

"For God so loved the world."

[John 3:16]

THE HOLY TRINITY June 4, 2023

Calvary Lutheran Church Topeka, KS

*Indicates to Stand

ANNOUNCEMENTS, *OPENING PRAYER



*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

- P: In the name of the Father and of the

 Spirit.

 Spirit.
- **C:** Amen. *Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*
- 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.

 1 John 1:8-9

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

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 ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23] C: Amen.

*INTROIT: Liturgical Text; Psalm 8:1–2a, 3–5

P: Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

C: Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.

P: O LORD, our Lord,

C: how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

P: You have set Your glory above the heavens.

C: Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength.

P: When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

C: the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,

P: what is man that You are mindful of him,

C: and the Son of Man that You care for Him?

P: Yet you have made Him a little lower than the heavenly beings

C: and crowned him with glory and honor.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



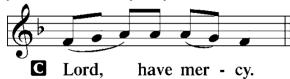
P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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.



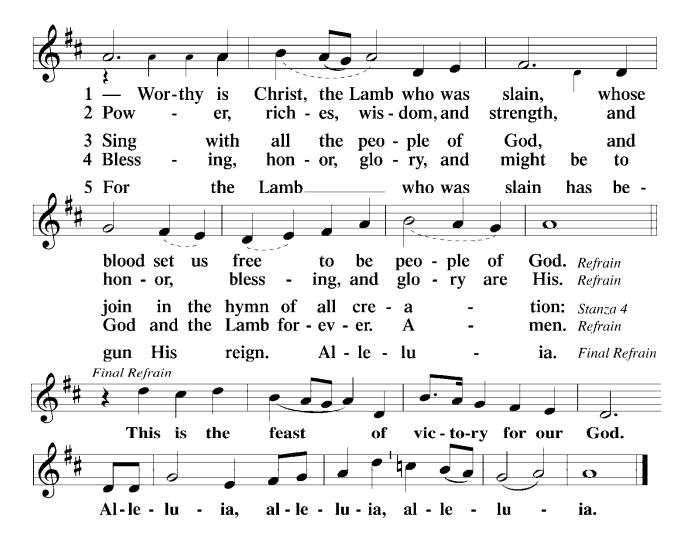
P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



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







*SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. ...one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 6:1–7

P: In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of

hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Liturgical Text

P: Blessèd are You, O Lord, who beholds the deep,

C: and who dwells between the cherubim.

P: Blessèd are You, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven,

C: and greatly to be praised forever.

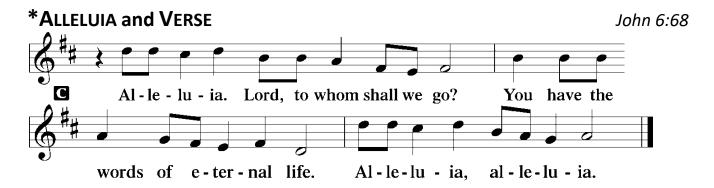
EPISTLE READING: Romans 11:33–36

P: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?" For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

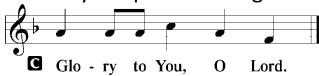
C: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR: "Salvation unto Us Has Come"



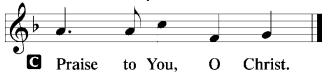
*HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:1–17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of P: the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. Jesus said: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*ATHANASIAN CREED

P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

C: Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

- P: And the catholic faith is this,
- C: that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- P: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- C: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- P: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- P: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C: the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- P: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- P: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C: and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- P: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C: and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- P: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- P: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- C: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- P: The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- C: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- P: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- C: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

- P: but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- C: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- P: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- P: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- C: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- P: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- P: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- P: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C: who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- P: ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- P: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

C: This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.



SERMON: "God for Us"

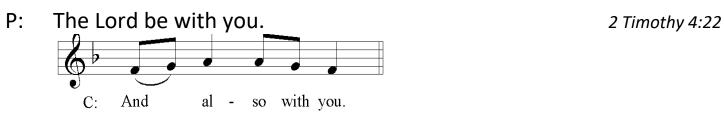
[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

OFFERING: (as the offerings are being gathered to glorify our Lord, please sign and pass the red attendance booklet found in the pew)

^{*}PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



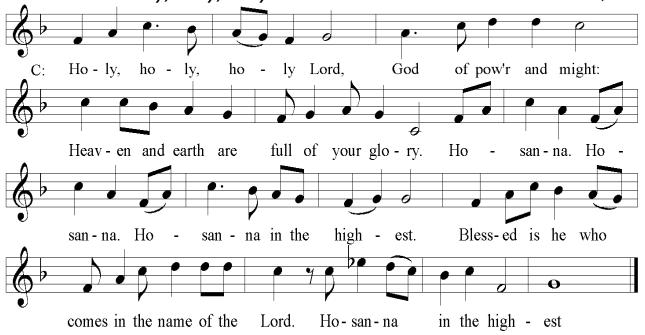
*PREFACE







P: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising you and saying:



*LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

[Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11]

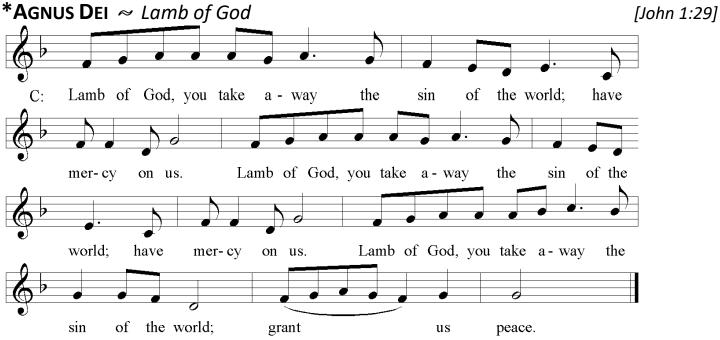
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My & body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My & blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*PAX DOMINI ≈ The Peace of the Lord

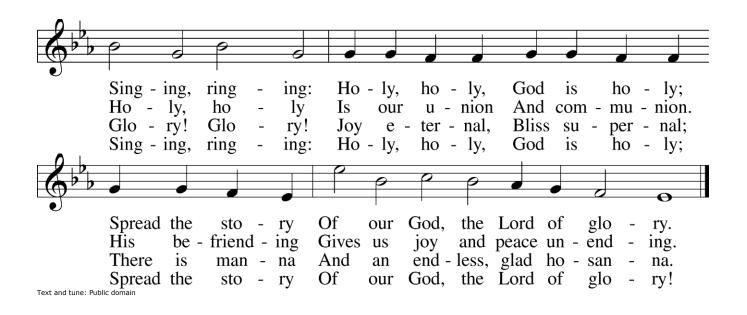
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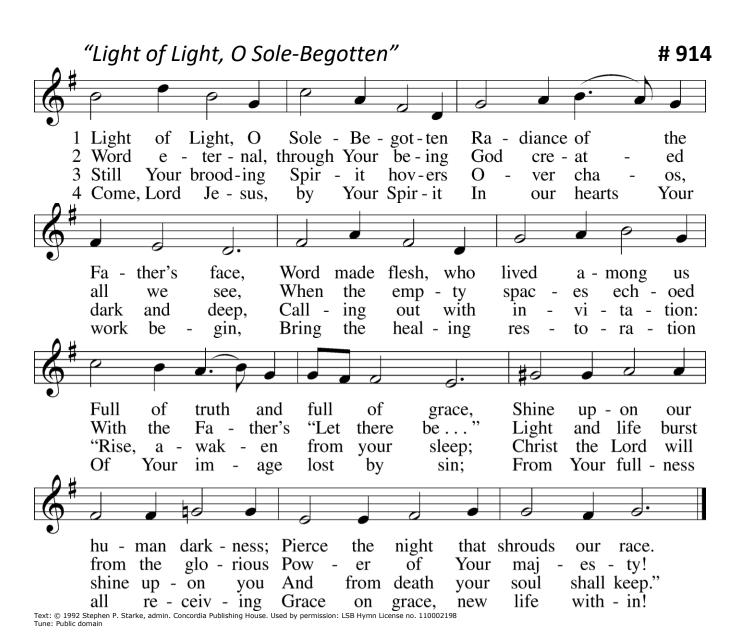
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.





