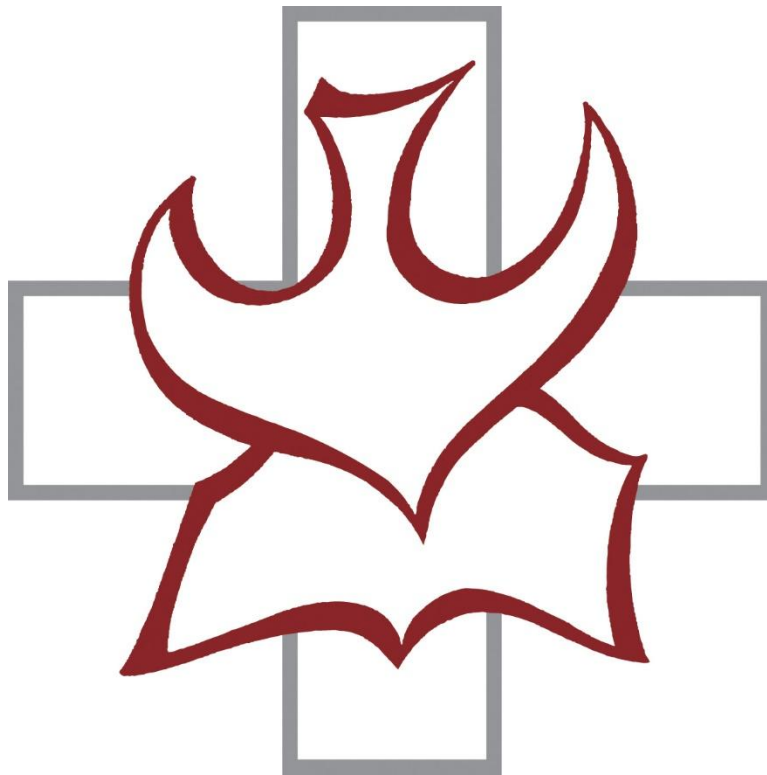


Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026



Mount Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas

We realize that it is difficult for some to stand, or to kneel, for long periods of time. Please feel free to sit as necessary during the liturgy and the prayers. Sitting during the confession is also appropriate for those who cannot kneel.

DIVINE SERVICE

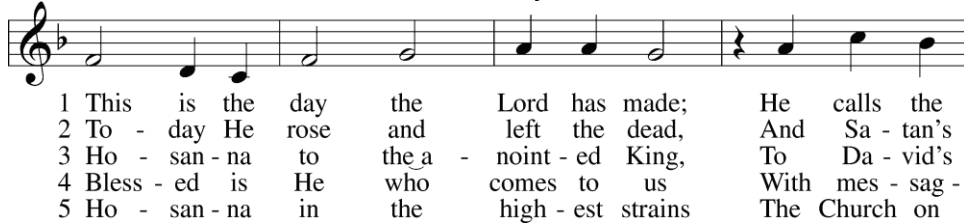
SETTING FOUR

PRELUDE

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: This is the Day the Lord Has Made

LSB 903



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 Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Psalms 130:3-4

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

[Luke 18:13]

Kneel/Stand Silence for Reflection

CONFESSION OF SINS

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalms 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5



How great are your works, | O LORD!*

Your thoughts are | very deep!

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*

to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,*

and your faithful- | ness by night,

to the music of the lute | and the harp,*

to the melody | of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;*

at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

How great are your works, | O LORD!*

Your thoughts are | very deep!

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**



At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷ "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸ And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰ "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵ "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

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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.

Sit

SERMON HYMN: I Leave All Things to God's Direction

LSB 719



1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; He loves me
2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for
3 My God de - sires the soul's sal - va - tion; My soul He,
4 My God has all things in His keep - ing; He is the



both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af -
me will nev - er cease. Up - on His hands He did en -
too, de - sires to save. There - fore with Chris - tian res - ig -
ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter



fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress
grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -
na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be
weep - ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -



and my rock is He: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
preme must ev - er be: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
done e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

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Tune: Georg Neumark, 1621–81

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SERMON: The Watchman

EZEKIEL 33:7-9

Rev. Michael Middaugh

Stand

OFFERTORY: Savior, Thy Dying Love

Text: Sylvannus Phelps, 1816-1895 Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896 *The Lutheran Hymnal* 403

Savior, Thy dying love, Thou gavest me;
Nor should I ought with-hold, Dear Lord from Thee,
In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfill its vow,
Some off'ring bring Thee now, Something for Thee.

