

# Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

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July 23, 2017

Worship Service Schedule  
(Communion on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

## **AS WE GATHER**

Our Worship Service is structured Biblically. So take a moment to prepare your heart as we enter into the courts of God's Grace. You will be reminded of your Baptism, Confess your sins, be forgiven by Jesus mercy, hear God's Word, offer your gifts, raise your hearts in prayer and go forth refreshed by the Benediction that reminds you of God's Presence in your life! Come let us Worship!



Flowers on the Altar today  
are given to the Glory of God  
by Linda Duvall  
(honor of Tom's Birthday)



**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** ~ As Lutherans, we believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine when we receive the Sacrament. We do not believe that the bread and wine somehow mystically "change" into something other than bread and wine, nor do we believe that the bread and wine merely "represent" Christ's Body and Blood; rather we are bound by the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ when He said, ***"Take, eat, this is My body" and "Take, drink, this is My blood"***. We believe and teach that when we receive the bread and wine, we are truly receiving the Body and Blood of Christ (because of His divine words). We, therefore also believe the Sacrament of Holy Communion is more than just a memorial, we believe it is Christ truly coming to us and offering His Body and His Blood in an outward sign of His love for us and as an outward assurance of the forgiveness He won for us by His death on the Cross. If you believe this and are baptized, and are repentant of your sins, we would welcome you to commune with us. If you are in doubt, please do not take communion until you have spoken to the Pastor or an Elder. (White grape juice is offered for those who are unable to partake of the red wine. For identification, the cups are placed in the center of the tray. Gluten Free wafer are also in the individual cups of the tray)

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT** to sign our Friendship Pad. (The little red book at the end of each hymnal rack)

**HEADSETS** are available for the hearing impaired. Please notify a greeter or usher if you need one.

**GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS** is an act of worship that has been part of Christian worship for decades. It is the Christian's response to the generosity of God and a commitment made between them and Him. At Calvary we have two ways to respond, by using the boxes at the entrances to the sanctuary- or by placing it in the plates as they are passed along the pew.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Praise Service

**SONGS:** I Will Celebrate, A Simple Word of Grace, Name Above All Names, Shout to The Lord, Sound of the Saints

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 44:6–8

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

<sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE

Romans 8:18–27

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup>He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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## PEACE IN THE WORLD

*President Trump and our Country, State, and City Leaders; - For our Calvary Family serving in the Armed Forces: Thomas Caspersen U.S. Navy, Shelby McKemy, U.S.M.C, Jonathan Ellis U.S.M.C., Talitha Benz U.S.M.C. Jordan Jendersee, U.S. Army; Steven Derrick Arndt U.S. Navy, USS Coronado, Colter King U.S.A.F.*

## CANCER WARRIORS

*Sandy Hrdlicka; Doug LaFontaine; Karen Dunphy; Lisa Foos; Sue Perez; Gene Curler; Charlotte Morgan; Marjorie Britts– kidney cancer; Ralph Foskett; Pat Brown; Evelyn Asker; Linda Wong-Farenbaugh; Ellen Wong-Chin; Kelly Wong-Woo; Bob Kruger; (friends of Toni Troya), Marilyn Lortz Ruth Holloway*

**HEALING**

*Conrad Skjong; Lisa Ghiselli; Kevin Dorr; Frank Mitchell Sr; Isabel Albright; Sylvia Meade; Linnea Greer; Mary Tomczyk; Michael Schibler; Christine Dunphy; Michael Silveira; Deeann Christensen; Kathy Hertlien; Liz Fosdahl; Gerry Luehrs; Darlene Goldhammer; Jan Curler; George Britts; Carole Adams; Doug & Ann Olds; Melody Moore; Barbara Adams; Megan Smith, Merritt Smith, Elveda Zunk*

**EXPECTING MOTHERS**

*Jessica Schultz (wife of Michael) due in September and Sue Blank (wife of Tim) due in October, Emily Luehrs (wife of Jason) due in December*

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

*Birthdays: Dave Mueller 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries: Lawrence & Barbara Adams 7/25/64*

**Scheduled Ministry this Week at Calvary**

Today	9:00 a.m. Praise Service	
	10:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School	
Wednesday, July 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 - Noon	Prayer Quilt Ministry
Sunday, July 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Praise Service

**Did You Know.....?**

- **THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to all who donated cookies for Sue to package up and handout to Lea school students.



• **Zucchini Evangelism!** We are going to Evangelize PEOPLE at the Zucchini Festival (August 19-20) by having a booth by giving free water and sharing information about Calvary. Sign-up Sheet is in the Narthex!

