

CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chandler, Arizona † September 19 & 20, 2026 † Pentecost 17

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

God is not fair, thankfully. He does not give us what we deserve for our sins, but treats us with grace and mercy.

THE COMMON SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You

Blue: CW 581; Red: CW 380



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; that, I know, could
 2 It was grace in Christ that called me, taught my dark - ened
 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion, praise the Fa - ther's



nev - er be, for this heart would still re - fuse you
 heart and mind; else the world had yet en - thrall - ed me,
 bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion,



had your grace not cho - sen me. You re - moved the
 to your heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship
 Priest and King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it



sin that stained me, cleans - ing me to be your own; for this
 none a - bove you; for your grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing
 of sal - va - tion, him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di -



pur - pose you or - dained me, that I live for you a - lone.
 well that, if I love you, you, O Fa - ther, loved me first.
 vid - ed ad - o - ra - tion to the great Je - ho - vah give.

Text: Josiah Conder, 1789–1855, alt.

Tune: Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, Basel, 1745

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P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.



C: A - - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,
 we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
 God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
 For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us Pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and promise to reward us according to your grace. Help us to rid our minds of worldly expectations and rejoice that you freely pour out the blessings of salvation to all people; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:10—4:11

*Jonah is
perplexed
by the
amazing
grace of
God.*

When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

But to Jonah all this seemed very bad, and he became very angry. He prayed to the LORD, “LORD, wasn't this exactly what I said when I was still in my own country? That is why I previously fled to Tarshish, because I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abounding in mercy, and you relent from sending disaster. So now, LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city. He made a shelter for himself there and sat in the shade under it, waiting to see what would happen in the city.

Then the LORD God provided a plant and made it grow up over Jonah to provide shade over his head, to relieve him from his discomfort. So Jonah was very happy about the plant. But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, and it attacked the plant so that it withered. When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind. The sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, so he said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

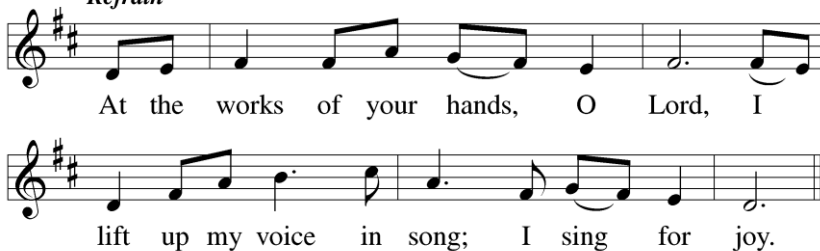
But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?”

Jonah said, “I do have a right to be angry—angry enough to die!”

So the LORD said, “You have been concerned about this plant. You did not work for it or make it grow. It grew up in one night and perished after one night. So should I not be concerned for Nineveh, the great city, in which there are more than one hundred twenty thousand people who do not know the difference between their right hand and their left—and also many animals?”

PSALM 89

Refrain



*Psalm 89:
Our God is
an amazing
God in his
grace and
love.*

Psalm tone



I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever;*
I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever,*
that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,*
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Refrain

O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?*

You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,*
who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name all day long,*
they exult in your righteousness.

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

Romans 9:6–16

God shows grace and mercy to those he chooses.

This does not mean that God's word has failed, because not all who are descended from Israel are really Israel, and not all who are descended from Abraham are really his children. On the contrary, “Your line of descent will be traced through Isaac.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are counted as his descendants. For this is what the promise said: “I will arrive at this set time, and Sarah will have a son.”

Not only that, but Rebekah also had children by one man, our forefather, Isaac. Even before the twins were born or did anything good or bad, in order that God's purpose in election might continue— not by works but because of him who calls us—it was said to her, “The older will serve the younger.” Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

What will we say then? Does this mean that God is unjust? Absolutely not! For God says to Moses:

I will show mercy to whom I show mercy,
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.

So then, it does not depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

VERSE OF THE DAY



After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1–16

Jesus tells a story of God's amazing generosity.

