CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chandler, Arizona † November 14 & 15, 2026 † Pentecost 25

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.

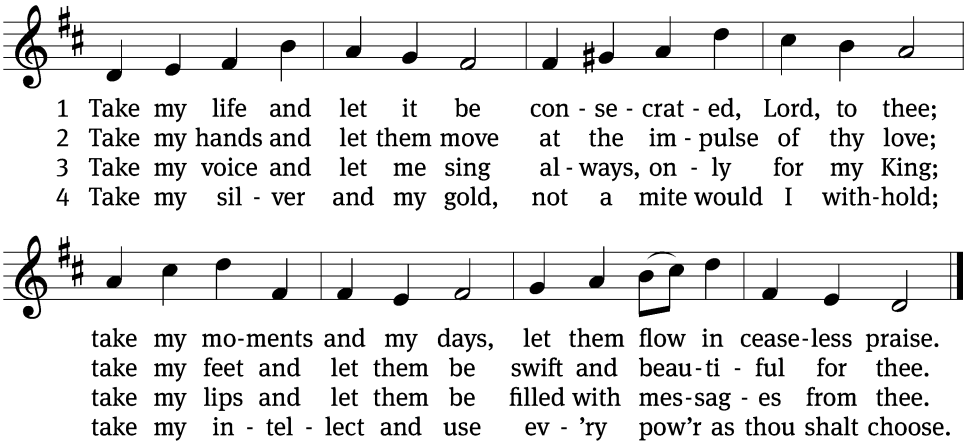
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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

As we live in these End Times, we use our gifts and abilities for God's glory.

THE COMMON SERVICE

Take My Life and Let It Be *Blue: CW 695; Red: CW 469*



5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be.
ever, only, all for thee.

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

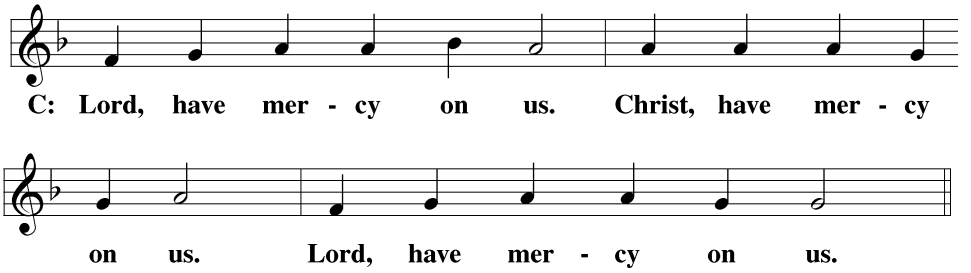


CONFESSION OF SINS

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

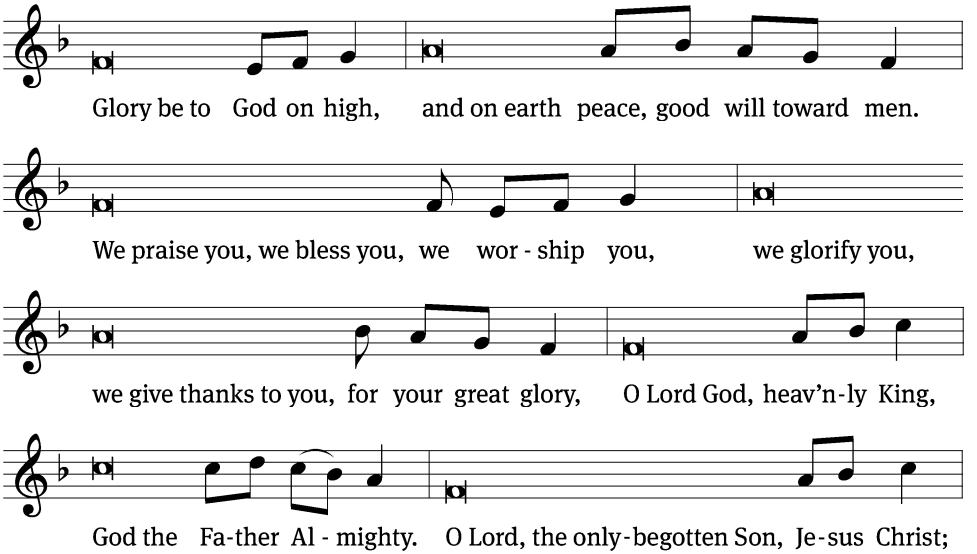


P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us Pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

