

"And if you have not been

FAITHFUL

with what belongs to another,

who will give you
what is your own?"



LUKE 16:12, NRSV

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

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OUR PURPOSE FOR EXISTENCE: "To lead those whom the Lord leads to us to a personal relationship with Christ and to growth in Christlikeness."

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY:

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (HC)

Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall after Worship

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Board of Fellowship

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

7:30 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study at Zion

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Bible Study at Calvary

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship

Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall after Worship

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ORGANIST: Laurie Siegmund

ELDERS: Larry Barzyk, Bob Foster and Jim Manthei

PRAYER CHAIN: We are a part of Calvary's extended family who want to give support in prayer to those who are ill, hospitalized, or in need. Please call Sherry at (920) 807- 9336

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AS WE GATHER: The Divine Service is unlike our other activities during the week—in the marketplace, our place of employment, or our school—where we struggle to be “the people of God” amid the temptations and confusing details of living in a world still disfigured by sin, tragedy, selfishness, and death. By our own fault, we daily fall short of our calling as Christians. We are reminded today of the judgment of God’s Law by the prophet Amos against our worry over money and our own needs that distract us from the often-greater needs of others and even our own true need of faith and reliance on God above all. Each day of the week, the demands of the Ten Commandments of God call us back to our need for forgiveness and God’s mercy, grace, help, and love. So, we gather here for Divine Service, that is, God attending to our real needs. We come to repent of our sin and failure, and to receive forgiveness and new life and hope. That forgiveness and hope comes solely from the God who “loved the world” so much “that He gave His only Son” to die for you (John 3:16). We do not have to wait and wonder until the Day of Judgment. By your Baptism into Christ, by His mighty and reliable Word of forgiveness spoken over and into you, and by your connection with the body and blood of your crucified and risen Lord Jesus, you are being delivered from all evil, redeemed, restored, and forgiven for everlasting life in the kingdom of God already here and now.



Please fill in the worship registration cards found in the pews and pass them to the center aisle. Our ushers will pick them up during the sermon hymn. Thank you!

PRESERVICE MUSIC / WORSHIP PREPARATION

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SHARING OF THE PEACE

PREPARATION

HYMN: “WHAT IS THE WORLD TO ME”

LSB #730

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and

of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN:

LSB #782

“GRACIOUS GOD, YOU SEND GREAT BLESSINGS”
(sts.1, ref)

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

LSB #793

“PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN” (sts. 1-2)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 8:4–7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?” ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 2:1–15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. ⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good

works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I

do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” ¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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HYMN: "TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE"
#783

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SERMON

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

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 T everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Kind Father, Your Son declared to us that we cannot serve You and also be devoted to money. Free all Your baptized children from obsession with the goods of this world, that they may set their hearts on the joys of the kingdom and the inheritance that never fades. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, guide Your Holy Church here and everywhere, that those who have been called to serve as her pastors and church workers and those preparing for and considering full-time church work may be guarded against the assaults of the evil one, encouraged in their callings, and prepared to serve faithfully for the sake of the kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Maker of heaven and earth, You have created man and woman for different offices and with different gifts, that they might complement one another and glorify You. Grant that, in our homes and congregations, Your people might rejoice in the callings You have given them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God, our Savior, uphold Donald, our president; _____, our governor, and all whom you have placed in high positions with wisdom and mercy, that we may lead peaceable and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, be with the sick and those who suffer, those troubled in mind, those grieving in their sorrows, and the dying in their last hours [especially _____]. Grant them the comfort of Your

presence, relief according to Your will and peace in their hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Bridegroom, grant that as we commune this day upon Your body and blood, our hearts would be moved to repentance and faith, and that the fruits of this Sacrament would be borne in lives of holiness and righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You provide us with daily bread and with everything we need for this body and life. Free us from greed and covetousness, that we might be content with Your blessing and glad to share with those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, our God, whose mercies are new every morning, we give You thanks and praise for all Your kindness toward us, and we pray You to grant us the will and desire to worship You joyfully, to serve You faithfully and to proclaim boldly Your mighty acts of deliverance through our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we offer to You these prayers, and in whom we trust for all things; to You alone be glory, honor, worship and praise, O Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

GENEROSITY THOUGHT

P *Luke 16:8b – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.”* The sons of this world know that they should use their wealth wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn't we, as “sons of light,” know that the wealth God has allowed us to manage should be managed for God's purposes in roles He has given us to play in church, home and society?

