

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



October 4th 2026
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are so thrilled to have you join us!

Calvary is a place for everyone, regardless of age or background. Whether you are young or simply young at heart; single, married, or widowed; a lifelong believer or just getting started, you can find a home here. We are a congregation that worships, studies, and serves together.

A Special Welcome to Those With Young Children

First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that young children tend to wiggle, fuss, cry, or even giggle - so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Children are welcome here at Calvary!

Each Sunday your child may pick up a pew activity bag at the back of the sanctuary. Please return the pew bags after the service.

Feel free to sit wherever is most comfortable for your family. To make things a bit easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front so your child can see all the activity going on at the altar. We encourage you to help them to be a part of the service by leading them to stand/sit, sing along, and chime in on responses, such as "Amen" and "Thanks be to God!"

If needed, we have a parent's room available at the back of the church, with windows into the sanctuary and audio as well, so that you can both see and hear the service.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16). We know that children are a blessing to the church!

Communion at Calvary

Every week, Calvary celebrates the Lord's Supper with confidence and gladness in the forgiveness of sins that is offered by Jesus Christ at his table. This gift is more than a symbol; it is the true presence of Christ with us in his body and blood through the bread and wine. Our Lord invites to his table all baptized believers who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us.

If you are unsure of the beliefs and practices of the Lutheran Church, are questioning salvation in Christ Jesus, or do not believe, please speak with the pastor about receiving communion. We welcome you to come to the table with arms crossed upon your chest to indicate you would like a blessing.

When receiving, please know that the white cups are wine and the red cups are juice.

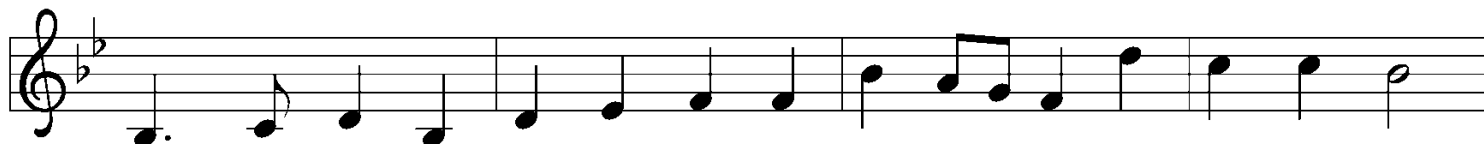
If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Harris.

+ THE GATHERING +

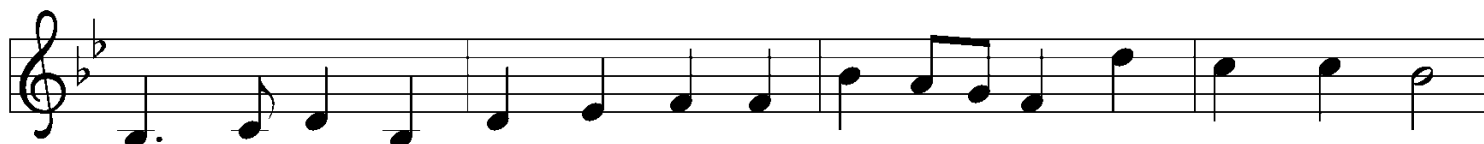
PRELUDE WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel or stand for silent reflection on God's Word and self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of God, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

You Are Holy - Per Harling



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more____



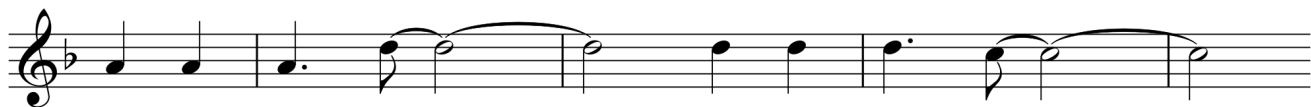
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here____



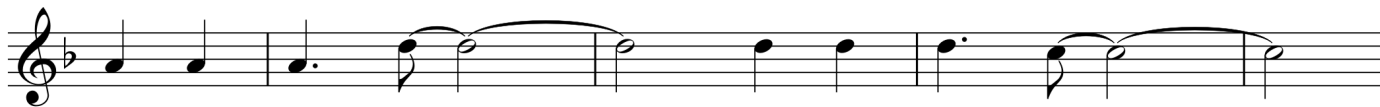
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!_



Hal - e - lu - jah! Hal - e - lu - jah!