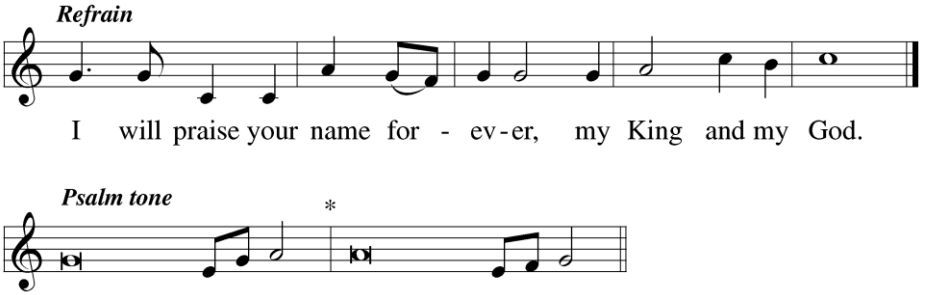


FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 1:10–18*

Although Old Testament Israel responded to God's gifts with grudging service, God remained faithful to his promises.

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What do your many sacrifices mean to me? says the LORD. I have more than enough rams as burnt offerings and enough fat from well-fed animals. I am not pleased with the blood of bulls or the blood of lambs and male goats. When you come to appear before me, who has asked for this from your hands: this trampling on my courts? Stop bringing worthless offerings! Your incense is an abomination to me. I cannot stand your sinful assemblies on the new moons, Sabbaths, and holy days. Deep in my soul I hate your new moons and your appointed feasts. They have become a burden to me. I am tired of putting up with them. When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you. Indeed, even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves. Purify yourselves. Remove your evil deeds from my sight. Stop doing evil. Learn to do good. Seek justice. Relieve the oppressed. Seek justice for the fatherless. Plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD. Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow. Though they are as red as crimson, they will be like wool.

PSALM 146



Praise the LORD, O my soul.*
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,*
in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,*
the maker of heaven and earth.

Refrain

The LORD gives food to the hungry,*
the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,*
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast*
and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.*
He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

Psalm146: We praise God and thank him for his love. When all the mighty on earth fail, God remains true to his Word and rescues those who trust in him.

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 12:1–8*

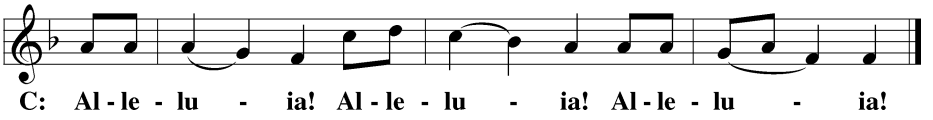
With God's mercy in view, we use God's gifts faithfully in joyful response.

Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship. Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect.

So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith. If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully.

VERSE OF THE DAY



After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14–30*

Through a parable, Jesus calls his followers to faithful service.

"You see, the kingdom of heaven is like a man going on a journey. He called his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to still another one talent, each according to his own ability. Then he went on his journey. The servant who had received the five talents immediately put them to work and gained five more talents. In the same way, the servant who had received the two talents gained two more. But the servant who had received one talent went away, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money.

"After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. The servant who received the five talents came and brought five more talents. He said, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.'

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.'

"The servant who received the two talents came and said, 'Master, you entrusted me with two talents. See, I have gained two more talents.'

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.'

"Then the servant who received one talent came and said, 'Master, I knew that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter seed. Since I was afraid, I went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.'

