives the suf - f'ers rest. The
5 His won - drous works and ways he made by Mo - ses known but



aid my tongue to bless his name whose fa - vors are di - vine.
got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness and with - out prais - es die.
he that heals your sick - ness - es and makes you young a - gain.
Lord has judg - ments for the proud and jus - tice for th'op - pressed.
sent the world his truth and grace by his be - lov - ed Son.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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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.

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 six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a C-clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are'. The second staff continues: 'they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -'. The third staff: 'ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -'. The fourth staff: 'ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -'. The fifth staff: 'ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.'. The sixth staff: 'Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.'.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, heavenly Father, you graciously forgive us all our sins and abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us confidence in your mercy, and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we willingly forgive all people, and judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives to your glory; 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.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a C-clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'C: A - men.'.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15–21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and will pay us back in full for all of the evil that we did to him.”

They sent the following message to Joseph: “Before he died your father commanded us, ‘You are to tell Joseph, “Please forgive the offense of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.”’ Now, please forgive the offense of the servants of the God of your father.”

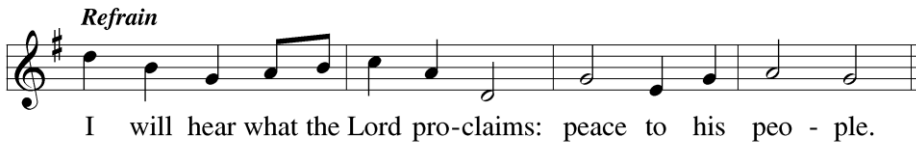
Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

His brothers also came and fell down in front of him, and they said, “See now, we are your servants.”

Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring this to pass and to keep many people alive, as it is this day. Now therefore, do not be afraid. I will nourish you and your little ones.” He comforted them and spoke to them in a kind way.

*Joseph
was
quick to
forgive
his
brothers.*

PSALM 103



*Psalm 103:
God's
forgiveness
of us knows
no limits.*

Praise the LORD, O my soul;*
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

He forgives all your sins*
and heals all your diseases;

he redeems your life from the grave*
and crowns you with love and compassion.

Refrain

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,*
slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve*
or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,*
so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,*
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Refrain

As a father has compassion on his children,*
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed,*
he remembers that we are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;*
the wind blows over it and it is gone.

But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him*
from everlasting to everlasting.

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 4:29—5:2

*Kindness,
compassion,
and
forgiveness
are marks
of God's
Church.*

Do not let any unwholesome talk come from your mouths. Say only what is beneficial when there is a need to build up others, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of every kind of bitterness, rage, anger, quarreling, and slander, along with every kind of malice. Instead, be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ has forgiven us.

Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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!

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/HELPERS (Sunday only)

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21–35

Then Peter came up and asked Jesus, “Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me? As many as seven times?”

Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but I tell you as many as seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle them, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. Because the man was not able to pay the debt, his master ordered that he be sold, along with his wife, children, and all that he owned to repay the debt.

“Then the servant fell down on his knees in front of him, saying, ‘Master, be patient with me, and I will pay you everything!’ The master of that servant had pity on him, released him, and forgave him the debt.

“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began choking him, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’

The ability to forgive others comes from the Spirit enabling us to understand how much God has forgiven us.

“So his fellow servant fell down and begged him, saying, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!’ But he refused. Instead he went off and threw the man into prison until he could pay back what he owed.

“When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were very distressed. They went and reported to their master everything that had taken place.

“Then his master called him in and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt when you begged me to. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had mercy on you?’ His master was angry and handed him over to the jailers until he could pay back everything he owed.

“This is what my heavenly Father will also do to you unless each one of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

