



# Calvary Church Sunday Worship

## All Saints Day

### November 1, 2026

\* Please rise as you are able.

**Bold text** is spoken by the congregation.

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: "Deep River," trad. spiritual, arr. by Emma Lou Diemer      Sue Paro, piano

Welcome and Poem      Rev. Good

Introit: "Shall We Gather at the River" by Robert Lowry      Calvary Choir

\*Gathering Words      Lois Howry

Your life is a story.

**A story of beginnings and endings, meaning and belonging.**

Our life is a story.

**A story of faith and purpose, searching and finding.**

With God as the author and Jesus as our guide

**we listen to the stories of those who have gone before, and we live our stories daily.**

As companions on the journey, we make our way together.

**We learn from God and each other.**

God is with us.

**We are not alone.**

\*Opening Prayer      Lois Howry

O God of saints, sinners, and ordinary people - all of us. Gather us in your grace, fill us with your Spirit. As your children, help us to live in light of those who have gone before us. We give thanks for those who followed the Way of Christ faithfully, may we follow their example. We give thanks for those who made mistakes along the way, may we learn from their experience. We give thanks for those who made progress for peace and justice, may we continue their work. We give thanks for those who lived simply and quietly, may we be enlightened by them. We give thanks for all who have gone before, and all who are present, who teach us your way. Amen.

\*Passing the Peace      Lois Howry

Peace be with you. **And also with you.** *Please share a sign of peace with your neighbors.*

\*Hymn: "In Unity We Lift Our Song"

2221 [small hymnal]



1. In u - ni - ty we lift our song of grate-ful a - dor -  
 2. For sto - ries told and told a - gain to ev - ery gen - er -  
 3. For sa - cred scrip-tures hand - ed down, a bless-ed trust and  
 4. For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the

a - tion, for all a - mong us brave and strong. What  
 a - tion, to give us strength in times of pain, to  
 trea - sure, which give us hope when hope is gone and  
 Giv - er. Our strength, our guide, our nur - turing breast whose

cause for cel - e - bra - tion! For those whose faith - ful - ness  
 give us con - so - la - tion. Our spir - its to re - vive  
 make us weep with plea - sure. And when our eyes grow blind  
 hand will yet de - liv - er. Who keeps us till the day

has kept us through dis - tress, who've shared with us our plight,  
 to keep our dreams a - live, when we are far from home  
 and death is close be - hind, we shall re - cite them still  
 when night shall pass a - way, when hate and fear are gone

who've held us in the night, the bless-ed con-gre - ga - tion.  
 and e - vil sea - sons come; how firm is our foun - da - tion.  
 whose words our hearts can fill with hope be - yond all mea - sure.  
 and all our work is done, and we shall sing for - ev - er.

Words: Ken Medema ©1994 Beier Patch Music Music: Martin Luther, hymn, from *The New Hymnal for American Youth*

Scripture: I John 3:1-3

Lois Howry

See what love God has lavished on us in letting us be called God's children! Yet that in fact is what we are. The reason the world does not recognize us is that it never recognized God. My dear friends, now we are God's children, but it has not been revealed what we are to become in the future. We know that when it comes to light we will be like God, for we will see God as God really is. All who keep this hope keep themselves pure, just as Christ is pure.

The Word of God for us. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time

Susan Stewart

After the song, children are invited to attend Jr. Church (classroom 1) or the nursery (room 3).

Song: "I Love to Tell the Story," verse 1

156 [large hymnal]

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story because I know it's true.  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

*Refrain:*

I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-12

Lois Howry

I had a vision of an enormous crowd, bigger than anyone could ever count. It was made up of people from every nation; from all the different ethnic groups, cultural groups and language groups. They were all standing together before the throne and before the Lamb of God. They were dressed in white robes and were waving banners and throwing flowers in the air. Their voices rose as one – an enormous roar – saying: "The life into which we have been saved belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb of our God."

Around the throne stood the four awesome creatures, and around them stood the twenty four elders, and around them stood all the angels. All together they fell to their knees before the throne, with their faces to the ground, and worshipped God, singing:

"So say all of us! May glory and wisdom and gratitude and honor  
and authority and strength and every good thing be given to our God,  
from now to forever! And so say all of us!

The Word of God for us. **Thanks be to God.**

Music: "A Million Notes" by Pepper Choplin

Calvary Choir

Thoughts

Rev. Good

1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions,  
 2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions,  
 3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions,  
 4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions,

that shall turn their hearts to the right, a  
 that shall lift their hearts to the Lord, a  
 that the Lord who reign - eth a - bove hath  
 who the path of sor - row hath trod, that

sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, a sto - ry of  
 song that shall con - quer e - vil and shat - ter the  
 sent us his Son to save us, and show us that  
 all of the world's great peo - ples might come to the

peace and light, a sto - ry of peace and light.  
 spear and sword, and shat - ter the spear and sword.  
 God is love, and show us that God is love.  
 truth of God, might come to the truth of God.

