

## Rejoicing Spirits at Calvary Lutheran Church – October 19<sup>th</sup>

It was another joyful service. The message was **“From Holy Eve to Halloween”**, and we learned that Jesus loves us forever through the message and our singing. Thank you, Pastor Roy for the uplifting message and the preview of your Halloween costume. We should probably publish your address so all could come knocking on your door 😊



In our Bible readings, Jesus said *“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”* We were blessed with the presence of children as new visitors today, – Gwen and Anne Llewellyn, and Ashley Finkbiner. We are hoping that more families will worship with this welcoming community. Following the service, one of our older worshippers said shared how much it meant to him seeing the little children at the service.

The Holy Spirit was with us as we gave glory to God in a way that surely made him smile. We shared Christ’s love, and learned how Jesus loves us while we are on this earth and forever. Following are a few things we heard and experienced in the service:

As we sang -

- Joan (with Teddy helping) to lead the singers as they sang so joyfully
- Gwen and Ashley going up front with the singers
- “All created equal, together we belong”
- Laurie, Rex, Fred, Joshua, Brian, and others singing “I love to tell ... the old, old story of Jesus and his love”
- “Go in peace, and serve the Lord. Let your light shine out in the world”
- Marianne and talented “percussionists” making a joyful noise; Melvin leading the last song

As we read -

- Samantha reading Jesus’ words so nicely from [Matthew 18: 1-5](#) “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”
- TJ reading from [Mathew 19: 13-15](#) Jesus’ words about little children “for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”

As we prayed -

- “Help us to be in each other’s lives with acts of love and concern.”
- Fred leading “Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name”
- Special prayers from Gordon, Jeannie, Melvin, and many others.

As we shared -

- Passing of God’s peace in a most sincere way, more than a handshake and quick words
- Hugs, greetings, sincere fellowship, love

Let’s keep coming back as we have this opportunity to worship together in God’s presence in this Rejoicing Spirits community. Consider bringing a friend next month as Thanksgiving approaches.

May the peace of the Lord be with you,  
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