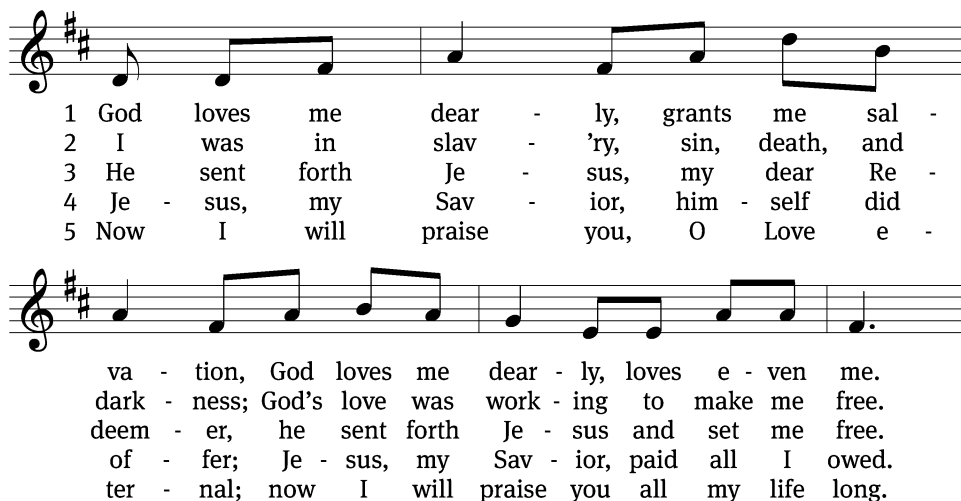


CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Sunday Morning)

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.)

God Loves Me Dearly

Blue: CW 583



1 God loves me dear - ly, grants me sal -
 2 I was in slav - 'ry, sin, death, and
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, my dear Re -
 4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, him - self did
 5 Now I will praise you, O Love e -

va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, loves e - ven me.
 dark - ness; God's love was work - ing to make me free.
 deem - er, he sent forth Je - sus and set me free.
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, paid all I owed.
 ter - nal; now I will praise you all my life long.



Text: August Rische, 1819–1906; tr. composite

Tune: German

Text and tune: Public domain

SERMON Psalm 103:1-16

As Distant as the East Is from the West

Bless the Lord, O my soul. All that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who pardons all your guilt, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with mercy and compassion, who satisfies your life with goodness, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle. The Lord performs righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel. The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. He will not always accuse. He will not keep his anger forever. He does not treat us as our sins deserve. He does not repay us according to our guilty deeds. Yes, as high as the heavens are above the earth, so powerful is his mercy toward those who fear him. As distant as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our rebellious acts from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. For he knows how we were formed. He remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass. Like a wildflower he blossoms. Then the wind blows over it, and it is gone, and its place recognizes it no more.

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.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Blue: CW 624; Red: CW 234



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your
 reign - ing and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear now to his
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen how all that's
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near, join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do as with his love he be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Tune: Ander Theil Des Erneueren Gesang-Buchs, Stralsund, 1665, alt
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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.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

Blue: CW 697; Red: CW 458

1 May we your pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill and do on
2 So may we join your name to bless, your grace a -
3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, u - nite our
earth our Fa - ther's will as an - gels do a - bove;
dore, your pow'r con - fess, to flee from sin and strife.
hearts, our joy in - crease, your gra - cious help sup - ply.
still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, with all your
One is our call - ing, one our name, the end of
To each of us the bless - ing give in Chris - tian
chil - dren, and o - bey the law of Chris - tian love.
all our hopes the same: a glo - rious crown of life.
fel - low - ship to live, in joy - ful hope to die.

Text: Edward Osler, 1789–1863, alt.

Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School teachers and helpers installation will take place in the service on September 13th.

Choir will start practices on Sunday, Sept. 27th following Bible Class.

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!

Wednesday Bible Class: 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.

Sunday Morning Bible Class is studying of the book of Revelation. This book is an interesting look at the end times in which we are living.

Book Club: The September selection for book club will be *The Bookbinders Secret* by A.D. Bell. Every book tells a story; this one tells a secret. A young bookbinder begins a hunt for the truth when a confession beneath the binding of a burned book reveals a story of forbidden love, lost fortune and murder. Please join us for discussion and fellowship hosted by Kris Powell on September 27th at 3PM in the Calvary fellowship hall.

Last week at Calvary:

27 attended the Saturday service and 86 attended the Sunday service.

\$10,408.33 was given for the work of the Lord. Included in this, \$65 for Capital Improvement, \$257 for the Parish Assistance fund and \$22.33 for the Ladies Guild.

Pastor: Martin Spaude

Pianist: Jean Wynia

Head Usher: James Armbruster

Ushers: Mark Mundt, Caleb Cole, Ethan Cole, James Armbruster