OFFERING

Stand

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we


laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore
praising You and singing:

SANCTUS


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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

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comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own

testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to

remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

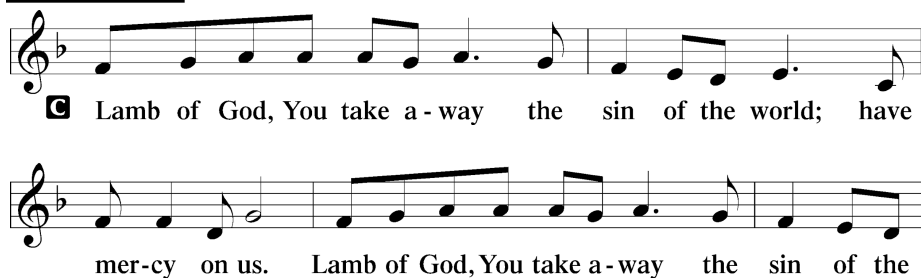
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

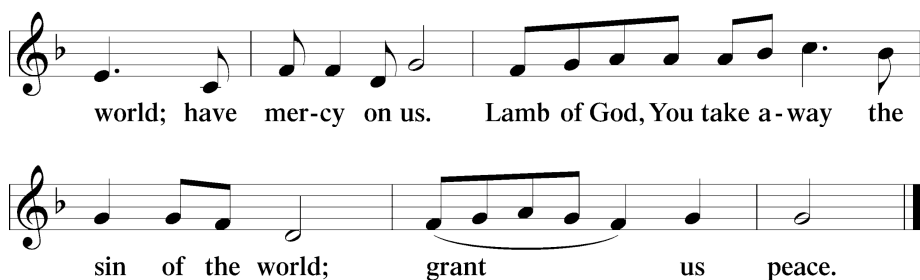
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C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

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DISTRIBUTIION HYMNS:

“ALL DEPENDS ON OUR POSSESSING”

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“CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE”

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Stand

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN:

**“ SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE”
LSB# 917**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

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GOD’S POWER AMONG US

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 46

THOSE SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:

GREETERS: 10:00 a.m.: Joanne Zillmer, Nancy Ebert

NEXT WEEK GREETERS: 10:00 a.m.: Darren & Connie Zinecker

USHERS: TEAM #1: Larry Barzyk (capt.), Deegan McCutcheon, Rossi McCutcheon, Nya Taivalmaa, Darren Zinecker

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FINANCIAL FIGURES FROM LAST WEEK: \$3405.03
including VANCO (General Fund) \$20 (Memorial Fund)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Classes

Will continue every Sunday if enough people are interested.
Please
take advantage of this additional opportunity to learn about the
Scriptures.

THANK YOU: To everyone who helped with the Community Senior Meal. This meal would not have been possible without the help of many people. Thank you to members of Calvary who gave their time, talents, and generous donations. Thank you to Thrivent Financial.
~ Evangelism Board
(Linda, Mary, & Jan D.)

NEW MEN'S GROUP -

Men's Lutheran Fellowship will meet on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 at Calvary. This is an opportunity for time in God's Word and prayer but also a time for fellowship, service, and learning. Join us on October 9th as we will meet at Calvary for time in the Word, visit with the people at Martha's across the street, and then return to Calvary to discuss future meetings and activities. We ask that you bring a small fall decoration which we will share with those at Martha's to brighten their rooms. Examples include a small pumpkin or door sign or small table runner. Also bring your ideas for future activities. Men's Lutheran Fellowship – an opportunity to live out your vocation as a Christian man.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 23 – Board of Fellowship – 5:30 p.m.

Church Council 7:30 p.m.

September 25 – Bible Study at Calvary 9:30 a.m.

September 30: Board Chair people Annual Reports Due

October 1: Women's Club of Princeton -Fellowship Hall

October 7- Board of ED/SS – 5:30 p.m.

October 9 – LWML Calvary- 9:30 a.m.

Board of Elders – 11:00 a.m.

October 12: Budget Review meeting after 10:00am Worship

October 18- LWML Fall Rally- 9:00 a.m. -Wautoma

October 24: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Trick or Treat on Water Street
October 26: After 10:00am Worship Annual Meeting with
Appreciation Dinner