"His master answered him, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew that I reap where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter seed? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers so that when I came I would get my money back with interest. Take the talent away from him and give it to the servant who has the ten talents. Because everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. But the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. Throw that worthless servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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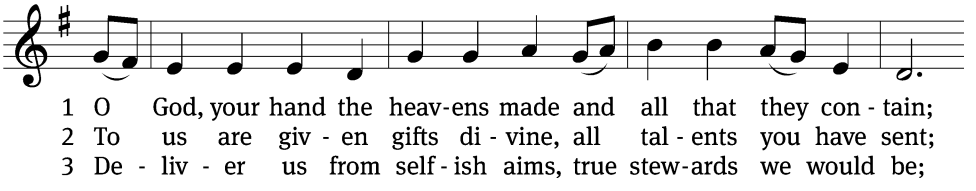
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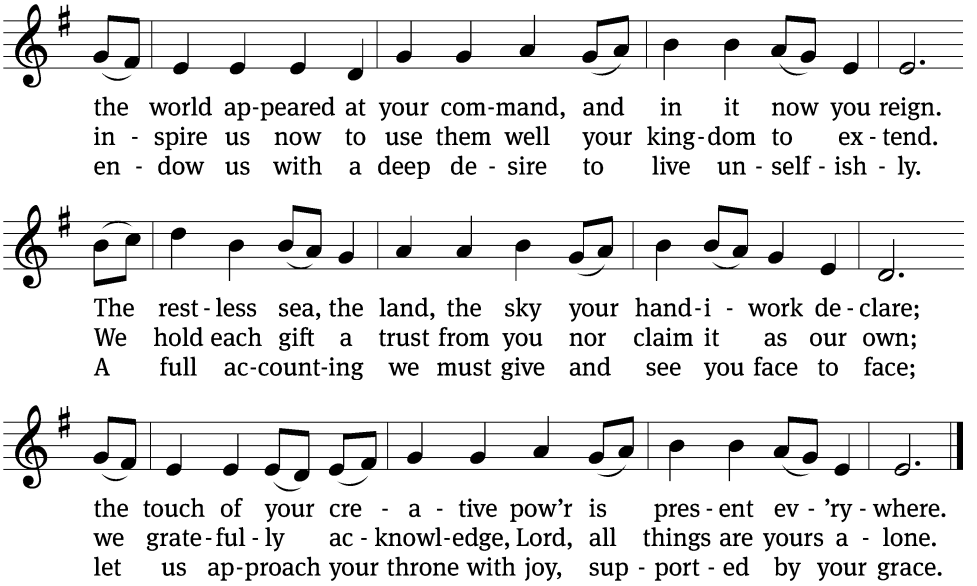
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. 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.)

O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made *Blue: CW 751*





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SERMON **Matthew 25:14-30**
Gifted Servants of a Generous God





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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.



P: Lift up your hearts.



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



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



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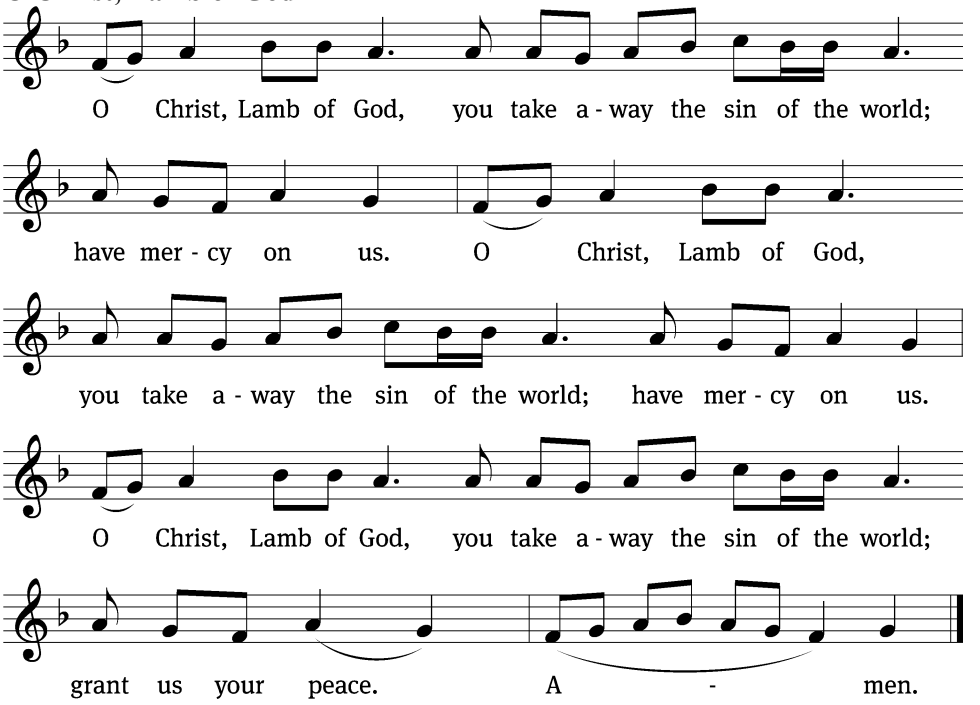
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.