Give me a faithful heart, Likeness to Thee
That each departing day Henceforth may see
Some work of love begun, Some deed of kindness done,
Some wand'rer sought and won, Something for Thee.

All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,
In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for Thee!
And when Thy face I see, My ransomed soul shall be
Through all eternity Something for Thee.

Sit

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Our offering is our way of saying, "Thank you" to God for all His gifts to us and to support His work here at Mt. Calvary and around the world. To all our guests this morning, we are happy to have you with us, but **you are under no obligation to give an offering.** But we would request your prayers for our ministry. We would ask all present to please complete an attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate in order that we have a record of your worshipping with us. If you have a prayer request, please put it on a "Prayer Request Card" and the ushers will bring it forward with the offering.*

VOLUNTARY

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

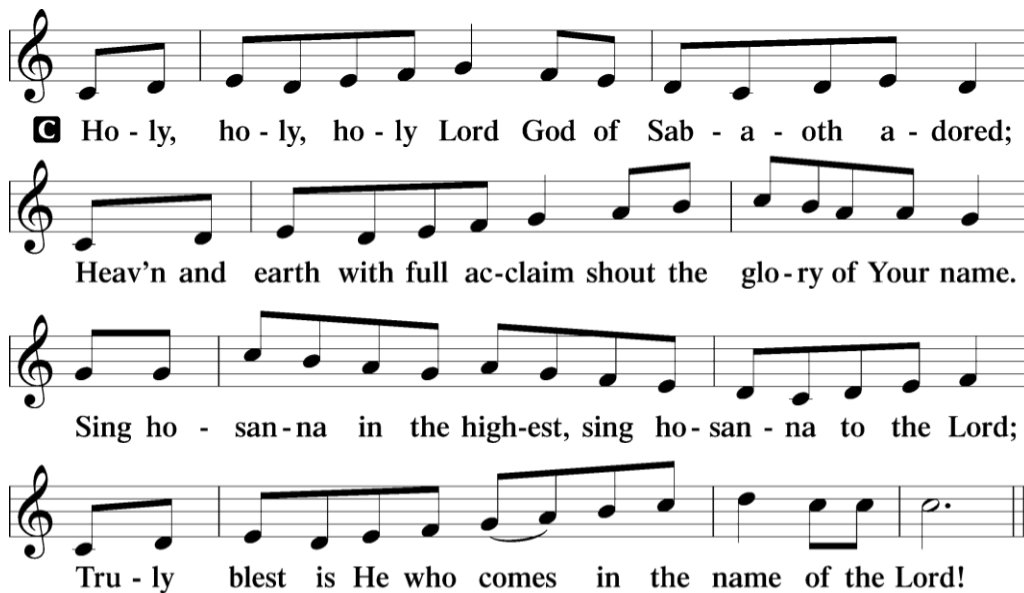
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

[Psalm 136]

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

TLH 531 : Come Ye Disconsolate

Text: Thomas Moore, 1779-1852 Tune: Samuel Webbe, 1740-1816 *The Lutheran Hymnal*

Come, Ye disconsolate, whate'er ye languish;
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here, bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish,
Earth has not sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying.
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure;
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying.
Earth has no sorrow that Heav'n cannot cure.

Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; Come, ever knowing
Earth has now sorrow but Heav'n can remove

Lead Me, Lord

Text: Psalm 4:8, 5:8 Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876 *WELS*

Sing thru twice

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness;
Make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord only,
That makest me dwell in safety.

