

St. Luke, Evangelist
October 18, 2026



Mount Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
 △ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
 Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:

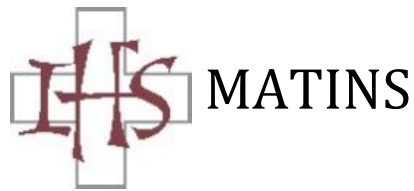


Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
 Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
 Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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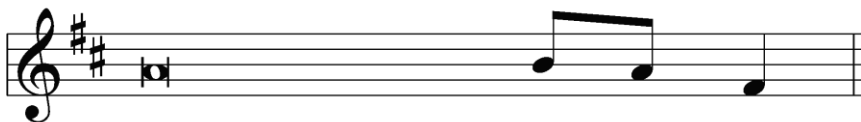
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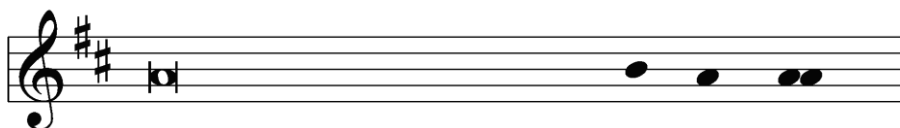
Stand



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

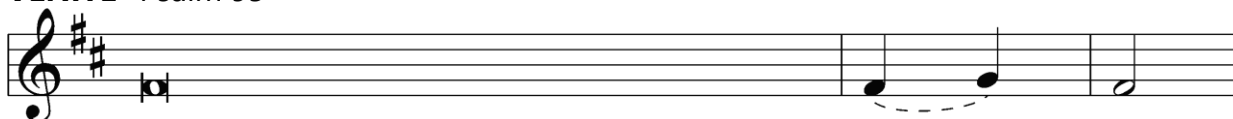
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L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.

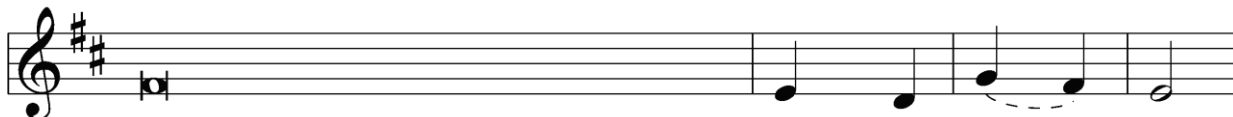


C O come, let us wor - ship Him.



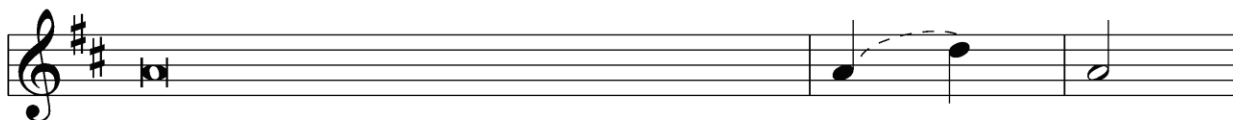
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

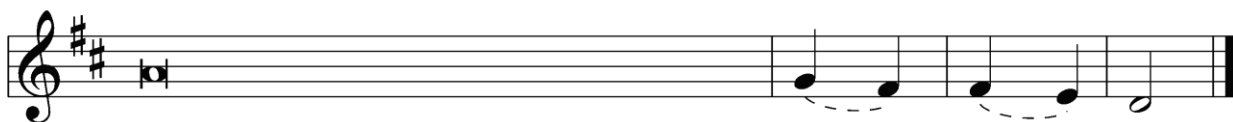


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

1. By all Your saints in warfare, For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus, Forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory Reflected from Your throne.
26. For that belov'd physician All praise, whose Gospel shows
The Healer of the nations, The one who shares our woes.
Your wine and oil, O Savior, Upon our spirits pour,
And with true balm of Gilead Anoint us evermore.
- △ 3. Then let us praise the Father And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow'r and glory And praise to God alone.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:5–8

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 4:5–18

As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

⁹Do your best to come to me soon. ¹⁰For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. ¹²Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. ¹⁵Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA — I

