

CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chandler, Arizona † October 17 & 18, 2026 † Pentecost 21

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 has established the governing authorities. We give honor and obedience to our government as we use our freedoms to proclaim the saving gospel.

THE COMMON SERVICE

Before You, Lord, We Bow

Blue: CW 775; Red: CW 618



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
2 The na - tion you have blessed may well your love de - clare, from
3 May ev - 'ry moun-tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
4 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice, your great Re - deem - er own; be -
5 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may our na - tive land from



rules the world be - low in bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
foes and fears at rest, pro - tect - ed by your care. For this bright
in your Word's pure light and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship him a - lone. Cast down your
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise to you, our King!
day, for this fair land—gifts of your hand—our thanks we pay.
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
throng, with joy to sing to heav'ns high King, sal - va - tion's song!

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

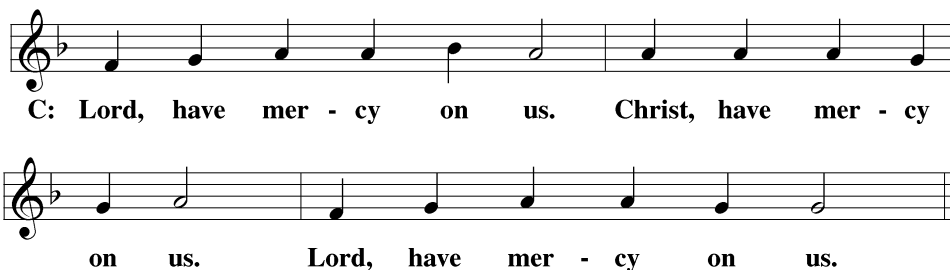


CONFESSION OF SINS

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



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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



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.

C: And al - so with you.

P: Let us Pray.

O Lord our God, so govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world that your church may worship you in peace and joy; 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.

FIRST LESSON

Daniel 1:3–21

*We learn
from
Daniel
how to
live in two
kingdoms.*

The king told Ashpenaz, the chief of his court officials, to bring some young Israelite men from the royal family or from the nobility. He was to choose young men who had no blemish, who were good looking, who had insight into all kinds of wisdom, who possessed knowledge, understanding, and learning, and who were capable of serving in the king's palace, in order to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. The king assigned them daily rations from the special royal food and from the king's own wine. He ordered that they should be trained for three years. At the end of training they were to serve the king. In this group of young men were the Judeans Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. The chief of the officials gave them new names. He gave Daniel the name Belteshazzar, Hananiah the name Shadrak, Mishael the name Meshak, and Azariah the name Abednego.

Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the special food of the king or with the wine that he drank. So he sought permission from the chief official, so that he would not have to defile himself. God made the chief of the officials favorable and sympathetic toward Daniel. Then the chief of the officials said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who assigned your food and your drink. Why should he see your faces looking less healthy than those of the other young men who are your age? You put my life at risk before the king."

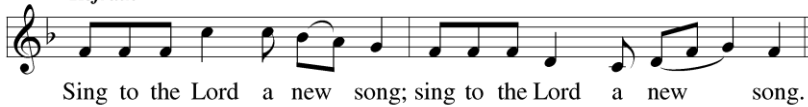
Daniel said to the superintendent whom the chief of the officials had placed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, "Please test your servants for ten days. Tell them to give us only vegetables, and we will eat them and drink water. Observe our appearance and the appearance of the young men who eat the special royal food. Then deal with your servants based on what you see." So he listened to what they said about this and tested them for ten days.

At the end of ten days, their appearance was noticeably better than that of the others. They were healthier than any of the young men who had been eating the special royal food. So the superintendent permanently took away the special royal food and the wine they were to drink and gave them only vegetables. As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and insight into all kinds of literature, as well as wisdom. In addition, Daniel also understood every kind of vision and dream.

At the end of the time which the king had set for them to be brought to him, the chief of the officials brought them before Nebuchadnezzar. The king spoke with them, and none of the others were found to be comparable to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they served the king. In every matter concerning wisdom and understanding that the king sought from them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and spell casters in his entire kingdom. So Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.