“Indeed the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. After agreeing to pay the workers a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. He also went out about the third hour and saw others standing unemployed in the marketplace. To these he said, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is right.’ So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did the same thing. When he went out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing unemployed. He said to them, ‘Why have you stood here all day unemployed?’

“They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’

“He told them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When it was evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last group and ending with the first.’

“When those who were hired around the eleventh hour came, they each received a denarius. When those who were hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But they each received a denarius too. After they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner: ‘Those who were last worked one hour, and you made them equal to us who have endured the burden of the day and the scorching heat!’

“But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not make an agreement with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go. I want to give to the last one hired the same as I also gave to you. Can’t I do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ In the same way, the last will be first, and the first, last.”

After the Gospel, the Congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.)

By Grace I'm Saved

Blue: CW 575; Red: CW 384



- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; my soul, be -
- 2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, came down to
- 3 By grace! O mark this word of prom - ise when you are
- 4 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble, in trib - u -
- 5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; in Je - sus'



lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver at this word of
earth to bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own
by your sins op - pressed, when Sa - tan plagues your trou - bled
la - tion's fur - nace tried, by grace, de - spite all fear and
prom - ise I re - joice, for though I know my heart's con -



prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? So then this
mer - it that Je - sus died, your soul to win? No, it was
con - science, and when your heart is seek - ing rest. What rea - son
trou - ble, the Fa - ther's heart is o - pen wide. Where could I
di - tion, I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is



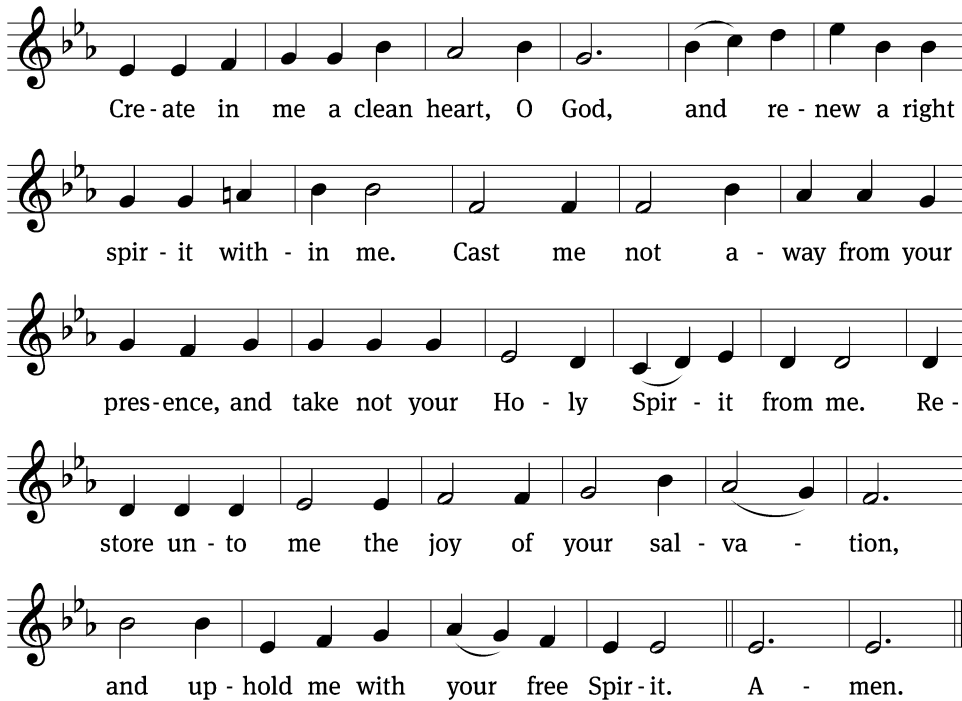
word must true re - main: by grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
grace, and grace a - lone, that brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.
can - not com - pre - hend God by his grace to you did send.
help and strength se - cure if grace were not my an - chor sure?
glad, all grief has flown since I am saved by grace a - lone.

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SERMON

Jonah 3:10-4:11

What Are You Doing, God?



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Text: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, rev.

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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.

