

THE 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WE WELCOME NEW CHILDREN OF GOD TODAY

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**Sunday, September 21, 2025
10:30 A.M. Eucharist, Rite Two**

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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 SONG - Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

<i>Lord, I lift your name on high.</i>	<i>You came from heaven to earth,</i>
<i>Lord, I love to sing your praises.</i>	<i>To show the way,</i>
<i>I'm so glad you're in my life.</i>	<i>From the earth to the cross,</i>
<i>I'm so glad you came to save us.</i>	<i>My debt to pay.</i>
	<i>From the cross to the grave,</i>
	<i>From the grave to the sky,</i>
	<i>Lord, I lift your name on high.</i>

HOLY BAPTISM

BCP 299

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 PROPHET AMOS

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; *
praise the Name of the Lord.

Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the Lord be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.

He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER TO TIMOTHY

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE SONG - Jesus Loves Me

1. Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

REFRAIN:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me he who died
Heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in.

3. Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me."

THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON - Fr. Ralph

SERMON RESPONSE HYMN 490 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

**1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

**REFRAIN:
In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path
and show me the way to the Father.**

**3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race
we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant says: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Adults and Older Children

Sponsor: I present _____ to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: **I do.**

Infants and Younger Children

Parents and Godparents: I present _____ to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer ***I do.***
Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer ***I do.***

Then the Celebrant asks the following question of the congregation.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ?

We will.

Let us join with these children who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (*Standing as you are able.*)

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***
Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***
Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People ***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.***
Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People ***I will, with God's help.***
Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People ***I will, with God's help.***
Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People ***I will, with God's help.***
Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People ***I will, with God's help.***
Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People ***I will, with God's help.***

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader	Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Leader	Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Leader	Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Leader	Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Leader	Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Leader	Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Leader	Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that this child who here is cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

_____, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

_____, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Deacon presents candle lighted from Paschal Candle with these words: Receive the light of Christ.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized by saying together.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Priest presents Baptism ornaments stitched by St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY - The Goodness of God

1. *I love you, Lord, Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
And all my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God.*

CHORUS:

***'Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God***

2. *I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire.
In darkest nights You were close like no other.
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
Oh, I have lived in the goodness of God.*

BRIDGE:

***Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me
Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me
With my life laid down,
I'm surrendered now, I give You everything
Cause Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me***

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 B, BCP 367

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. *(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.)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

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 - Here I Am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

CHORUS:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

COMMUNION SONG 2 - Holy and Anointed One

*Jesus, Jesus
Holy and Anointed One, Jesus*

*Jesus, Jesus
Risen and exalted one, Jesus*

CHORUS:

*Your name is like honey on my lips
Your Spirit like water to my soul
Your Word is a lamp unto my feet
Jesus I love you, I love you*

COMMUNION SONG 3 - Change My Heart, Oh God

*Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true,
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like you.*

*You are the potter,
I am the clay,
Mold me and make me,
This is what I say.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (The people may kneel or stand.)

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 - House of the Lord

1. We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God he holds the victory

CHORUS:

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
O, we shout out your praise

2. We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
Cause he, hung upon that cross
Then he, rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away.

BRIDGE:

We were the beggars
And now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted
Redeemed by his grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

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
CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CELEBRATION OF THE BAPTISM OF
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CALVARY STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Pledged Amount for 2025: \$561,310 2025

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