TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



November 16th 2025 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 life-long 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's 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

Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con se crat ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on -ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil ver and my gold, not a mite would I with hold;



take my mo-ments and my days; take my feet and let them be take my lips and let them be take my in - tel - lect, and use let them flow in cease-less praise. swift and beau - ti - ful for thee. filled with mes - sag - es from thee. ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 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.

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 the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

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HYMN OF PRAISE



SALUTATION



COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

You may be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Alex Harris

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:7-16 (ESV)

⁷ And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him, ⁹ "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." 11 And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." 12 And she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." 13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth." 15 And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 90

Fill Us With Your Love, O Lord - Carol Browning



Verses - Choir

Teach us to number our days aright
That we may have wisdom of heart
Return, O Lord! How long?
Have pity on your servants. (Refrain)

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, We will sing for joy all our days.

Make us as glad as of old we were sad,
In the years when we saw evil. (Refrain)

Let your work be seen by your servants
And your Glory by their children.
May the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours.
Prosper the work of our hands. (*Refrain*)

SECOND READING

¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL

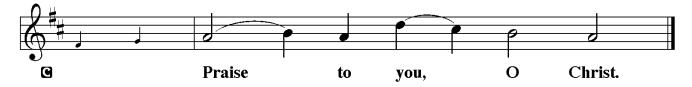
Matthew 6:19-24 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel is from Saint Matthew, the Sixth chapter.



¹⁹ "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! ²⁴ "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

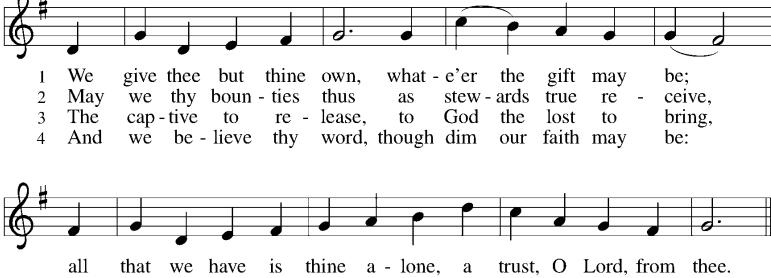


THE SERMON

Pastor Alex Harris

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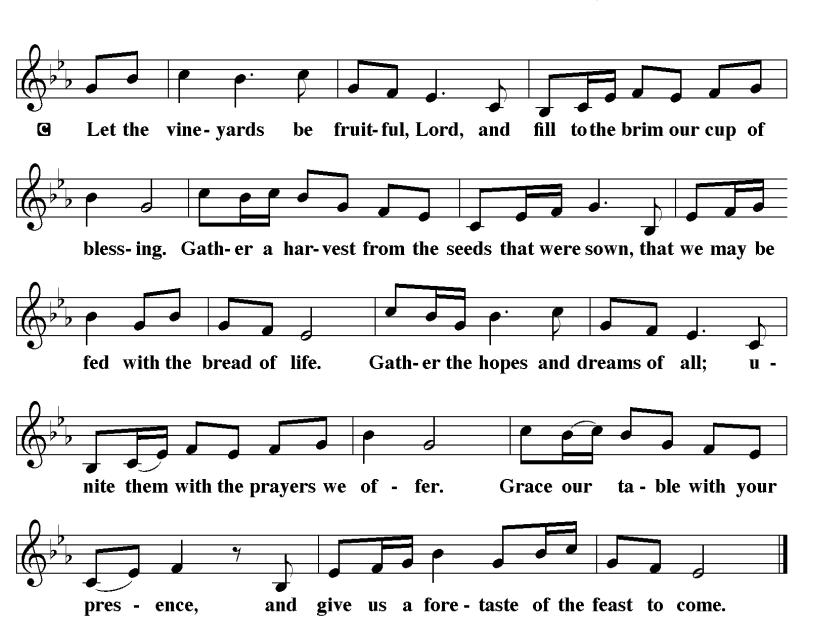
HYMN OF THE DAY We Give Thee But Thine Own



as thou bless-est us, thee our first-fruits give. and to life and peace—it thing. teach the way of is a Christ-like thine, O Lord, we what-e'er we do for un - to do it thee.

CALL FOR STEWARDSHIP: TREASURE

MUSICAL OFFERING Give It Away – Ray Makeever



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(congregation may kneel or stand during the prayers)

P: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer

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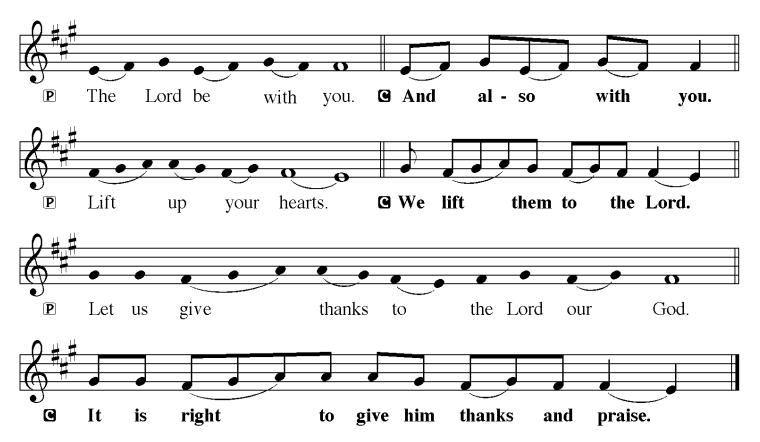
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