O Christ, Lamb of God



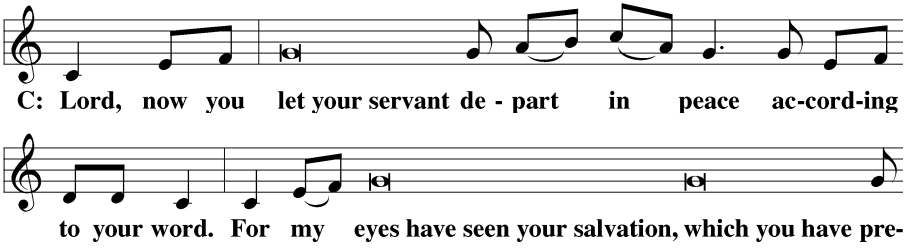
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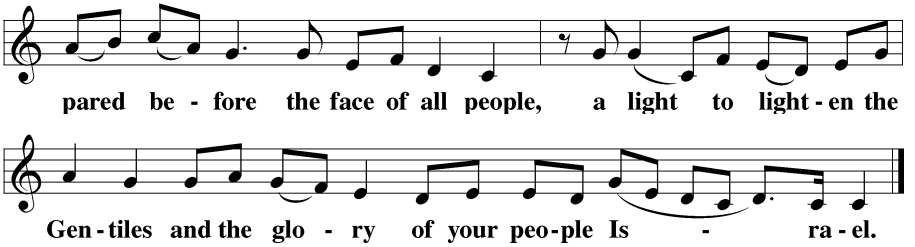
O God, My Faithful God *Blue: CW 740; Red: CW 459*



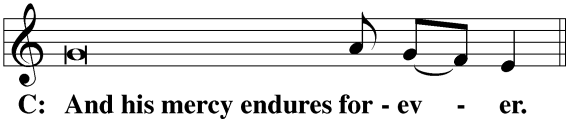
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SONG OF SIMEON





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



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.