LSB 725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

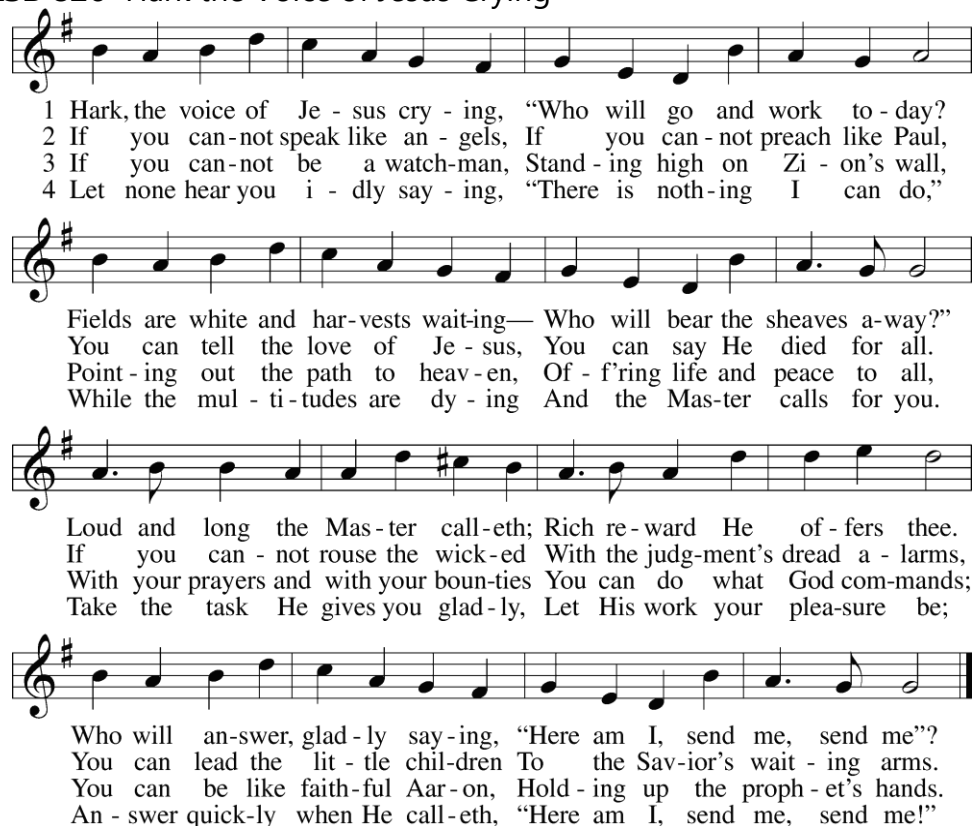
Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Tune: Lofsånger och andeliga visor, 1873, Sweden

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LSB 826 Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
 2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
 3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
 4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"

Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
 You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
 Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,
 While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.

Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
 If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
 With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;
 Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;

Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"
 You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
 You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
 An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

Text (sts. 1–2, 4): Daniel March, 1816–1909, alt.; (st. 3): unknown, alt.

Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838–96

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THE DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Let All Things Now Living

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980 Tune: Trad. Welsh WELS

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light unto light.

His law He enforces; The stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the oceans proclaim Him Divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration a song let us raise.
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

POSTLUDE

LSB (Lutheran Service Book 2006)

TLH (The Lutheran Hymnal 1941)

OAR (On And All Rejoice 2021) Hymnal Supplement to LSB

CW (Christian Worship 2023) WELS

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Mike Middaugh	
Organist:	Rev. Craig Meissler	
Elders:	Lamar Gillian	Trey Roberts
Ushers:	Dave Thompson	Nick Hartman
	Isaiah Casas	Al Lariosa
Greeters:	Linda Aguilar	Judy Hanson

HOLY COMMUNION

- If you are a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to take communion, please indicate on the Attendance Card found in the pew and place in the offering plate. Because participation in the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of the Christian Faith which is confessed at this altar (Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:3; 1 Tim. 1:3; 4:16; 6:3-10; 2 Tim. 1:13; Rom. 16:17) those who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are asked to respectfully refrain from participation today and speak with a pastor after the Divine Service. If you are not communing but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest once you are kneeled at the communion rail.
- Both the common cup and individual cups are offered at each table simultaneously. If you desire the common cup, please hold your hands open and the pastor will provide it to you, while the elders serve the individual cups. It is proper to take hold of the cup when receiving the common cup. This helps prevent spilling and greatly assist the pastor.