LSB 951



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

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

ia. (hum)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

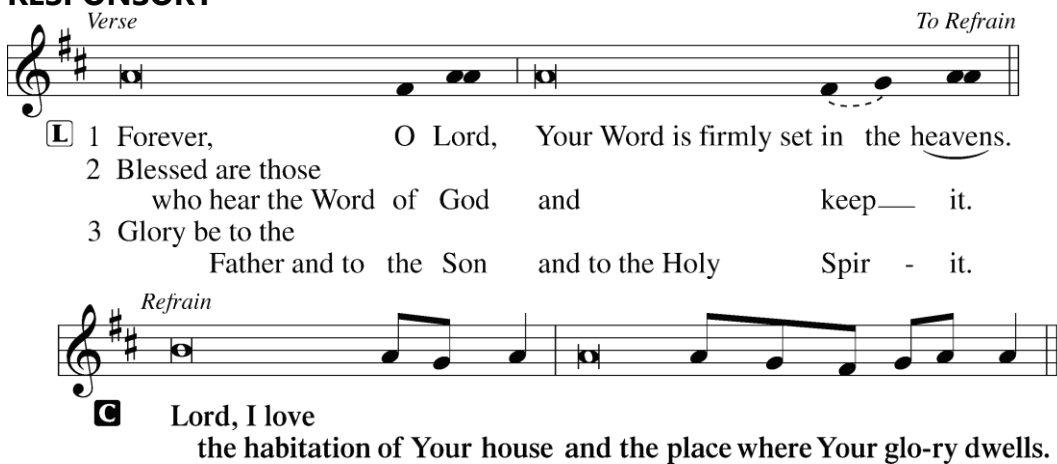
After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

RESPONSORY

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Verse *To Refrain*

L 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Refrain

G Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

SERMON HYMN: O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

LSB 856



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And
4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To
5 O Christ, th'a - pos - tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:
broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And
Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

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SERMON: The Kingdom of God Come Near LUKE 10:1-9

Rev. Michael Middaugh

Stand

OFFERTORY: Create in Me

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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 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.*

VOLUNTARY

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



DIVINE SERVICE
Setting Four

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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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]

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

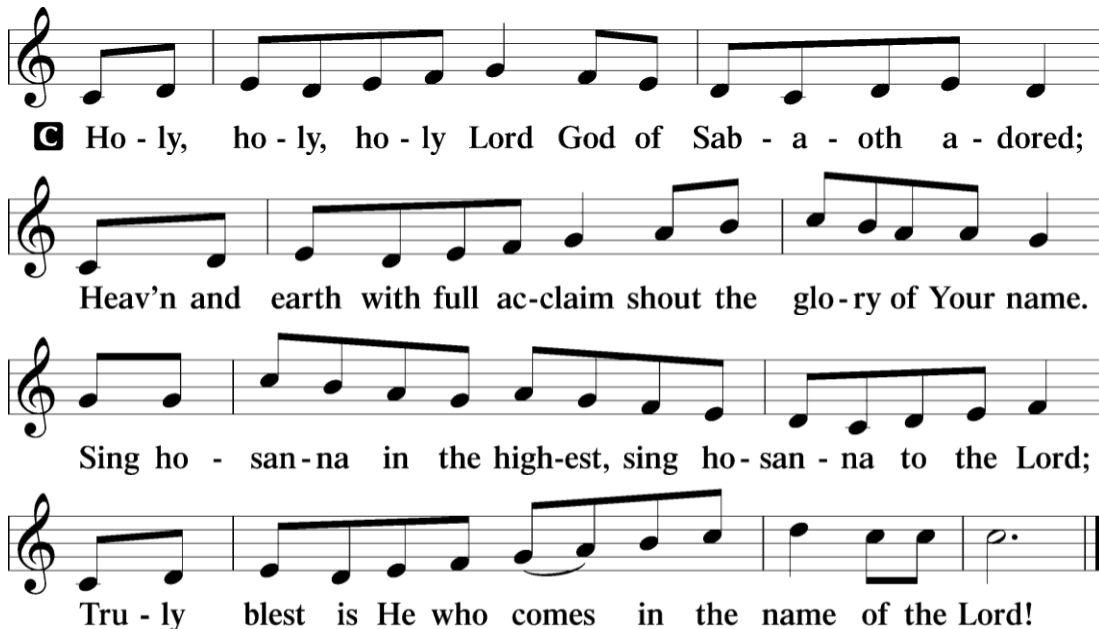
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

[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, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

You once proclaimed Your saving promise through the prophets of Israel, and by the apostles and evangelists You published the good news of Your saving promise fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Grant that we, being instructed in the doctrine of the blessed apostles and evangelists, may faithfully eat His body and drink His blood and declare His salvation to all the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**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

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei hymn. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are written below the staff, with two versions of the first line: "1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God," and "2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,". The lyrics continue: "You take the sin of the world a - way;", "O Je - sus Christ, true 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."

