



# **CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA**

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**Sunday Morning Worship  
10:00 a.m.  
September 18, 2022**

## **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

**Visitors,** if you are worshipping with us in person or online today, we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!

**KEY:** ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry), OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

\* Indicates: please stand, either in body or in spirit.

Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

## Prelude Music

## Welcome and Announcements

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS**

**Opening Hymn:** “**God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**” **ELW #678**

1. God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store:  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door,  
gifted by you, we turn to you,  
off'ring up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.

**2. Skills and time are ours for pressing  
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
    all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.  
  
    Now direct our daily labor,  
    lest we strive for self alone;  
born with talents, make us servants  
    fit to answer at your throne.**

3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.

### \*Confession of Sins/Accurance of Forgiveness

*(All may make the sign of the cross + the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### \*Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain.**

**3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

God among us,  
**we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet  
from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace  
revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
Amen.

**+GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US+**

**First reading: Amos 8:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;  
praise the name of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the name of the LORD be blessed,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its going down  
let the name of the LORD be praised.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD is high above all nations;  
God's glory above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the LORD our God,  
who sits enthroned on high,

<sup>6</sup>**but stoops to behold  
the heavens and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

<sup>8</sup>**enthroning them with the rulers,  
with the rulers of the people.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD makes the woman of a childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

### Second reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all —

this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*Gospel Verse

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **\*Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:  
Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

*Response after the gospel reading:  
Praise to you, O Christ.*

**Kids Sermon:**

**Angie Hinze**

**Sermon:**

**"Get Jesus off the sales floor!"**

**Pastor Brett**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn of the Day:**

**"Son of God, Eternal Savior"**

**ELW #655**

**vv. 1-3**

- 1. Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory,  
for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity,  
heal our wrong, and help our need.**
  
- 2. As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted;  
freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
yours the wealth of land and sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty  
held in solemn trust will be.**
  
- 3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of peace;  
hush the storm of strife and passion,  
bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling,  
by your silent hours of pain,  
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
stem our selfish greed of gain.**

### **\*Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of the Church:**

*Each petition ends with:  
God of grace...hear our prayer.*

*The prayers conclude:  
....through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)*

**\*Offering Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts, let us pray...Gracious God,  
**in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet  
of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ,  
who sets a table for all. Amen.**

**±HOLY COMMUNION±**

*Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.*

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....and join their unending hymn:

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy.....**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **The 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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Christ invites you to this table.

Come, taste and see.

### **Distribution of Communion:**

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

*(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.*

**WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.**

*Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

**Distribution Music**

**Rhonda Boettcher**

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**☩WE DEPART TO SERVE☩**

**\*Benediction**

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**Amen.**

*(Sunday School youth are invited to go to Sunday School  
during the singing of the closing hymn.)*

**\*Sending Hymn:**

**“Take My Life, That I May Be”**

**ELW #685  
vv. 1,4&6**

1. Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

4. Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

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.

### \*Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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### ±In Our Thoughts and Prayers±

Prayers for healing: **Katie & Trea Hess** (car accident—Angela Bonow's kids & Jim & Andi Dorn's grandkids), **Doug Leafgreen** (healing from surgery), **Kathy Johnson** (COVID), **LaDonna Schmidt** (cancer), **Jean Collins** (COVID), **Becky Michael** (stage 1 breast cancer), **Paul Bueide** (recovering), **Kevin Feil** (sepsis & cancer—Lindsey Singer & Melissa Guerrero's father), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin's mother), **Allie Meyers** (friend of Marissa Wright), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **Gloria Gorr** (health issues).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson), **B.J. Carr** (deployed to Poland—Dee Brady's son-in-law).



Clare Schlothauer, 9/19; Austin Martin, 9/21; Ryan Foote, 9/21; Merrick Walsh, 9/23; Ayden Tompkins, 9/23; Rhonda Boettcher, 9/24; Shirley Blehm, 9/24

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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## SEPTEMBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** Soups

**BACKPACKS:** Small Cereal

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



## **CLCW SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT: EPIC & JAM Youth Programs**



EPIC is for 7th - 12th graders. They generally meet twice a month which usually includes a fun activity, devotions and a meal. JAM is for Kindergarteners - 6th graders.