ALCOHOL-REMOVED WINE/GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE

- For those who are allergic, or for health reasons, and unable to drink regular wine, alcohol-removed wine is available for Holy Communion. The alcohol-removed wine is white in color and in the individual cups in the center of each tray.
- Gluten-free wafers are also available. Please notify one of the pastors before the service that you would prefer the gluten-free option. The reception of this wine and the gluten-free wafers in no way affects the theological meaning or benefits of this Sacrament.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP During this hour, God comes to us in His Word and Sacrament, and we respond in prayer and praise! Here are a few practical tips for minimizing distractions and maximizing participation:

- **IN ORDER THAT WE HAVE** a record of your worshipping with us, we would ask all present to **please complete an attendance card** found in the pew and place in the offering plate.
- We ask that you turn off or put away your phones and electronic devices so that you can participate fully in what God is doing during this special time dedicated to Him.
- While it is sometimes necessary to quiet an infant or toddler with a small snack or a bottle, **we ask that no other foods or beverages** be brought into the sanctuary.
- The ministerial staff is always available to you should you have spiritual care needs. Please contact the front office to arrange for pastoral care.
- Hearing devices are available for those needing them during our services. Just contact one of the Elders or Ushers.

CHILDREN & WORSHIP We love children and are happy they are here with us! Just as a child learns to speak by imitating the voice of mom or dad, so too a child learns to worship by participating in the service at an early age. If you have questions about how to incorporate your child into the worship life of the congregation in an age-appropriate way, please see one of the pastors. **Assistance for children with special needs during worship and Sunday school is also available – see an usher for details.** **A nursery** is also available. Parents can use it when quieting a child or changing a diaper. The service can be heard in the nursery. **Activity items** are available for your child(ren) in the narthex. Please make sure all items are returned at the end of the service.

MIDWEEK STUDIES

Tuesday Morning Class | *Tues* | 10:00-11:30am {Parish Hall} **This class is on hiatus for the summer. We will start up again on September 15th.**

Men's Study | 1st & 3rd *Wed* | 6:00pm {Parish Hall} All men are invited! Contact Roman Gomez.

Men's Study | 1st & 3rd *Sat* | 8:00-9:30am {Parish Hall} This class is doing a study of Romans led by Lamar Gillian.

Women's Study | 3rd *Mon* | 7:30-8:30pm {Meets at members' homes} Contact Shirley Wille.

Women's Study | 2nd & 4th *Mon* | 6:00-7:30pm {Library} We meet again on September 14th.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SERVICES continue to be live streamed and archived on our website. Bible class/Sunday school for all ages is at 8:45am with our Divine Service at 10:00am.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings by Trey Roberts in honor of his son, Colton, on his birthday; and Veronica Hansmann in honor of her daughter, Sandy Hansmann, on her birthday.

PRAYERS – Kay Goldberger, Lisa Gerlich, Adam Domel, Annette Mahan, Kaleb Prinz, Jim Wegge, Jeff Harwood, Christine Prinz, Heidi Farmer, Nathan Gerlich, Charlie Thomas, Michael Gilg, Nicole McNeel, Dave Weller, Hayley Trujillo; our home-bound members: Tammy Greinke, Sandy Krywoszej, Olga Mencke, Karen Price.

LORD'S SUPPER – If you are physically unable to get to church and would like to receive the Lord's Supper in your home, please contact the church office so that we can schedule a date and time with one of the pastors.

PASTORAL CARE, VISITATION, & PRAYERS – If it is your desire to share a health condition, hospitalization, or procedure for which you would like a pastoral visit, it is important for us to know as much information ahead of time as possible. Please contact the church office with all the pertinent information. If you are hospitalized or in rehab, it helps us a great deal to keep us updated as to where you are as well as the room number if possible. If you wish for you or your loved one to be included in the Prayers of the Church on Sunday morning, please contact the church office as soon as you can.

