

# Mount Calvary Lutheran Church

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

Divine Service, Setting 3 - LSB 184



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“Sharing God’s Word and the love of Jesus Christ as we serve others.”

**Good morning and welcome to Mount Calvary!** It is a joy that God has led you to worship with us today. To our guests, please fill out a visitor information card found in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate during the offering. We hope to get to know you better, and please join us again! If you have any questions about Mt. Calvary or about membership, please speak with an Elder or Pastor. We regularly offer instruction in the Christian faith.

## Confession and Absolution

*Please Rise*

*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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*[Hebrews 10:22]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

*Psalm 124:8*

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Psalm 32:5*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

*Mark 16:16; John 1:12*

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Introit *Psalms 147:8–11; antiphon: v. 7*

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**P** Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

**C** make melody to our God on the lyre!

**P** He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;

**C** he makes grass grow on the hills.

**P** He gives to the beasts their food,

**C** and to the young ravens that cry.

**P** His delight is not in the strength of the horse,

**C** nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

**P** but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,

**C** in those who hope in his steadfast love.

**ALL:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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## Gloria Patri

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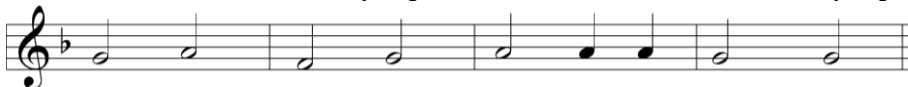
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo and meter are indicated by a common time signature 'C' and a 'P' (Piano) dynamic marking. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words in all caps. The score consists of 14 measures of music, with lyrics provided for each measure. The lyrics are: Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Please be Seated*

## Old Testament *Genesis 15:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

**C** Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him  
out of them all.

## Epistle

### *Hebrews 11:1–16*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

**[L]** This is the Word of the Lord.

**[C]** Thanks be to God.

*Please Rise*

## Alleluia

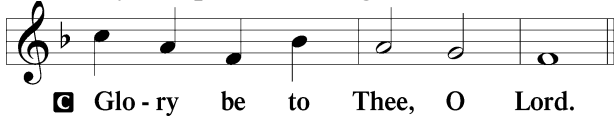
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## Holy Gospel

*Luke 12:22–40*

**[P]** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.



<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the

master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, 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.

*Please be Seated*

## Sermon Hymn “I Leave All Things to God’s Direction” LSB 719

### Sermon “LIVING BY FAITH”

*Please Rise*

## Offertory

*Psalm 51:10-12*



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

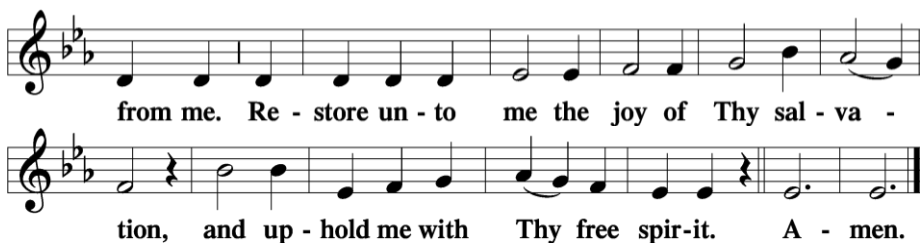


new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it





*Please be Seated*

## Offering

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## Hymn

*“God Loves Me Dearly”*

**AGPS 109**

*Please Rise*

## Prayer of the Church

*[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

**P** Lord in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

## The Lord’s Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**C** 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.

## Salutation and Benedicamus



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.

*[Psalm 103:1]*



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**[P]** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**[C]** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Please be Seated*

**Closing Hymn    “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”    LSB 722**

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### Altar Flowers

**Today’s flowers are placed on the altar by Pastor and Jayne Rhode in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.**

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### In Our Prayers

*For comfort, health, and recovery:*

**Grant and Anna**, the parents of **Josie** (their little girl who has brain cancer);

**Jane McAfee** (recovering from knee surgery);

**Jerry Henderson** (recovering from knee replacement surgery);

**Steve Thoms** (Chemotherapy); **Ed Nelson** (continued healing);

**Judi Cunningham** (Immunotherapy and Chemotherapy);

**Mike Van Brunt** (recovering from dental surgery).

Those celebrating anniversaries this month: **Brad & Genevieve Ermeling (32),**

**Pastor Paul & Jayne Rhode (50), Mark & Judy Vasel (46)**

**and Roger & Donna Repp (60).**

Those who serve in the Armed Forces and their families: **Ethan & Riley Van Brunt**

(grandsons to Mike and Daylene Van Brunt; Marines); **Louise Capehart** (niece to Don

Holmes serving in Texas for further education and training); **Collin Hutcheson**

(grandson to Dave and Linda Buesing serving in Camp Lejeune in North Carolina).

Those in need of long-term or ongoing care: **Bob Copper** (health concerns);

**Zora Thoms** (health concerns); **Karen McCarthy** (health concerns);

**Dorothy Corman** (health concerns); **Jill Pedersen** (health concerns);

**Linda Buesing** (health concerns); **Warren Wergin** (health concerns).

*August 10, 2025    Announcements*

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**No Sunday Bible Study Today:**

**Paster would like to thank** everyone who participated in the success of the Ice Cream Social.

**Evangelism Class:** Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm we will begin our Evangelism training sessions called "**Every One His Witness.**" We hope to have these for the next 5 Thursday evenings. The sessions will last about 1 hour, and we anticipate having 6 of them, so will finish up toward the end of September. We only have room for 11 people [or couples could share material if need be], so please sign up with the pastor for this class. The sign-up sheet will be in the Christian Family Center bulletin board, or you can email pastor at pgrhode@comcast.net. The class will go through some general considerations and training, and then more material can be viewed independently through the EOHW website. This should be a very low-key and enjoyable time together!

**Ladies Night Out Potluck:** Wednesday, August 27, at 5 pm. Pastor will grill pork chops for the ladies. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for the ladies to choose what they would like to bring.

**WELCOME VISITORS!!** By now You've probably recognized your state and flower on one of the banners. The flower banners were created by some of your artistic members about 40 years ago as a way of providing a special welcome to our many summer visitors. There is a saying, "Friends are the flowers of life" Thank you, friends in Christ, for taking time to worship with us this morning!

**Mt. Calvary Facebook page** is Mount Calvary Lutheran Church – Estes Park Colorado (LCMS). See pictures of the church and mountains, and daily messages of encouragement! Share the blessings of faith in Christ with friends and family!

**Prayer Chain Requests:** Sandy Olson is out of town. Please call Vicki Bien at (970) 586-4609



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Last Sunday's Contributions	\$ 3,475.00
Offerings to Date	\$78,382.30
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## *Thank you for Serving Today*

Pastor.....	Pastor Paul Rhode
Organist.....	Cheryl Schutz
Litergry.....	Mark Vasel
Readings.....	Henry Rische
Sermon.....	Rik Forschiedt
Ushers .....	Jim & Debbie Paddock
Greeters.....	Jim & Debbie Paddock
Altar.....	Laurine Burke & Jolene Svancara
Zoom Communications Coordinator.....	Jerry Henderson
Audio Visual System.....	Ed Nelson

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