Holy Communion: Our church practices “Member Communion.” If you are a guest today and are a confirmed member of another WELS or ELS church, we invite you to the Lord’s Table with us. If you are a guest today and are not a member of one of our Wisconsin Synod churches, we ask that you would speak to Pastor Spaude after church today or at some other time to discuss receiving the Lord’s Supper with us in the future.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

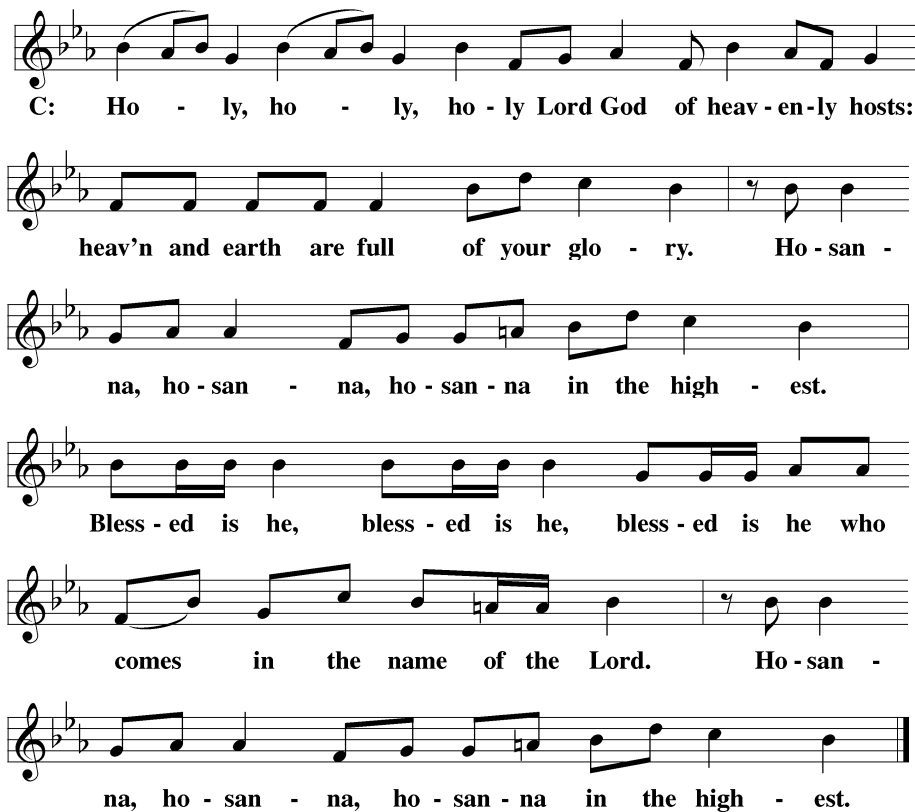
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

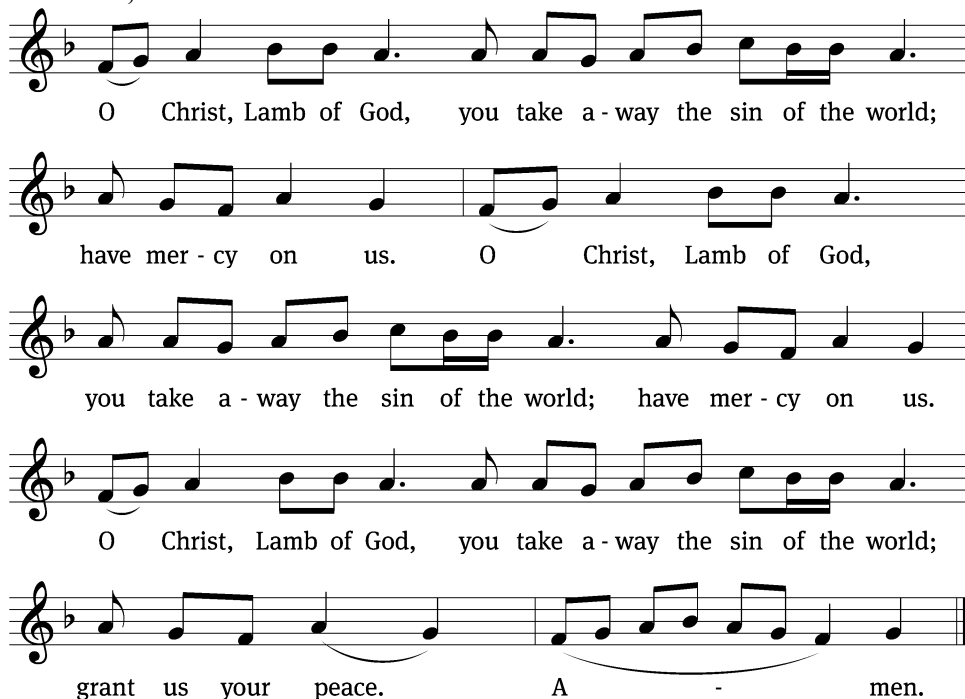
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