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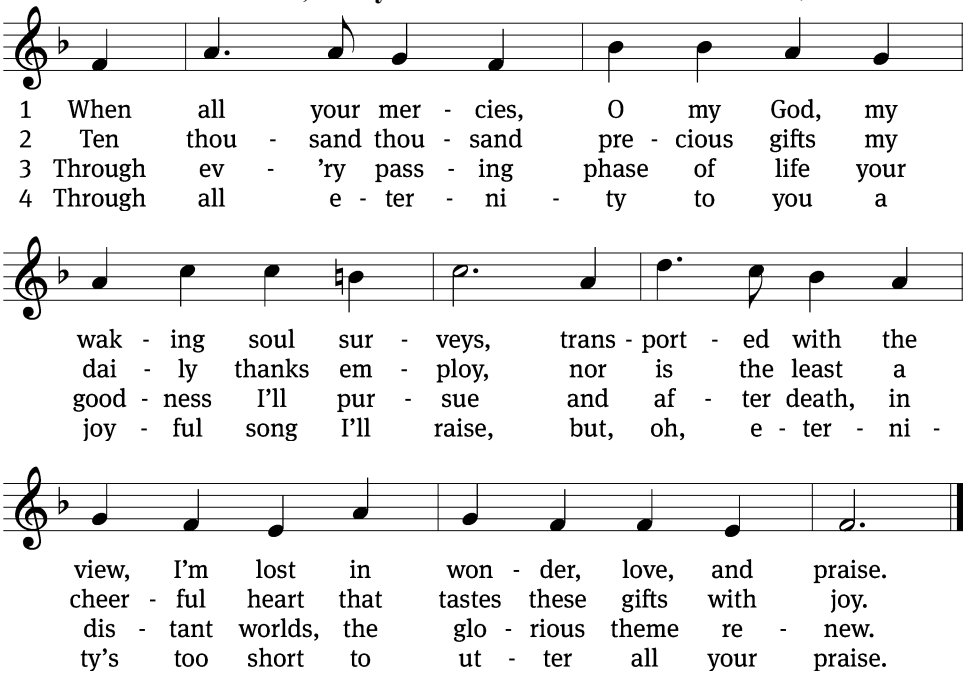
O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly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



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.
Amen.



When All Your Mercies, O My God *Blue: CW 604; Red: CW 259*



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

CRAFT DAY: Card-making Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 21st at 1PM in the Calvary fellowship room. Cards will be given to a local food bank and hospice group. Snacks will be provided. Any questions, please call Liz Hawkes @ 480-309-5490.

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. Any questions, contact Liz @ 480-309-5490.

Thanksgiving Day Service and potluck: On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th at 10AM, we will have a special service giving thanks to God for all his blessings given to us. Following the service a turkey dinner potluck will happen. A sign-up sheet is on the back counter at church.

Chili-mixer and Christmas Decorating – The annual chili-mixer (bring a pot of your favorite chili to mix with the chili brough by others) and Christmas decorating will be held at Calvary on Sunday, November 29th at 4PM. This is always a fun time for fellowship and singing Christmas songs!

Midweek Advent services will be held on Wednesday in December (December 2, 9, 16) at 7PM. There will be a dinner served prior to the service.

ORGAN STOP PIZZA! Calvary has reserved seating for Organ Stop Pizza on Sunday December 13th at 4 PM. It's a delightful fellowship opportunity in December as the organist plays Christmas music as well as other popular songs. All are welcome! There will be a sign-up sheet soon on the back counter, so we know how many seats to reserve.

Christmas for Kids will be the morning of **Saturday, December 12th 9AM – 11:45AM** followed by a hotdog lunch social. Children ages 3-12 are invited to attend. This will be a fun one morning event where the birth of our Savior from sin is celebrated by our church families as well as those outside our church. The theme for this year is "God leads the wisemen to Jesus". During part of the music time the kids will be learning one verse of a familiar Advent hymn to sing during our Sunday service on Dec. 13th.

- A sheet to register your children is on the back counter in the church entry or you can register online through our website. Early registration will ensure a spot for your family.

Interested in helping with Christmas for Kids? Spots are available to assist prior to the event or on the single Saturday morning.

The primary roles include being a teacher, a helper, assisting with crafts, music, and treats/break time.

- If you have any questions about the roles, Philip Cross or Nate Traudt will gladly answer your questions.
- If after prayerful consideration you are led to assist with Christmas for Kids, there is a signup sheet on the narthex counter between the restrooms or you may notify us and we will add your info to the list.
- We are looking forward to another exciting day of sharing our Savior from sin with our church families and our friends! Come be part of the fun….

LAST WEEK AT CALVARY:

42 attended Saturday service and 116 attended Sunday service.

$6,159.50 was given for the work of the Lord. Included in this, $20 for the Parish Assistance Fund, $800 for Instruments and $3 by the Sunday School children.

SERVING IN WORSHIP:

Pastor: Martin Spaude
Pianist: Jean Wynia
Communion Assistant: Gary Warskow
Head Usher: James Armbruster
Ushers: Nate Traudt, Ethan Cole, Caleb Cole, James Armbruster