*Refrain*

For the dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, and the  
dawn - ing to noon - day bright; and Christ's great king - dom shall  
come on earth, the king - dom of love and light.

\*Affirmation of Faith by Rev. Ruth Innes

Rev. Good

We believe in one God, creator of all life,  
maker of past, present and future.  
Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's Word of grace, and love made flesh,  
who came to declare good news to those in despair,  
to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor,  
to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.  
We believe in God's Holy Spirit,  
who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again,  
who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage,  
who resurrects us to new life.  
We believe that the Church is of God  
and will endure to the end of time,  
and calls us into a life of love and service.

## Sharing of Prayers and Prayer of the People

Rev. Good

*We invite you to use your chosen words for God: Father, Mother, or...*

**Our Creator, 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. Amen.**

## Offering

Rev. Good

If you wish to make a monetary donation to the Parish Fund, you can use the Love Offering envelopes near the offering baskets located at the entrances to the sanctuary, or scan the Venmo code at the right and indicate "Parish Fund" in the "What's this for?" box.

The Parish Fund is used for emergency needs of our members and neighbors. If you have a financial need of any kind, please contact Rev. Cynthia. Disbursements from this Fund are kept in confidence.



## \*Doxology

Old 100th (95, large hymnal)

**For saints of every time and place  
Whose lives reveal the work of grace  
And give us courage for our days,  
We sing your never-ending praise!**

## Sharing in Communion

Rev. Good

### Invitation

The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast.

Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul.

We receive the bread and wine connected to the ages:

to the saint of old who felt unworthy, to the seeker eager to know God,

to the teenager who wonders what it's all about, to the child who eats with unburdened faith.

Woven into this time, the hopes and tears of generations. There is great joy here.

No one is turned away for God is the host!

God is in this place.

**And in our hearts.**

Open yourself to the nudging God.

**We feel the breath of the Spirit.**

Remember God made flesh.

**Jesus, who taught us a new way.**

Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table, to taste the feast, the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.

Time and time again you've offered your grace.

Even as we have stepped away, you continue to call us to be your people.

You have never left us. We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances.

You are ever-patient, always faithful.

We give thanks for this time of celebration. For the One this meal remembers.  
For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. With those who have gone  
before us, whose hands touched the bread, whose lips embraced the cup.  
We worship you. We glorify you.

### Remembering

We remember those who have died in the past year.  
We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve.  
This is the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

### Breaking Bread and Pouring the Cup

#### Prayer for the Holy Spirit

God of all, send your Spirit to this place so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment,  
may know your presence.

As we eat the bread and drink of the cup, make us one with the saints,  
and with our sisters, siblings and brothers in faith around the world.

Be with us God, not only here but in every moment of our lives.

Help us to know you, to be guided by the Holy Spirit, and to live Christ.