SANDWICHES FOR CAM – JOIN US! We have been preparing **300 sandwiches** two times per month for Christian Assistance Ministries. (CAM). CAM currently distributes 300 sandwiches **per day** to those in need in our community. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time to help with the sandwich making. **YOU CAN HELP FUND THE PURCHASE OF SANDWICH SUPPLIES BY MAKING A CONTRIBUTION IN THE BREAD BOX LOCATED ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX. STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT SANDWICH DAY.**



JOIN THE CHOIR



FIRST REHEARSAL AND OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 @ 6:30 PM
JOIN US IN THE MUSIC ROOM FOR FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS: If you are not currently a member of Mt. Calvary but would like to know what membership entails and our process for receiving new members, please speak to one of our elders, or one of the pastors. For those coming from a non-Lutheran background we offer new-member adult confirmation classes upon request. For those who are transferring from another LCMS Lutheran Church, the transfer process is often quick, but the pastors would still wish to speak with you, and answer questions you may have about Mt. Calvary. Membership is an important commitment to a local congregation, both to receive spiritual care from, and to give support to, the ministry of a congregation which is a Biblical model we still follow today.

BRAILLE CENTER IS in need one or two volunteers to help once a month in a Braille group. We also need substitutes. Please contact Michelle Thompson if you can help out on occasion! Thank you!

RALLY DAY 2026 NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th. We celebrate our students as they advance in grades, and our confirmands as they return to their regular schedule of classes.



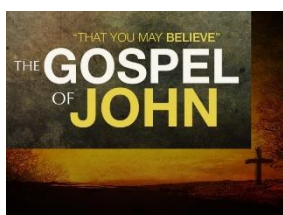
RALLY DAY POTLUCK - join us for a fellowship, potluck meal, which will immediately follow the worship service. **Brats, hotdogs, sauerkraut, and beverages** will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

GERMAN side dishes and desserts are highly encouraged!

HELP NEEDED! If you know how to tie a knot or cut material, you have the talents necessary to join the Mt. Calvary Quilters. These quilts are sent world-wide by Lutheran World Relief for those in need. We meet Wednesdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm in the Parish Hall. Bring a "sack lunch" as the fellowship is an awesome blessing!



BREAKFAST TACOS AVAILABLE DURING SUNDAY EDUCATION HOUR – Breakfast Tacos will be available for \$2 each during education hour on Sunday morning. Donuts will still be available.



THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH - Beginning September 10th, retired Pastor Jack Goldberger will lead an in-depth study of the Gospel of John. John's Gospel offers a unique eyewitness perspective on the life and ministry of Jesus. Our goal is to grow not only in our knowledge of Jesus but also in our relationship with Him—deepening our faith individually and as members of the Body of Christ.

The study is open to everyone and meets each Thursday at 10am at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Sky Room 3 of the Family Life Center. Participants are invited to sign up to bring a snack to share, and coffee will be provided. Come join us as we explore the Gospel of John and grow together in faith!

MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 3200 W. Loop 1604 S, will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary on Saturday, October 3, from 10:00am-2:00pm. Please RSVP to 100thanniversarysvp@gmail.com

NORTH ALAMO ZONE LWML WILL be having their Fall Rally on Saturday, October 3rd at Concordia Lutheran Church in San Antonio. Registration is open until September 18th. Cost is \$15.00. you may email Lisa Gerlich at lisagerlich@icloud.com if you are interested in attending.

READ, LISTEN, WATCH – 1517.org is a nonprofit organization that exists to declare and defend the Good News that you are forgiven and free on account of Christ alone. 1517 features hundreds of podcasts, articles, and videos all with the purpose of preaching and teaching Reformation Theology and Christ for You. 1517 is a completely free resource thanks to partnership and support from dozens of LCMS churches here in Texas, and around the country. If you have not already, go to 1517.org to access their large library of online resources.



