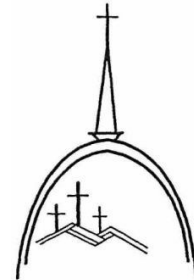


Calvary Lutheran Church-

**TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES**



*The 17th Sunday of Pentecost
Sunday, September 15, 2024 9:30am*

Today we hear about how it is not always easy to follow Jesus or to accept what God wants to happen in our lives. Even Peter, one of Jesus's disciples found it difficult. Let's think some more about this today...

Gathering Music

Welcome

Installation of Sunday School Teachers/Helpers and Confirmation Leaders in our Faith Formation Ministry

Invocation

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Song "I Have the Joy"

verse 1 Joy, joy, joy...
verse 2 Love of Jesus...
verse 3 Peace that passes understanding...

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Dear Lord, we come before you now as your children who need you. God, You are the Creator of all things. You have made us in your image and invited us to be your children of your Kingdom and to be part of your plan, using the gifts you have given us.

We pause to confess that we have sinned and we have not always followed you with our whole hearts. We have sinned and broken our promises to you, to one another, and to ourselves. We are sorry; please forgive us. Wash us clean and make us new. Turn our hearts toward you and renew our hope in you. By your Spirit, give us the courage, and the opportunity to serve you each day. Amen.

Hear the good news and remember that God loves each and everyone of us and forgives all our sins. In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

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

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray, **Christ Jesus, you call us to follow you. May we have the courage to answer that call, even in the most difficult times. Amen.**

Song “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a

4 The Lord God has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens,
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
5 The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.
6 I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
7 The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
8 he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
9 It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-9

1 I love the Lord because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
**2 Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
3 The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
**4 Then I called on the name of the Lord,
“O Lord, I pray, save my life!”**
5 Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is merciful.
**6 The Lord protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.**
7 Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
**8 For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling.**
9 I walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.
Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will face stricter judgment. 2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is mature, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. 3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

4 Or look at ships: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a such a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of life, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8 but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, made in the likeness of God.

10 From the same mouth comes a blessing and a curse. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" 28 And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." 29 He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." 30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite

openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." 34 He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message "Not Christmas...Not Easter...But Rally Sunday!"

Pastor Wayne Kopitzke

Song of the Day "I Love to Tell the Story"

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. (Refrain)

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Refrain)

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayers of the Church (Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music

Offering Response "Everything That We Have"

Everything that we have, everything that we are.
Every moment is a blessing from above.
It's endless love that we breathe. It's endless love that we receive.
What has freely come, we now let freely go.

Offertory Prayer

Together we pray, **Generous God, we are called to follow you in all ways. We thank you for your gifts and ask that you help us to be generous in our thoughts, words and actions. In your name we pray, Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music "God is so Good"

- Verse 1 God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, God's so good to me.
- Verse 2 God answers prayer, God answers prayer,
God answers prayer, God's so good to me.
- Verse 3 I love God so, I love God so,
I love God so, God's so good to me.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Verse 4 I praise God's name, I praise God's name,
I praise God's name, God's so good to me.)

Blessing of Homebound Communion

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Blessing

May most merciful God bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song "This Little Light of Mine"

Verse 1 This little light of mine...
Verse 2 Jesus gave it to me...
Verse 3 Everywhere I go...

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus!
We will! Thanks be to God!

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TEAM TEACHERS NEEDED for SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you would like to Team Teach every other Sunday, or according to a more flexible schedule that you arrange with another teacher, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY! We need a Team Teacher for our 4 Year Old classroom and a Team Teacher for our 4th Grade classroom. We have one teacher in each classroom already, but, because of work and life schedules, they can't be with us each week. We need YOU 😊

We need teachers (or a team of teachers) for Kindergarten and Second Grade. We currently have NO teachers assigned to these classes. Curriculum is easy to follow and ready for you to take home with you to allow you time to prepare. Pastor Amy is always available if you need help with extra activities or ideas for your classroom. Please consider volunteering!

HELPERS are needed for the following classrooms:

3-year-olds

4-year-olds

Kindergarten

2nd Grade

4th grade

Helpers assist with class projects, activities, and lessons. Students in grades 6-12 can be helpers! Adults can be helpers, too! Please contact Pastor Amy if your student or you would like to be a helper in one of our classrooms this year!

Sunday School Fun

A A N G A S A L H Q R K Z S V S G
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Sunday School
snacks
Shelby
Logan
fun

Bible story
crafts
Hannah
pray

Cassidy
church
Ethan
Liam

Coralee
Ruthie
music
God

Sunday, September 15

- 9:30am Worship Service - Rally Sunday - Outdoor Service - P. Wayne preach/P. Dwaine preside
- 10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
- 1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
- 2:00pm Baptism in Chapel - P. Wayne - Sadie Palmquist
- 8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

Monday, September 16

- 12:30pm By-Laws Committee - Conference Room
- 5:00pm Bell Choir
- 6:30pm Cub Scouts in Church Pavilion

Tuesday, September 17

- 6:30pm Creation Care
- 6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181
- 7:00pm Trentwood Association Meeting – BH

Wednesday, September 18

- 10:00am Gather Bible Study
- 5:30pm Singing for Fun
- 5:45pm 10th Grade Confirmation - Friendship Room
- 6:30pm 6-9th Grade Confirmation - Bethany Hall

Thursday, September 19

- 9:30am Text Bible Study - P. Amy Friendship Room
- 1:00pm Quilters

Saturday, September 21

- 10:00am Praise Band
- 5:30pm Chapel Service - P. Dwaine

Sunday, September 22

- 8:00am Worship Service - P. Amy preach/P. Wayne preside - Seasons of Creation
- 9:05am Sunday School
- 10:15am Bibles presented to 3-year-olds and 3rd Grades
- 10:15am Worship Service - Baptism Amber Hurley
- 10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
- 1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
- 8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

Weekly Attendance - 177
YouTube - 77 households
General Offering - \$13,821.80