Hal - e - lu - jah! Hal - e - lu - jah, our God!

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

COLLECT

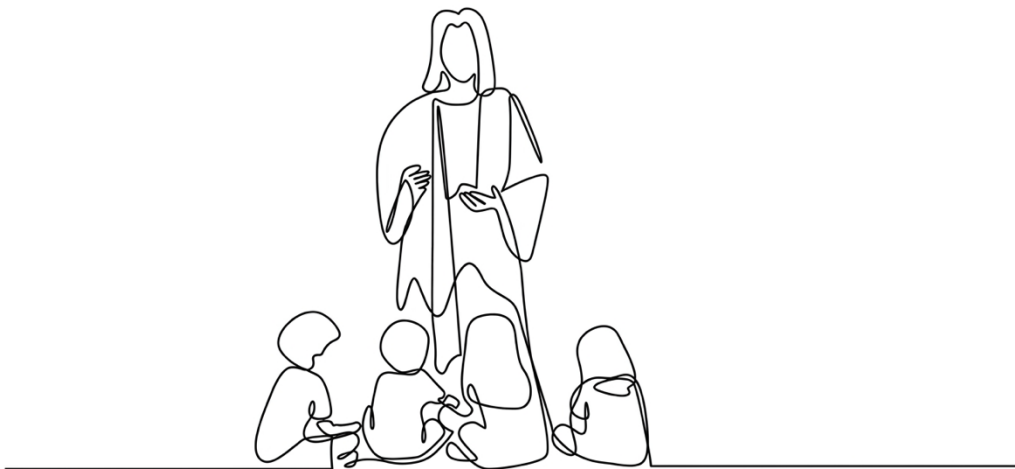
P: Let us pray.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Alex Harris



+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 80

Behold and Tend This Vine - Ray Makeover

Refrain/Congregation

Look down from heav - en O God; be -

hold and tend this vine. Look down from heav - en O

God; be - hold and tend this vine.

Verses/Cantor

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it. *Refrain*

You prepared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs. *Refrain*

You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.
Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes? *Refrain*

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted. *Refrain*

³ If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, These Things Are Written



P: The Holy Gospel is from Saint Matthew, the Twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:
"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

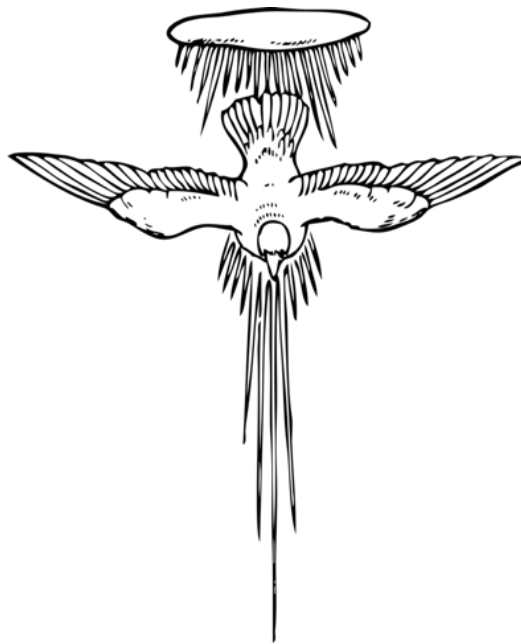
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. *John 20:31*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The first staff contains the lyrics 'These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that'. The second staff contains 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. John 20:31'. The third staff contains 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'.

