



# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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If you are visiting Calvary, we hope you feel welcome. Please read our Holy Communion statement on page 9 of this bulletin. And please take a moment to fill out one of our Visitor Cards located in the slot of the pew in front of you. We will keep you updated on all the fun activities we have planned! After the service, be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Anthony.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

*Please rise*

**OPENING HYMN:**      *God Bless Our Native Land*      965

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In

the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**C: Amen.**

**SONG OF PRAISE:** *Give Thanks*

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

R: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**FIRST READING:** *Zechariah 9:9-12*

R: <sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING:** *Romans 7:15-25a*

R: <sup>15</sup>I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup>And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup>For I

know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. <sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God’s law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise*

**C:** 🎵 *Alleluia* 🎵 *Alleluia* 🎵 *Alleluia*

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**GOSPEL READING:**

*Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** 🎵 *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

P: <sup>16</sup> “To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: <sup>17</sup> “‘We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ <sup>19</sup> The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.” <sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned,

and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. <sup>27</sup> “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** 🎵 *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

*Please be seated*

**HYMN:** *Be Still, My Soul* 752

**SERMON**

*Please rise*

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From thence 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.**

**OFFERTORY:**

*Create in Me*

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**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*(A brief silence)*

P: God our unity, your church flourishes in different languages, cultures, and movements. Grant us wisdom to discern when our yokes are too heavy, that we may live and serve in the freedom of your rest. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God our freedom, you are no tyrant but bring peace. As this nation marks its declaration of independence, teach us our part in announcing peace for future generations. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God our comfort, liberate all in our community who are captive to fear, who have become isolated or ill, or who are in any need (*especially*). God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God our guide, we do not always have the strength to do the good we wish to do. Free us from the cycles of violence that bind us, that all know your liberation. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

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P: The Lord be with you

**C: ♪ And with thy spirit**

P: Lift up your hearts

**C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God

**C: ♪ It is meet and right so to do**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### SANCTUS ♪

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**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body †, which is given for you. This do, in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

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

**C: ♪ Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI ♪

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**C: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## PRAYER

P: For anyone here who has doubt and is uncertain, for any of us unsure of what we believe about God: we welcome your doubts and uncertainties and we acknowledge our own. For anyone here who feels lost, or in between two places, we acknowledge how lonely that can feel.

For anyone here who is experiencing any pain, anxiety, sorrow, grief, or depression: we are not here to chase it away; we are not here to promise that our spiritual practices will make it go away. We are here to accompany you in the challenges and mysteries you face.

May you feel that you belong, may you feel the freedom to be just where you are, may you know that we believe and hope for you (especially when you cannot), and may you be refreshed at this table.

The gifts of God are for the people of God.

*Please be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION

### SONG:

### *El Shaddai*

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## PRAYER

**C: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

## THANK THE LORD 🎵

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**C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise;  
tell everyone what He has done.  
Let everyone who seeks the Lord  
rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in  
joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## BLESSING

**P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal,  
and hold you today and always. Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG:

### *10,000 Reasons*

Words & Music: Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman © 2011 Thankyou Music

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISMISSAL

**P: Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly." Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!**

**C: Thanks be to God!**



*Flowers have been placed at the altar today by  
Kim DiMartino in celebration of the newly  
confirmed members of Calvary.*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ are present in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. Holy Communion is offered at all of our services and is for all baptized Christians who share our belief that Christ, himself, is truly present. The individual cups are filled with wine (red) or grape juice (amber color). If you do not want to receive Communion, you may remain in your seat or come up to the altar and cross your arms on your chest. Pastor will give you a blessing.

## **STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS**

**Matthew 11:28 – “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”** Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens and labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death and the demands of the Law. In that peace and rest of Jesus we find a new purpose — His light yoke is not a burden to bear, but a joy!

## **The Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board!**

Altar flower dedications offer a meaningful way to honor loved ones, celebrate special occasions, or give thanks. Sign up on the chart on the bulletin board by the stairs. Flowers are \$60.00 for 2 arrangements (\$30.00 each, if shared with someone).

## **CALENDAR: *Today Kenneth Meyer's Mission Update***

Thursday: 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice

Sunday: 10:10 am Prayer Meeting in Kavasch Hall  
10:30 am Communion Service

## **THOSE WHO SERVE US:**

Altar Guild: Joyce Sapara-Grant

Communion Assistant: John Ricca

Contemporary Music Director/Organist: Ruth Bolger

Live Stream/Projectionist: Chris Bolger

Reader: Joanne Arroyo

The Praise Team



## PRAY FOR:

*Colette*

*Doris Beall*

*Anita Minnix*

*John Wickham*

*Karl and Luise Wetter*

*Lucille Wernes*

*Dessirree Filaci*

*Gilbert Kriebel*

*Lorna*

*Caroline*

*Christian Pagan*

*Maydine*

*Lois Tiedemann*

*Gerry Shimonaski*

*Gordon Wickham*

*Fred Lausten*

*Al Arroyo*

*Nathan Kuder*

*Pastor Anthony Iovine*

*Jean Giovinco*

*Michael Conte*

## Mission Workers

*Kenneth Meyer Jr. and his mission work in Vienna.*

*Benga Adesokan and his mission work with Nigeria.*

## **CALVARY'S MISSION**

As God's Children, our mission is to  
*Know His Word, Share His Word and Live His Word*

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