- **Calvary Cleaners:** We have an OPPORTUNITY for you to serve in God’s Kingdom! I know you wanted it, but the opportunity to clean and maintain the bathrooms has already been snapped up! So, flush that dream. However, you still have the opportunity to get the scoop on all the dirt by sweeping it all from under the rug! Or, you can OPEN THE EYES OF THE BLIND! Not really, but you can help others see more clearly by volunteering to clean windows! Finally, you could bring a breath of FRESH AIR by cleaning the Pew(s)! See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex! (Don’t Worry, it isn’t the Coffee Maker’s list!)
- **Ushers Needed:** we are in need of a few ushers, so if you are able to serve, please contact Sharon at 278-2555 or leave a note on her desk in the church office.

- **V. B. S. Volunteers Needed – July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>** We need volunteers to help in lots of areas as well as parking coordination, craft coordination, decorations, games and crew leaders to name a few. (see page 7 in the bulletin) Volunteering is open to those from 7th grade to "infinity". It would be very helpful if you would please sign up online if you are able to help - [www.calvaryslz.org](http://www.calvaryslz.org). If you have questions please contact Sue Ellis 510 888-1407
- **Reformation Celebration!** This year we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. We want to share this information with the community. One of the ways we are looking towards in a Bratwurst and potato salad cookout. Along with a costume event?? We need a Point Person and many helpers! See the sheet in the Narthex to sign up! Date October 29th?
- **Upcoming Bible Studies!** With all of our Bible Studies on Summer Hiatus, we wanted to inform you of what will be happening come the third Sunday in September! Dave Mueller will be continuing his study in the Library, tentatively it will be on Prayer. Dave Schultz will be continuing his study on the works of CS Lewis, a GREAT Christian author. Pastor will be leading a video based discussion Bible study on the Holy Land. Remember, to BE people OF the WORD, we need to BE people IN the Word! Plan now!
- **Nominees Are Still Being Accepted** for the Board of Governance (BOG) to replace Barbara Adams, Carole Adams and Rick English. If you would like to nominate someone, including yourself, please let pastor know. Voting will be at the August Meeting.
- **July Newsletters** were emailed but many did not receive it so there are copies for you on the table in the narthex.
- **Amazon Smile:** Thank you to everyone that has been using Amazon Smile. As you know we get donation checks from Amazon whenever you make purchases on Amazon Smile and link it to Calvary Lutheran. This is another of our third Source funding, aka Free Money.

**Attendance Last Week**

2017 9:00am—63  
2016 9:00am—82

**Giving Report Last Week**

\$10,867.11  
\$5,904.00

**Service Participants**

Preacher: Rev. Kelly D. Smith Sr.  
Praise Team: Pam Smith  
Ushers: Fernando Ramos  
Greeters: Barbara Adams & Julie Ramirez  
Gatherers: Linda Dutton & Maren Giannini  
Reader/Children's Message: Pastor

**Elder Board**

Dave Schultz  
Hank Blank  
Gerry Luehrs

**Deficit Reduction: \$69,410.00 has been paid of the \$140,000.00**

**Calvary Lutheran VBS 2017**  
**July 31 – August 4 from 9 a.m. -12 Noon**

Theme: “**Maker Factory**” – Created by God, Built for a Purpose

**Come join us for lots of fun**

Crafts, Songs Games, Bible Stories, Videos and Making New Friends

Preschool age to 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Cost is \$25 if you register and pay before July 20  
\$30 at the door (Church members free)  
(this includes T-shirt, snacks, crafts, etc.)

**We also need helpers**

**Crew Leaders**

A guide of 4-5 children from one station to another. Open to 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older  
(This fulfills volunteer hours that some of you would need for school)

**Craft Coordinator:**

I have crafts ordered, I just need someone to be in charge and explain to the children how the craft fits the theme.

**Media:**

Need someone to set up microphones in the morning and play the music DVD during the opening and closing each day

**Parking Coordinator:**

Someone to coordinate and guide the traffic flow through the parking lot to keep the kids safe during drop off and pick up.

**Helpers:**

Helpers to help in following areas: games, crafts, preschool, parking lot help, snacks, and photographs.

# WHEAT AND WEEDS

July 23, 2017

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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Definition of A Weed?

Two Sowers In Our Lives ...

How Do We Recognize Weeds?

What Is God's Concern About Eradication?

Does This Mean ...

The Need For Self....

Remember The Whole Parable...

Let Us ....