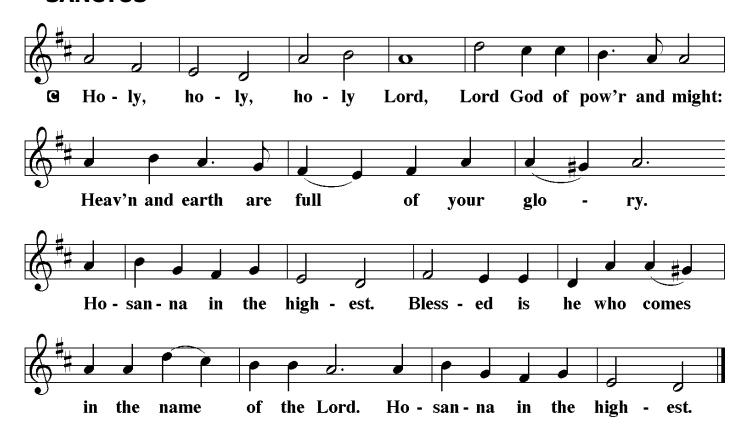
Amen.

PREFACE



P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and all places give thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Almighty Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Who, having created all things, took on human flesh. For our sakes, he died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and saying.

SANCTUS



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.

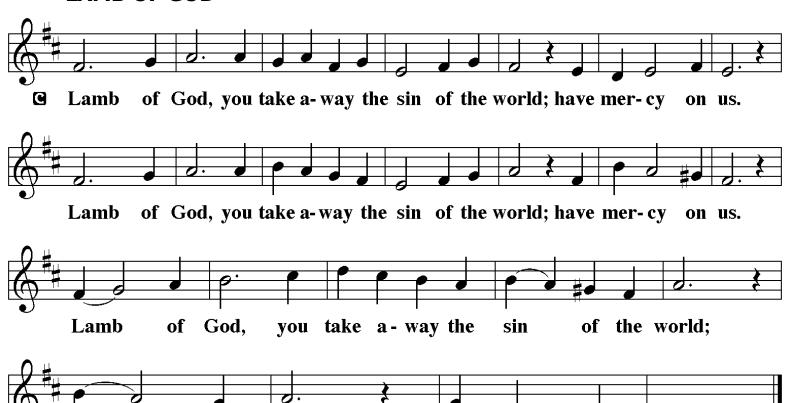
C: And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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



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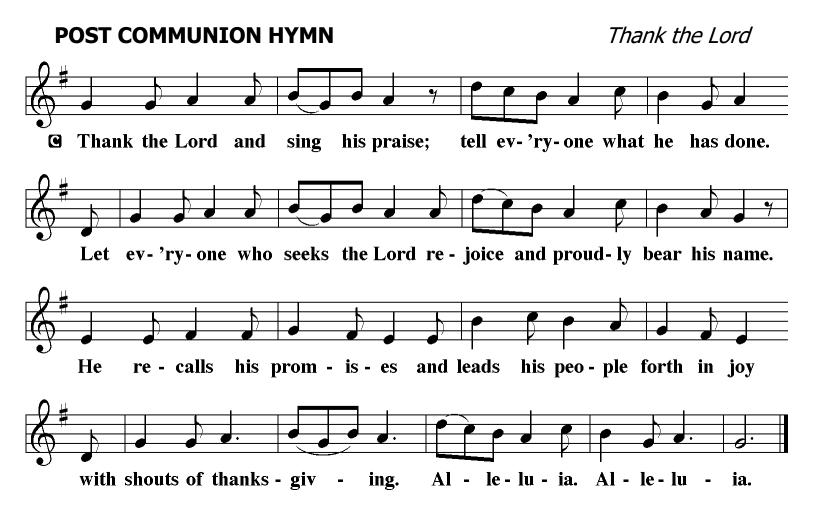
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THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

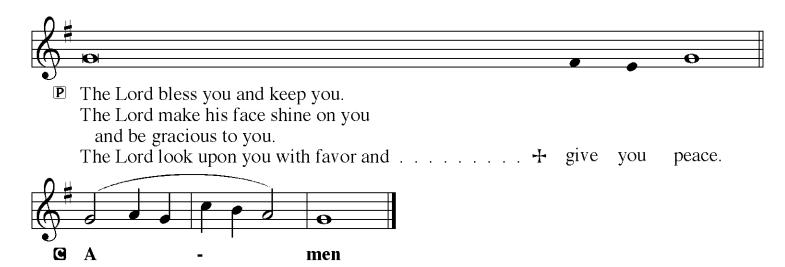
P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to you, almighty God that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen

+ SENDING +

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Sending Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo ple, come; raise the song of har vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har vest home;
- 4 E ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi nal har vest home.



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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Pastor

Alex Harris

Minister of Music

Brian Priebe

Organist/Pianist

Elizabeth Schneider

Bass

Phill Daniels

Drums

Bryan Isler, Paul Maxfield

Choir

Singers

Nancy Dydak, Lori Schwartz

Altar Guild

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