PSALM 96

Refrain



Psalm tone



Sing to the LORD, praise his name;*
proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations,*
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;*
tremble before him, all the earth.

Refrain

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;*
let the sea resound, and all that is in it;
let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.*
Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;
for he comes to judge the world in righteousness*
and the peoples in his truth.

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 13:1–7

Everyone must submit to the governing authorities. For no authority exists except by God, and the authorities that do exist have been established by God. Therefore the one who rebels against the authority is opposing God's institution, and those who oppose will bring judgment on themselves.

For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to evil. Would you like to have no fear of the one in authority? Do what is good, and you will receive praise from him,

*Psalm 96:
We celebrate
Jesus entering
the world with
righteousness
for the sake of
people from
every nation.*

*God has
established
governmental
authorities.*

because he is God's servant for your benefit. But if you do wrong, be afraid, because he does not carry the sword without reason. He is God's servant, a punisher to bring wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore it is necessary to submit, not only because of wrath, but also because of conscience.

For this reason you also pay taxes, because the authorities are God's ministers, who are employed to do this very thing. Pay what you owe to all of them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, and honor to whom honor is owed.

VERSE OF THE DAY



After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15–22

*Give to the
government
what is the
government's
and to God
what is God's.*

Then the Pharisees went out and plotted together how to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are truthful and teach the way of God in accord with the truth. You are not concerned about gaining anyone's approval because you are not swayed by appearances. So tell us, what do you think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

But Jesus knew their evil purpose and said, “Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.”

They brought him a denarius.

He asked them, “Whose image and inscription is this?”

“Caesar's,” they replied to him.

Then he said to them, “Therefore give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.”

When they heard this, they were amazed. Then they left him and went away.

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.)

Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him

Blue: CW 619; Red: CW 235



- 1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!
- 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
- 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;
- 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and
par - don and peace from him ob - tain; ev - er the
earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him as long as
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, their faith - ful
coun - sels at life's last por - tal when the dark
be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, with hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and
God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren
grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can
heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; bless, O my soul, his ho - ly
in dis - tress, the wid - ows and the fa - ther -
help af - ford, trust on - ly Christ, our God and
an - gel host praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name.	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
less.	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
Lord.	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
Ghost!	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!

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SERMON

Matthew 22:15-22

Render to Caesar, Render to 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:

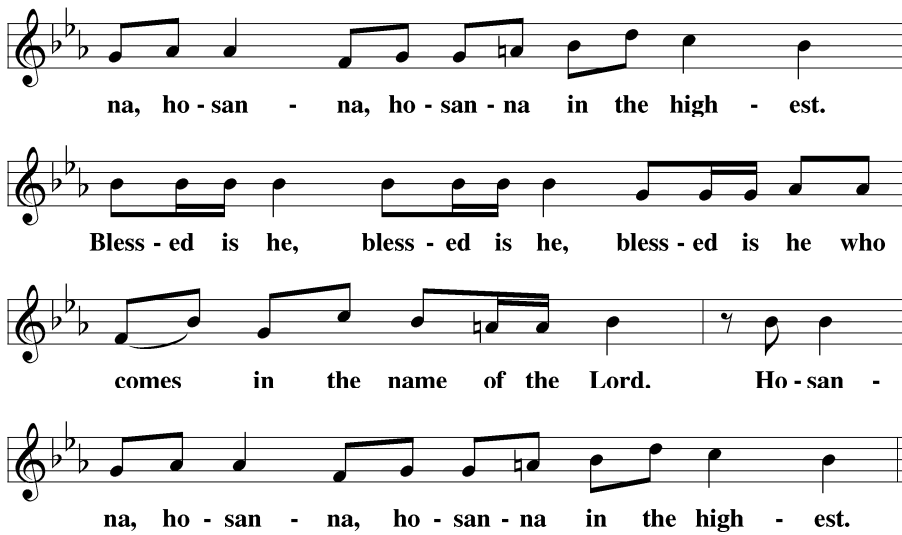
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways *Blue: CW 705; Red: CW 462*