C: A - men.

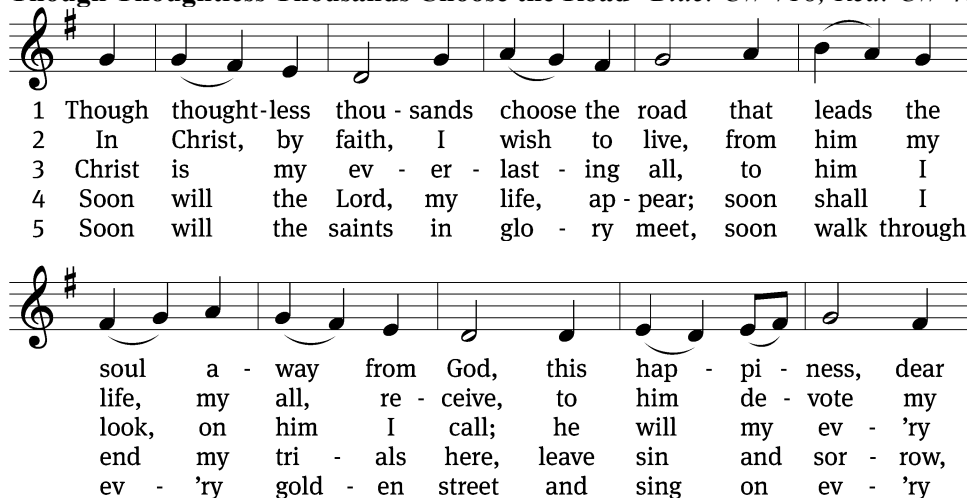
O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road *Blue: CW 718; Red: CW 466*



1 Though thought-less thou - sands choose the road that leads the
 2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live, from him my
 3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing all, to him I
 4 Soon will the Lord, my life, ap - pear; soon shall I
 5 Soon will the saints in glo - ry meet, soon walk through
 soul a - way from God, this hap - pi - ness, dear
 life, my all, re - ceive, to him de - vote my
 look, on him I call; he will my ev - 'ry
 end my tri - als here, leave sin and sor - row,
 ev - 'ry gold - en street and sing on ev - 'ry



Lord, be mine: to live and die en - tire - ly thine.
 fleet - ing hours, serve him a - lone with all my pow'rs.
 need sup - ply in time and through e - ter - ni - ty.
 death and pain. To live is Christ; to die is gain.
 bliss - ful plain, "To live is Christ; to die is gain."

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SONG OF SIMEON



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

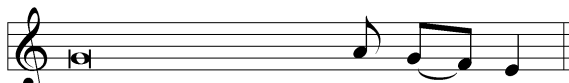


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OR

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, 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.

Jesus Loves Me

Blue: CW 584



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
He will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no Wednesday Bible Class on September 23rd and no Bible Class and Confirmation Class on Sundays, September 20th and 27th as Pastor Spaude will be on vacation for that week.

Choir practices will start on Sunday, Sept. 27th after 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:

48 attended the Saturday service and 91 attended the Sunday service.

\$2,897.45 was given for the work of the Lord. Included in this, and \$5 for the Parish Assistance Fund.

Pastor: Martin Spaude

Organist: Rachel Traudt

Communion Assistant: Ben Coker

Head Usher: James Armbruster

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