DISTRIBUTION

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

Amen.

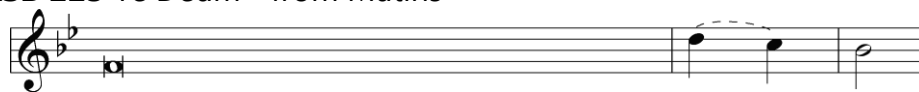
Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

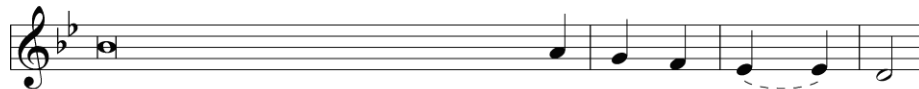


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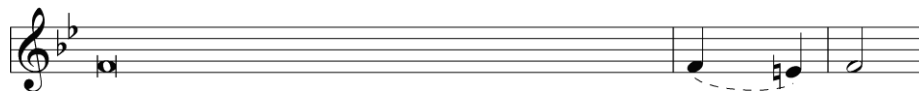
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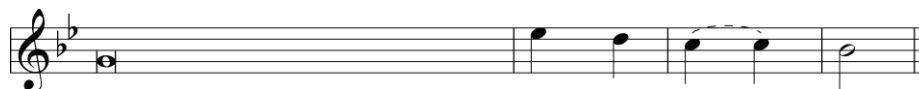
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



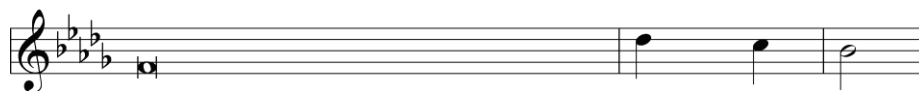
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



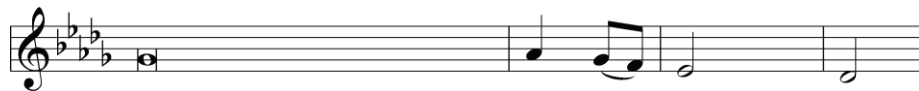
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, ... O — Christ;



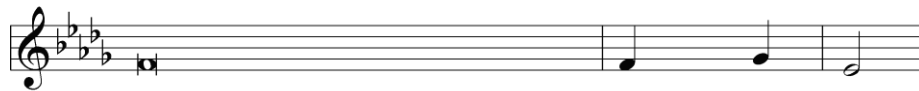
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



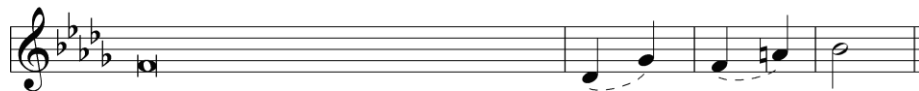
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



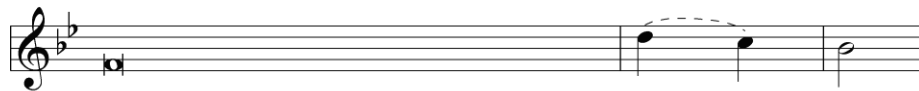
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
 6 We believe that You will come



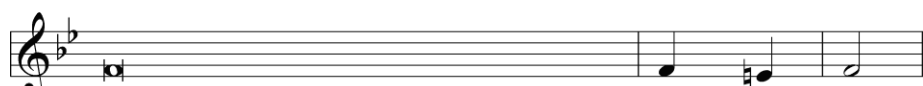
- 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 6 to be — our — judge.



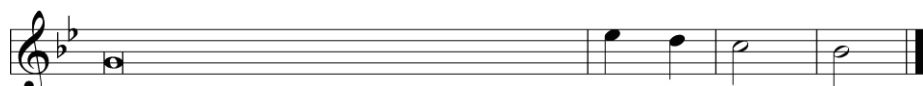
- 7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out — sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
 8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.