They meet Wednesday evenings through the school year from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall which includes dinner and lots of fun faith-filled activities. All Calvary youth and friends are invited!

## Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.



**"Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old they will not turn from it"**  
**Proverbs 22:6**

We believe that children are a precious gift from God. We invite your children to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ through Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts. every Sunday @ 11 a.m.



## JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (hot ham/cheese sandwiches/chips/dessert) at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie at the church.

## Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.



## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Pastor Brett Vander Berg**

**This Sunday – September 18**

**USHERS:** Deb Brown & Vicki Howell

**LAY READER:** Angie Hinze

**HEAD COMMUNION ASST:** Bill Huelle

**COMMUNION ASSTS:** Marissa Wright

**POWERPOINT:** Mary Jo Huelle

**ACOLYTES:** Alli Baer & Clare Schlothauer

**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

**AUDIO:** Val Rahrs

**ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Brown, Vicki Howell,

Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** Joan Smith

**Next Sunday – September 25**

**USHERS:** Kent & Dawn Holub

**LAY READER:** Mary Jo Huelle

**HEAD COMMUNION ASST:** Dennis Gorr

**COMMUNION ASSTS:** Barb Gorr & Vicki Schmidt

**POWERPOINT:** Matt Payne

**ACOLYTES:** Ayden Tompkins & Micaela Hess

**MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten

**AUDIO:** Trea Hess

**ALTAR GUILD:** Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

**PIANIST:** Dee Brady

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** *Please sign up!*

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, September 18**

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

**Monday, September 19**

5 p.m. – Elders

6 p.m. – Worship & Music

6 p.m. – Stewards

**Tuesday, September 20**

Noon – Women's Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

**Wednesday, September 21**

5:30 p.m. – JAM

5:30 p.m. – Social Ministry

5:45 p.m. – Outreach

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

**Saturday, September 24**

5:30 p.m. – Worship

**Sunday, September 25**

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

# taking+ faith home

*God cares for the poor and the needy.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 16:1-13	Parable of the shrewd manager
Monday	Amos 8:4-7	Judgment on Israel
Tuesday	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Instructions concerning prayer
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	How to treat the poor
Thursday	James 2:1-13	Warning against having favorites
Friday	Isaiah 58:6-9	True religion
Saturday	Psalm 113	The Lord helps people in need
Sunday	Luke 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*He [God] raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.*  
Psalm 113:7-8 (NRSV)

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of glory and might, we thank you for your justice that is like no other and your mercy that reaches to the ends of the earth through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundance, help us to receive this food with a thankful heart and a living faith that prays for food for those who don't have enough to eat. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God who cares for the poor bless you with a compassionate heart.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Light Dawns on a*

*Weary World*

## WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What are some of the things you thank God for?
- How is God's care for the poor and needy shown through your actions?

## DEVOTIONS

Read: Psalm 113.

The psalm begins with an exhortation to praise God everywhere and for all time. The glory, the fame and preeminence of the LORD, extends beyond the heavens, beyond what anyone can imagine. There is clearly a sense of an all-encompassing grandeur here. The God of the Bible is like no other. Why? Because God created all things! Because God is great and to be praised because our God "raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap" (v. 7). God cares for a man in his poverty and a woman in her barrenness. God creates new realities for them and for those around them, like princes who now must welcome the poor as an equal. That is a God worth praising, says Psalm 113. And, in Christ, that is the God who changes all social equations to bring honor to those not honored and eternal hope for those who seem without hope.

Discuss: God is to be praised for caring for everyone in need. What does this mean to you? Pray: God, you who use your power and justice to shine on those in need, we praise you now and always for your glory that shines on us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you support and honor the poor in your community and the world?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Paul encourages us to offer "Supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings" for all those in positions of authority and leadership (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Think or talk about leaders in the world, the country, and your community. This week take time to pray for them: Lord God, we thank you for those in leadership positions and ask that you bless them in their work. May they use their positions to care for the poor and show honor to you. Amen.



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