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat-utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your Word, and make my heart sin-cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict-er watch to keep,
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands—'tis a de-light-ful road—

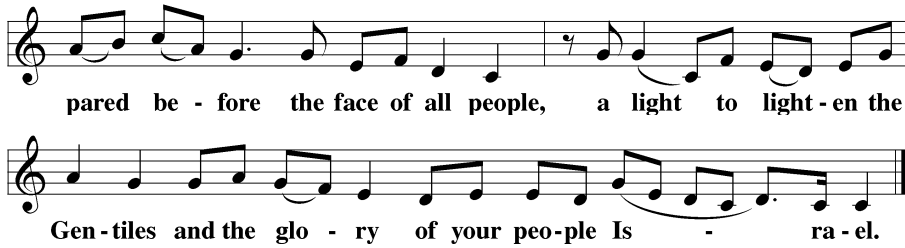
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
 let sin have no do-min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.
 and should I e'er for-get your way, re-store your wan-d'ring sheep.
 nor let my head or heart or hands of-fend a-gainst my God.

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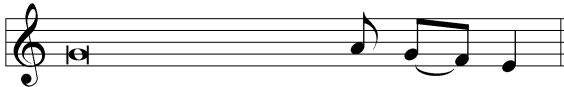
SONG OF SIMEON

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-



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.

God Bless Our Native Land

Blue: CW 774; Red: 619

1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may she ev - er stand
2 For her our prayers shall rise to God a - bove the skies;

thro' storm and night! When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
on him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with

wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'God Bless Our Native Land'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Below the first staff, there are two verses of lyrics. The second and third staves continue the melody with more lyrics. The lyrics are: '1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may she ev - er stand' and '2 For her our prayers shall rise to God a - bove the skies;'. The second staff continues with 'thro' storm and night! When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of' and 'on him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with'. The third staff concludes with 'wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.' and 'watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!'.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Quarterly Voters Meeting and Budget/Election Meeting will occur on Sunday, October 25th after the church service.

Sunday School Picnic and New Member Welcome will take place on Sunday, October 25th following the Voters Meeting and Sunday School. Hotdogs, bratwurst, and hamburgers will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish and/or a dessert to pass. During the meal there will be an introduction of the new members who joined this past year.

Our stock of water bottles is running low. We only have a couple cases left. Any donations of water bottles would be greatly appreciated.

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!

East Valley Area WELS Reformation Service will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tempe on Sunday, October 25th at 4PM.

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.

Mission to Children Toy Drive – There is a bin in the Narthex to place any donated items. (Items needed: unwrapped toys & balls, Spanish coloring/activity books, new socks & underwear, full size hygiene items, individually wrapped candy and a Spanish devotional book.) Donations accepted until December 6, 2026.

Book Club: *DATE CHANGE*

The Unknown by Riley Sager - In 1926, five women disappeared from a Vermont island in the middle of a remote lake. One hundred years later, a movie is being made about this event and when the cast arrives on the island to immerse themselves in the location, they begin to disappear. Find out what's really going on in this atmospheric novel and join us ***NOVEMBER 1, 2026***, at 3PM.

Pam Abbe is hosting and you can contact her at 480-434-1163 with any questions.

East Valley WELS Fall Festival – Join in the fun at Pilgrim on October 24th at 1PM. Pilgrim Lutheran Church is located at 3257 E. University Drive in Mesa. There will be trunk or treat, games and a chili cook-off.

Calvary has been assigned four missionaries in England, Canada and the USA.
There are greeting cards on the back counter in the Narthex to write words of encouragement to our missionaries. Please feel free to write on one or four! You can leave it on the counter to be mailed. Thank you!

Any questions, contact Liz Hawkws at 480-309-5490.

Last week at Calvary:

26 attended the Saturday service and 82 attended the Sunday service.

Pastor: Martin Spaude

Organist: Debbie Spaude

Communion Assistant: Phillip Cross

Head Usher: James Armbruster

Ushers: Gary Warskow, Philip Warskow, Jacob Warskow, Pat Strand