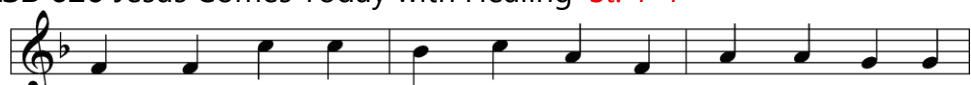


7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
 8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

LSB 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing *St. 1-4*



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

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LSB 749 There is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To make the wound-ed whole;

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged And think my work's in vain,

2 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, If you can-not pray like Paul,

3 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, For Je-sus is your friend;

Refrain

But then the Ho-ly Spir-it Re-vives my soul a-gain.

You can tell the love of Je-sus And say He died for all.

And if you lack for knowl-edge, He'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.

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LSB 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo-ken, writ-ten, might-y Word;

2 Tell how God the Fa-ther's will Made the world, up-holds it still,

3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu-man race

4 Tell of God the Spir-it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,

Ev-'ry-where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban-quet hall.

How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.

And to pay re-bel-lion's price, Gave Him-self as sac-ri-fice.

Strong and ho-ly, just and true, Work-ing both to will and do.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

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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: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

LSB 660



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: George Duffield, Jr., 1818-88, alt.

Tune: George J. Webb, 1803-87

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LSB (Lutheran Service Book 2006)

TLH (The Lutheran Hymnal 1941)

OAR (One 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: Jim Koenig Mike Wille

Ushers: Robert Axtell Robert Wieding
Karl Johnson Richard Miyauchi

Greeters: Virginia Axtell Indi Gomez

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} Immediately following Matins (10:00am)

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 1 Corinthians 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 October 23rd.

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 Carolyn & Jeff Royce in loving memory of his parents on their birthdays.

PRAYERS – Sally Koch, Pr. Al Loeschmann, Jodie Jones, Lisa Gerlich, Nolan Cowan, 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: Raymond & Sue Robel, Janet Schneider, Joyce Warren; the family of Barbara Rablee at her passing this past week.

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.

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.

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. THE NEXT SANDWICH DAY WILL BE NOVEMBER 3RD.**



BREAKFAST TACOS AVAILABLE DURING SUNDAY EDUCATION HOUR – Breakfast Tacos will be available for \$2 each (Barbacoa \$3.00) during education hour on Sunday morning. Donuts will still be available.

WOMEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION IS OPEN! FORMS ARE in the narthex! **Please sign up as soon as possible** so we know how many ladies are planning on coming!!! Come join us as we study God's Timing. November 6-8, 2026 Cost is \$125 per person. Partial scholarships are available! Questions? Contact Susan.



TRUNK 'R TREAT IS Sunday, October 25th from 5-7pm! Sign up sheet is in the narthex for those willing to host a trunk! We also need baked goods for the Cake Walk – sign up sheet is available for that also. Individually wrapped candy is also needed. Thank you for your willingness to help!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - We invite you to bring a picture of your loved one(s) who have gone to be with the Lord. Pictures will be displayed on a table in the narthex on All Saints' Sunday (November 1st). We ask **that pictures be on a standing frame and no larger than 8x10**. Please make sure your name and phone number are on the back of the picture. You may drop them off now through October 29th in the church office. Please include, on a post-it, the name of your loved one and relation to you. We will make out cards in the office to put with the pictures.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - This ministry has distributed more than 244 million shoebox gifts worldwide since 1993. Shoebox gift suggestions include personal care items, school supplies, clothing accessories and a WOW gift such as a doll for a girl or toy truck for a boy. (Soap and toothpaste are not allowed.) Shoeboxes are available in the gym. If you have any questions, please contact Jeri Lara.

THE SKYLIGHT FUND to receive gifts to pay off the skylight replacement expenses has been established. As of October 14, more than \$53,000 has already been given to the Skylight Fund! Join us in helping to pay down the skylight replacement costs by giving to this fund: write "Skylight" in the memo line of checks, or select the Skylight Fund on the giving platform on our website: <https://mtcsa.org/give>

LUTHERAN WITNESS – Due to rising publication and postage costs, Concordia Publishing House has increased the cost of publication of the Lutheran Witness for 2027. In turn, the Texas District must increase the annual subscription cost to **\$32.00 for 2027**. Incidentally, the subscription rate for a direct order from Concordia Publishing House is \$32.99 a year and **does not** include the Texas Messenger. If you wish to subscribe to the Lutheran Witness, please have your payment turned in to the church no later than November 1st, 2026. A LW envelope is included in your box with your September envelopes. Checks should be made payable to Mt. Calvary – please indicate that payment is for the Lutheran Witness so we know to keep your name on the subscription list. Please let Susan know by November 1st if you wish to add your name to the subscription list but plan to pay later.