THE SERMON

Pastor Alex Harris



HYMN OF THE DAY

Amid the World's Bleak Wilderness



1 A - mid the world's bleak wil - der - ness a vine - yard grows with
2 His love se - lect - ed this ter - rain; his vine with love he
3 We are his branch - es, cho - sen, dear, and though we feel the
4 From him we draw the juice of life, for him sup - ply his



prom - ise green, the plant - ing of the Lord him - self.
plant - ed here to bear the choic - est fruit for him.
dress - er's knife, we are the ob - jects of his care.
win - er - y with fruit from which true joys de - rive.



5 Vine, keep what I was meant to be: your



branch, with your rich life in me.

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

I Will Be the Vine -Liam Lawton

*I will be the vine and you will be the branches.
All you who live in me will never, never die.
I will be the sign, I will offer many chances;
So live, oh live in me and you shall have new life.*

*Remain in me, as I remain in you.
You may ask what you will, ask what you will,
And you shall receive.*

*As the Father loved me, so I have loved you.
Remain in my love, remain in my love,
And I will give you life.*

*If you are my friends, you will live my commands.
There is no greater love, no greater love
Than to lay down your life for your friends.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Take My Life that I May Be



Take my life, that I may be con-se-crated, Lord to thee;

5



take my moments and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise.

9



1. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of
2. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I

12



thy love; take my feet and let
with-hold; take my in-tel-lect

14



them be swift and beau-ti-ful for thee.
and use ev-'ry thing as thou shalt choose.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(congregation may kneel or stand during the prayers)

P: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

APOSTLES' CREED

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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts:

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and all places give thanks to you, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Who on this day, overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and saying...

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The piece begins in common time (C) and transitions to 3/2 time after the first line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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 is My (+) Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

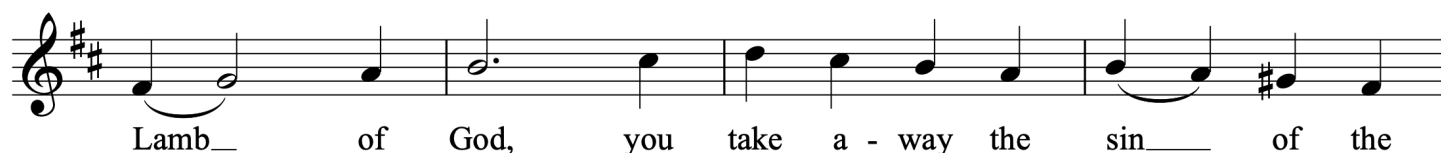
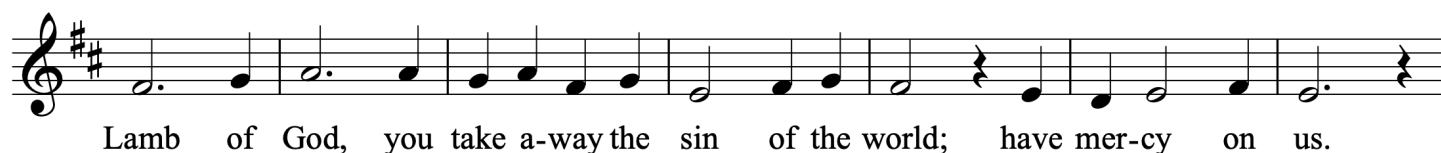
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another in the name of the Lord: "Peace be with you.

LAMB OF GOD



THE DISTRIBUTION

My Lord of Light



- 1 My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wis - dom you have spo - ken;
- 2 My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sin - ner's death en - dur - ing:
- 3 My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high as - cend - ed:
- 4 My Lord of lords, one Trin - i - ty, to your pure name be giv - en



but those who heard your wise com-mands your ho - ly law have bro - ken.
for us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of life se - cur - ing.
your burn - ing love is now re - leased, our days of fear are end - ed.
all glo - ry now and ev - er - more, all praise in earth and heav-en.

THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the truly present Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and keep you in body and soul unto life everlasting.
Go in peace.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
✠ The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing



1. Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3. Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - freash us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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