

THE 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Blessing of the Backpacks



Sunday, August 9, 2026
10:30 A.M. Eucharist, Rite Two

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Calvary welcomes and embraces all who join us in doing the work of Christ in our community.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN - Let Us Go to the House of the Lord

Let us go. (Let us go.)

He has taken us from death unto life.

Let us go. (Let us go.)

He has taken us from darkness into light.

Let us go to the house of the Lord!

Where we can praise Him!

We can worship the Lord.

He is worthy!

He is worthy of praise.

WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

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

CHILDREN AGES 5 THRU 5TH GRADE MAY FOLLOW THE CROSS TO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL DURING THE GLORIA

GLORIA

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 also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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!

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS**Romans 10:5-15**

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 SONG - Forever

***Give thanks to the Lord our God and King;
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.***

***With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm;
His love endures forever.
For the life that’s been reborn;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.***

***From the rising to the setting sun;
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God
We will carry on;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.***

REFRAIN:

***Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever. Forever.***

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON - Fr. Ralph

SERMON RESPONSE - My Heart Will Trust

1. *I'll walk closer now on the higher way
Through the darkest night will you hold my hand?
Jesus, guide my way.*
2. *O you mourn with me, and you dance with me
For my heart of hearts is bound to you.*
3. *O you counsel me, and you comfort me
When I cannot see you light my path.*

CHORUS:
*Though I walk through valleys low
I'll fear no evil
By the waters, still my soul
My heart will trust in you
My heart will trust in you*

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

BCP 358

**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 confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY - **Better is One Day**

- 1. How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.**
- 2. One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,
to find You in the place Your glory dwells.
One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,
to find You in the place Your glory dwells.**
- 3. My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God.
Your Spirit's water to my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen. Come once again to me.
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You.**

CHORUS:

***Better is one day in Your courts,
better is one day in Your house,
better is one day in Your courts
than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in Your courts,
better is one day in Your house,
better is one day in Your courts
than thousands elsewhere,
Than thousands elsewhere.***

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. Amen.***

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

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*the priest adds a Proper Preface*)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory (repeat)
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (repeat)
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

(*The people may kneel or stand.*)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

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

***Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
Are Yours now and forever. Amen.***

Canterbury Version

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.



Gluten Free hosts are available for communion.
Please make yourself known to the priest at the altar rail.

*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 SONG 1 - As the Deer

1. *As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.*

CHORUS:

*You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.*

2. *I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye.*

3. *You're my friend
And You are my brother
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything.*

COMMUNION SONG 2 - Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

1. *Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There's a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.*

CHORUS:

*In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

2. *Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Sheds its beams around me.*

3. *Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadows o'er me.*

4. *Near the cross, I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** (these words may differ from time to time)

CLOSING SONG - Days of Elijah

1. *These are the days of Elijah
declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials,
of famine and darkness and sword,
still we are the voice in the desert crying,
“Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”*
2. *And these are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant David
rebuilding the temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest,
the fields are white in the world.
And we are Your laborers in Your vineyard
declaring the Word of the Lord.*

CHORUS:

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes*

BRIDGE:

*There's no god like Jehovah
There's no god like Jehovah
There's no god like Jehovah
There's no god like Jehovah*

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.

**The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jamie Campbell
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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Flower offerings may be done **online** at calvaryrichmond.org under **giving/altar flowers**.

The cost is \$50, to be paid in advance. Please call the church office with questions.

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