THE AGAPE MINISTRY most needed items: canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, rice, fresh or frozen meat. Other items are canned vegetables, canned fruit, mac & cheese, tomato sauce/pasta sauce, soup, beans (dry or canned), spaghetti, cereal, cookies, crackers, laundry detergent, toilet paper, bar soap, pet food. Also accepted are used clothing, household items, linens, shoes, purses, new underwear, socks, etc.

CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (CAM) Needs are bibles, men's jeans, men's belts, men's tennis shoes, 1 lb. bag beans, 1 lb. bag rice, pasta sauce, jars of peanut butter, volunteers, monetary donations, children's Christian books. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

ANIMAL DEFENSE LEAGUE URGENT NEEDS: Canned Dog Food, Canned Cat Food, Blankets, Dog Treats, XL KING KONG Toys, Bottles, KMR (1st step), Puppy Esbilac, Puppy pads, Miracle nipples, Food scales, Heating pads, and Warming discs. All food items should be unopened.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – September 13th, "Forgiveness Is a Non-Negotiable" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. In God's family, forgiveness is non-negotiable. It's not up for debate because forgiveness is what makes us who we are. Matthew 6:12 Times/Stations: 6:00am on WOAI 1200; 9:00am on KAWZ 88.7 FM; or 8:00am on KWED 1580 AM (Seguin)

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, September 6th "However imperfect, every day comes as opportunity and privilege. They usually require patience and persistence, of course, and not a little bit of shared sweat and tears. But they turn out the sweeter for it. 'When she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world' (John 16:21). 'Take heart; I have overcome the world' (John 16:33)!" *Rev. Michael Saleminck, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF September 6, 2026

Today	8:30am	Fellowship/Coffee
	8:45am	Sunday school/Adult Bible class
	10:00am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
Monday		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday	10:00am	Braille #9
	10:00am	Quilting
Thursday	9:30am	Braille #12
Friday	7:00pm	AA – Shook Big Book
Next Sunday	8:30am	Fellowship/Coffee
	8:45am	Sunday school/Adult Bible class /Rally Sunday
	10:00am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30am	Potluck in gym

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

September

3	Betty Jones
6	John Greehey
	Jeff Harwood
7	Daniel Morrison
8	Lauren Hartman
	Raquel Mencke
	Jeff Reed
	Colton Roberts
9	Karen Malone
	Abby Strawn
10	Jennifer Walker
11	Mary Ann Beeks
12	Robert Kersh

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday – 117 Adult Class – 40 PreK-HS – 20 Matins – N/A



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You are invited to a special evening of music at Mt. Calvary! On Friday, September 11th at 7:00 PM, Mitch McVicker will be performing in the gym. Mitch is a Dove Award-winning artist with a beautiful, soft Contemporary Christian sound and a powerful message focused on grace. Mitch is also a friend of Rebecca Shook.

Event Details:

- Who: Mitch McVicker
- When: September 11th at 7:00 PM
- Where: Mt. Calvary Gym-Free-will offering





Mount Calvary Lutheran Sunday School Rally
Day is

Sunday, September 13, 2026

It's time to welcome children, teachers, and
our church members
to another year of Sunday School and Bible
Study!

Rally Day includes the promotion of children
to
the next grade level or class.

Please join us in the gym during the Sunday school hour (8:45am) and after the
10:00am worship service. Our dedicated teachers will be introduced along with
their students.

PreK and Kindergarten: Linda Diaz & Linda Van Dyke

1st – 4th Grades: Wendy Hankins

Substitute teacher: Virginia Axtell

Preconfirmation Class: Pastor Meissler and Dan
Loudenback

Confirmation Class: Pastor Meissler and Dan
Loudenback

High School: Steve & Kristin Casas

Youth Group (Age 11+): Steve & Kristin Casas,
Michelle Thompson, Pastor
Middaugh

Adult Bible Study: Pastor Middaugh



A potluck fellowship meal will be held following the 10:00am service.

Bratwurst, hot dogs, sauerkraut, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a
side dish or dessert to share. German-themed side dishes and desserts are
encouraged.

Virginia Axtell, Sunday School Superintendent