

# THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Blessing  
of the  
Backpacks



Sunday, August 9, 2026  
8:00 A.M. Eucharist, Rite One

## CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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# THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 388 - O worship the King, all glorious above! (vs. 1-3)

1. O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing his power and his love!  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
2. O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3. The earth, with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,  
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

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Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA

Hymn # S-278

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT**

The Lord be with you.

***And with thy spirit.***

Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS**

### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS**

**Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28**

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**THE PSALM**

**Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.

Then he called for a famine in the land \*  
and destroyed the supply of bread.

He sent a man before them, \*  
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

They bruised his feet in fetters; \*  
his neck they put in an iron collar.

Until his prediction came to pass, \*  
the word of the Lord tested him.

The king sent and released him; \*  
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

He set him as a master over his household,  
as a ruler over all his possessions,

To instruct his princes according to his will  
and to teach his elders wisdom. Hallelujah!

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**SEQUENCE HYMN 608 - Eternal Father, strong to save**

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| <p>1. <i>Eternal Father, strong to save,<br/>whose arm hath bound the restless wave,<br/>who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep<br/>its own appointed limits keep:<br/>O hear us when we cry to thee<br/>for those in peril on the sea.</i></p> <p>2. <i>O Christ, whose voice the waters heard<br/>and hushed their raging at thy word,<br/>who walkedst on the foaming deep,<br/>and calm amid its rage didst sleep:<br/>O hear us when we cry to thee<br/>for those in peril on the sea.</i></p> | <p>3. <i>Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood<br/>upon the chaos dark and rude,<br/>and bid its angry tumult cease,<br/>and give, for wild confusion, peace:<br/>O hear us when we cry to thee<br/>for those in peril on the sea.</i></p> <p>4. <i>O Trinity of love and power,<br/>thy children shield in danger's hour;<br/>from rock and tempest, fire and foe,<br/>protect them wheresoe'er they go;<br/>thus evermore shall rise to thee<br/>glad hymns of praise from land and sea.</i></p> |
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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

**SERMON - Fr. Ralph**

**THE NICENE CREED** (*Standing as you are able*)

BCP 326

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,***

***maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,***

***God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,***

***begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.***

***For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:***

***by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;***

***he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.***

***With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.***

***We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.***

***We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Héctor, and Brian our Bishops; Ralph our Priest; Nancy our Deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers, including the Vestry, staff, and ministry leaders of Calvary Church;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and those we name now, either silently or aloud;

*Silence - The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and those we name now, either silently or aloud.

*Silence - The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, and especially Calvary Episcopal Preparatory School, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.*

## ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE (Standing as you are able.)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*And with thy spirit.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS (See Insert)

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN 637 - How firm a foundation

1. *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?*
2. *“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee,  
and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*
3. *“When through the deep waters  
I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”*
4. *‘When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*
5. *‘The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.’*

## THE DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Standing as you are able.)

Eucharistic Prayer I, BCP 333

The Lord be with you.

***And with thy spirit.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

***It is meet and right so to do.***

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. (*the priest adds a Proper Preface*)

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hymnal S-125

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

(*The people may kneel or stand.*)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray,

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

***We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.***

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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|  | <p>Gluten Free hosts are available for communion.<br/>Please make yourself known to the priest at the altar rail.</p> |
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If you have a special prayer need, step into the side chapel after you receive communion,  
and a member of the Prayer Team will pray with you.

### **COMMUNION HYMN 669 - Commit thou all that grieves thee**

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| <p>1. Commit thou all that grieves thee<br/>and fills thy heart with care<br/>to him whose faithful mercy<br/>the skies above declare,<br/>who gives the winds their courses,<br/>who points the clouds their way;<br/>'tis he will guide thy footsteps<br/>and be thy staff and stay.</p> | <p>3. Thy lasting truth and mercy,<br/>O Father, see aright<br/>the needs of all thy children,<br/>their anguish or delight:<br/>what loving wisdom chooseth,<br/>redeeming might will do,<br/>and bring to sure fulfillment<br/>thy counsel good and true.</p>                   |
| <p>2. O trust the Lord then wholly,<br/>if thou wouldst be secure;<br/>his work must thou consider<br/>for thy work to endure.<br/>What profit doth it bring thee<br/>to pine in grief and care?<br/>God ever sends his blessing<br/>in answer to thy prayer.</p>                          | <p>4. Hope on, then, broken spirit;<br/>hope on, be not afraid:<br/>fear not the griefs that plague thee<br/>and keep thy heart dismayed:<br/>thy God, in his great mercy,<br/>will save thee, hold thee fast,<br/>and in his own time grant thee<br/>the sun of joy at last.</p> |

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** (these words may differ from time to time)

**RECESSIONAL HYMN - Standing on the Promises of Christ, my King!**

**1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King!**

*Through eternal ages let his praises ring.  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.*

**REFRAIN:**

*Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.*

**2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail!**

*When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.*

**3. Standing on the promises, I now can see**

*perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me;  
standing in the liberty where Christ makes free,  
standing on the promises of God.*

**4. Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,**

*bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
standing on the promises of God.*

**5. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,**

*list'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
standing on the promises of God.*

**THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. (these words may differ from time to time)  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

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In Loving Memory of her Mother, Mary Ellen Coker, and by  
Sarah Maschek, In Loving Memory of her brother, Dan Harrison.**

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**CALVARY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES**

**8:00 AM Sunday – Traditional Service**

**10:30 AM Sunday – Contemporary Service**

**CALVARY Stewardship Corner:**

**Pledged Amount for 2026: \$565,936**

**Total Giving Received: \$339,957**