Now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

#### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Good

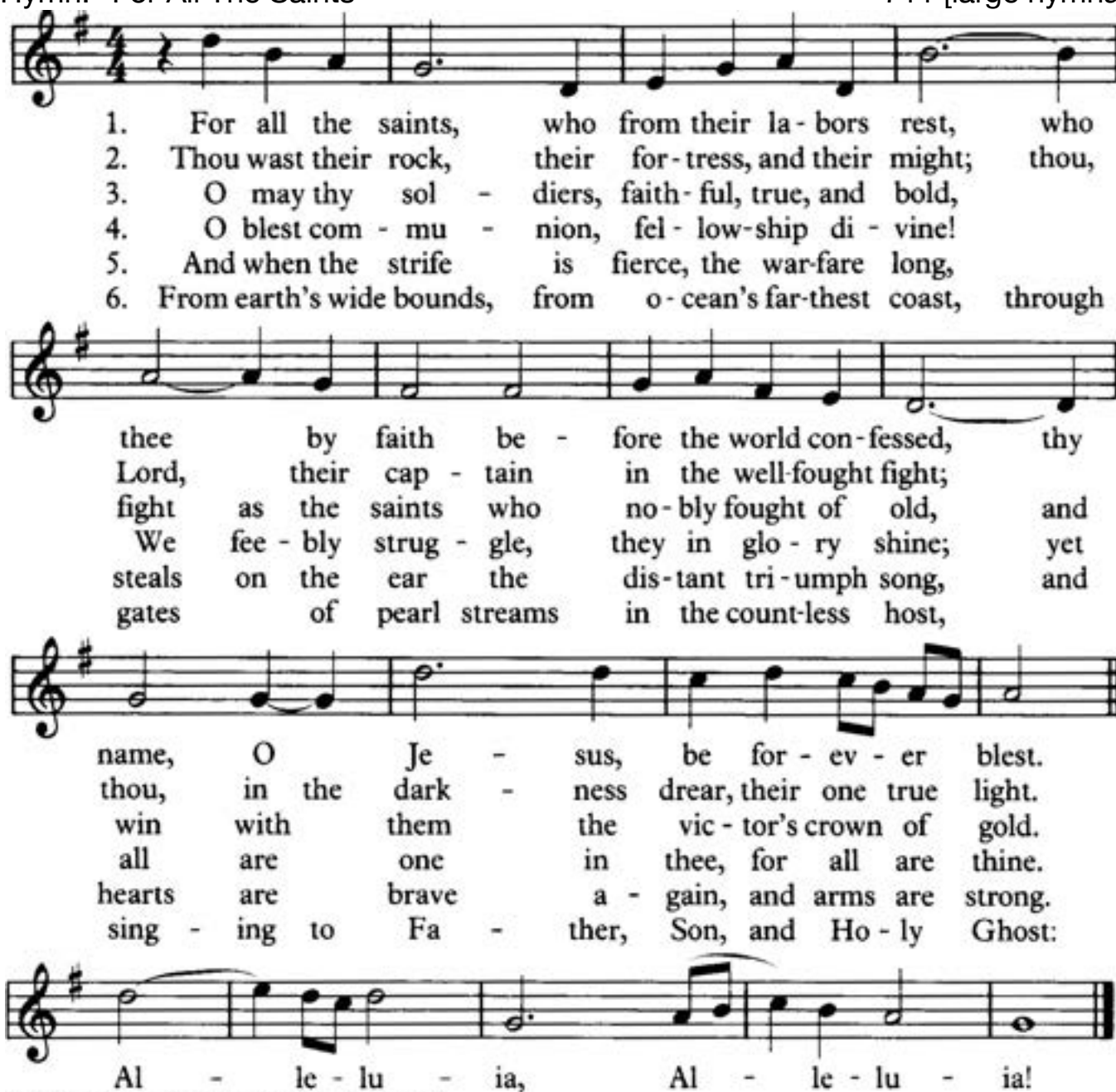
**Creative, connecting God, you have sent your Spirit and made us the body of Christ;  
From child-like faith, to youthful energy, from middle-aged mindfulness, to elder's  
wisdom.**

**We thank you for this time, this remembrance.**

**Amen.**

\*Hymn: "For All The Saints"

711 [large hymnal]



1. For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who  
 2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,  
 3. O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,  
 4. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!  
 5. And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,  
 6. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through  
 thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and  
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet  
 steals on the earth the dis - tant tri - umph song, and  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,  
 name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.  
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: William W. How Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

Announcements

Rev. Good

Weekly Events:

Monday Muddle 10 AM in the Parlor

Bible Study Wednesday 10 AM in the Parlor; Choir 7:30 PM in the choir room

Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM in classroom 1

Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude: “For All the Saints” (Sine Nomine), music by Ralph Vaughan Williams,  
setting by Michael Burkhardt Sue Paro, organ

Gratitude to those who, behind the scenes, helped make this morning’s service  
more warm and welcoming:

Greeters: Paul & Sarah Rubel

Jr. Church leader: Megan Caradonna

Nursery helper: Parke Wilde

Coffee hour: Steve & Susan Schmidt

## Consecration Sunday update

On Consecration Sunday, October 25, the Stewardship Committee asked the Calvary community to make a pledge commitment to the church. In addition to its importance personally and spiritually, it is helpful in a practical way because it helps us plan our finances for the upcoming year. Thank you to those who have already filled out a pledge card for 2027! So far, we have received pledges from 43 pledging units, committing a total of \$240,670. We anticipate approximately \$30,000 more from those who were not able to attend Consecration Sunday.

If you haven't filled out a pledge card, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to Calvary's mission and ministries. If you are able to pledge, please fill out the card below and return it to the church office, fill in [this google form](https://forms.gle/TkGpy1qVNia5odrm6):

<https://forms.gle/TkGpy1qVNia5odrm6>, or email Susan Schmidt, the financial secretary, at [finsec@calvaryarlington.org](mailto:finsec@calvaryarlington.org).

### Calvary Church Estimate of Giving

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email or phone \_\_\_\_\_

In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith in and commitment to Christ and His church, I/we plan to give to Calvary:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annually

\_\_\_\_\_ This represents an increase over last year.

#### Giving Method

| Online                                                       | Check or cash                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send me a form for online donations | <input type="checkbox"/> I would like envelopes  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Continue my online donations        | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not need envelopes |

### Estimate of Giving Reminder

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annually

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