YOUTH GROUP SILENT AUCTION - The Youth Group will be hosting a silent auction in early December. This is always a fun way for the congregation to get involved in helping the youth raise money for their yearly events and activities. If you would like to donate any items to sell in the auction please bring them to the church office with your name and the price you think would be a good starting bid. Please also make it known if you would like your items back in the event that it does not sell. If you have any questions please see Steven or Kristin Casas. Thank you so much!

CROSSES AND CUTTING BOARDS ARE BACK!

There's good news for those wanting to get their Christmas shopping done early – and to help support Mount Calvary's Youth Group and to make a donation to the Skylight Fund.

On November 8th in the Parish Hall, the Youth Group will display and sell unique hand-crafted wood crosses and cutting boards crafted by Russ Miller. There will also be one "Last Supper in Crosses" (\$350), one "Given for You" (\$100), and several "Mount Calvary" (\$50) available. These can be hung or placed on a shelf/mantle for display.

The funds raised will be divided equally between the Youth Group and the Skylight Fund. All checks should be made out to Mount Calvary; the credit card reader will be available for those wishing to pay by credit card.

The items will be available before Sunday School and before and after the church service.

Be sure to mark November 8 on your calendar for the Crosses and Cutting Boards sale that benefits both the Mount Calvary Youth Group and the Skylight Fund.

BRAILLE CENTER IS in need of 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!

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!



MOUNT CALVARY ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER is Sunday, November 15th, from 11:30-1:00pm. Reservations are not needed. Dine-in only! Suggested donation is \$12. Please let us know if you are planning on attending so we can get the right amount of food. You can let us know by filling out the card in the bulletin (put in offering plate or hand to an usher) or emailing Susan. Thank you!

SHARED SPACE - We are asking all individuals/groups to remember to clean up after themselves! Much of our space is shared with others and it is not fair for others to clean and put up after someone else. If you spill something, clean it up. If you use any dishes in either kitchen, **please wash, dry, and put them back where they belong.** If you use the refrigerators, please note that items left in there for an extended period will be thrown away in their containers. **Chairs and tables should be put back as found.** Thank you for your help!

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 (smaller sizes), diapers (sizes 6, 7, 8), shoes for the Soles4Souls Shoe Drive (men, women, children), 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.

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 LUTHERAN HOUR – October 25th, "Relief" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. You don't have to earn God's favor. It is the relief waiting to find us before we even knew we had a problem. Romans 3:23-24 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, October 18th "Do not be silent. You have the most positive, powerful, life-giving, and life-affirming message in the universe! It is a message of love for every sinner, i.e., everyone! It is a message of forgiveness for everyone and every sin. It is a message of the certain hope of a paradise whose reality surpasses the most beautiful of words." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday – 133 Adult Class – 45 PreK-HS – 14 Matins – N/A

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF October 18, 2026

Today	8:30am	Fellowship/Coffee
	8:45am	Sunday school/Adult Bible class
	10:00am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
Monday	9:30am	Braille #1
	1:00pm	Braille #13
Tuesday	10:00am	Matins (Sanctuary – please enter at Parish Hall doors) Followed by Tuesday Morning Class (Parish Hall)
Wednesday	10:00am	Quilting
	6:00pm	Men's Bible Study
Thursday	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	7:00pm	AA – Shook Big Book
Next Sunday	8:30am	Fellowship/Coffee
	8:45am	Sunday school/Adult Bible class
	10:00am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

October

20 Carol Wilson
22 Sandi Middaugh
24 Mikea Morrison



MOUNT CALVARY STAFF

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Trunk 'R Treat

Sunday, October 25th

5:00-7:00 PM

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church



We need volunteers to host a “trunk”. See the signup sheets in the narthex and gym, or talk to Tracy Paseur with questions.

A fun, safe, FREE event for families and individuals of all ages!

Bounce House, Cake Walk, games and food!

Corn dogs, sausage on a stick, cookies, drinks, and more will be provided. Candy and popcorn will also be available.



Calling All Vendors!

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Christmas Market

Saturday, December 5, 2026 • 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

VENDOR SPACES – ONLY \$25 PER SPOT!

Join us for a joyful day of handmade treasures, community spirit, and Christmas cheer! Share your crafts with neighbors and friends. Limited spots available — reserve yours today and be part of the holiday magic!

2302 S. Presa, San Antonio, TX 78210

To reserve a spot, please call the office at 210/532-7341.