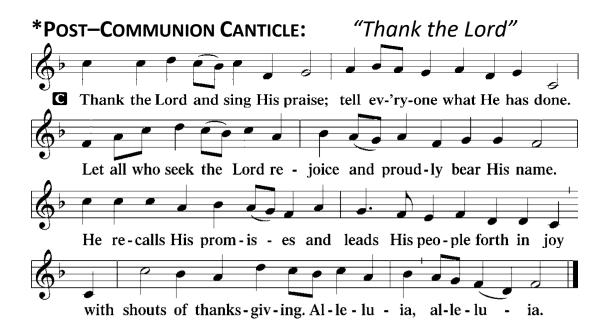








*COMMUNION DISMISSAL



*Post-Communion Collect

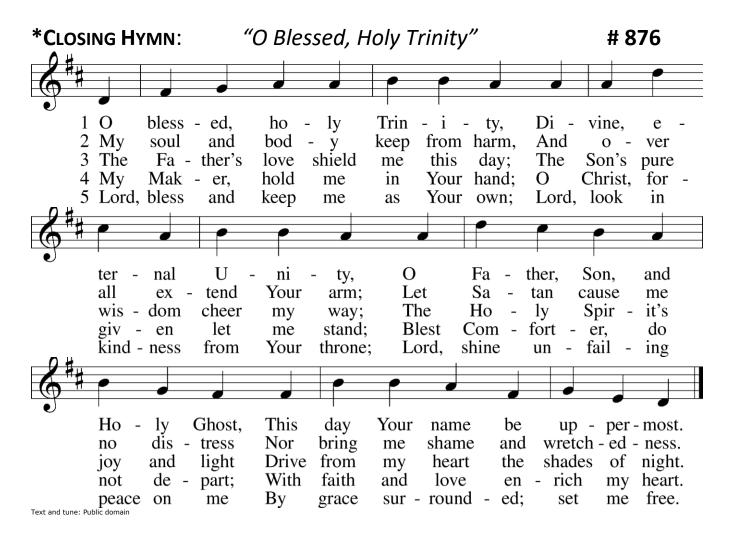
P: Let us pray. ...one God, now and forever.



*BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

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 № give you peace.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at Calvary Lutheran Church, we celebrate our Lord's Supper. If you are a member in good standing of an LCMS congregation, we welcome you to the fellowship of our Lord's Body and Blood at this table. However, if you are a guest, whether from another LCMS congregation or elsewhere, and would like to receive the Lord's Body and Blood in this Sacrament and the forgiveness that He has won by them, we kindly ask that you speak privately with the pastor before the service.

GUESTS AND MEMBERS: A Nursery and a Cry Room are located in the upper north pod if a need arises. Children's Activity Boards are provided in a bin next to the south Sanctuary doors. Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Devices are available — ask one of the ushers for assistance. Please sign the red Attendance Book found in the pew so we can have a record of your attendance with us. Those needing to sit instead of stand should feel free to do so at any time. If you would like to know more about Calvary or are interested in becoming a member, please talk to the pastor or call the church office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION STARTS TODAY! A registration table is set up in the narthex for attendees. VBS will be held July 9th-13th from 6:00-8:15 PM, and is for kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade (6th grade and above are welcome to sign up to help). There will also be an online registration set up soon. Watch for further information to come. Contact LaVoyce Ewing, VBS Director, at lewing17@live.com, with any questions.

SUNDAY of each month. The Prayers & Stitching group has been providing breakfast on both the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month for quite some time. They have now cut back to just the 3rd Sunday. So please be prepared!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A GROUP to step in to prepare and serve breakfast on the 2nd Sunday of each month after worship service which not only provides a service to our members, but can also help raise funds for your group. Please let the church office know if your group would like to prepare and serve breakfast items on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

CALVARY IS ONCE AGAIN PARTICIPATING IN THE BABY BOTTLE CHANGE

PROGRAM to benefit Topeka's Lifeline Pregnancy Center. There are still a few bottles left that you can take home and collect your change in it for the next 2 weeks. Then on Father's Day, June 19, bring the baby bottle back and place it in the designated container. Empty bottles are located on the Table in the Narthex. Thank you!

FED TO FEED: During the month of June Calvary will collect <u>Bagged Cereal</u> to help supply the TNO food pantry. Items should be placed in the bin under the Usher's Table.

Home Devotional Reading Guide: June 4 - 10

Jeremiah 8:18 – 12:17 Psalm 123 – 129 Acts 5:1 – 8:8

SERVANTS FOR TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree **Assistant:** Deacon Jim LaCrone

Organist: Renee Patzer
Acolyte: Chris Ketchum
Elder: Kirk Johnson

Greeters: John & Sarah Guffey

Altar Guild: Kathy Reb

Ushers: Terry Bargmann, John Guffey, Timothy Humphrey,

T. J. Humphrey

Counters: Bill & Diana Arnold
Coffee Maker: Bill & Diana Arnold

Mug Detail: Kathy Kalinka, Clausen's

Mowing Schedule

Thank You to this Week's Mowers – Rick Blush & Allan Jackson
Next Weekend – Stuart Bach & Matt Williams

THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

Today: The Holy Trinity Sunday

VBS Registration Begins

Worship Service 9:00 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM

Young Men's Group at Guffey's house 6:00 PM

Monday: Cornerstone Set Painting in Bsmt. 8 AM – 8 PM

Tuesday: Cornerstone Set Painting in Bsmt. 8 AM – 8 PM

Wednesday: Cornerstone Set Painting in Bsmt. 8 AM – 8 PM

Thursday: Deadline for Weekly Announcements 9:00 AM

Morning Break Bible Study 10:00 AM

Cornerstone Set Painting in Basement 8 AM – 8 PM

Friday: Cornerstone Set Painting in Basement 8 AM – 4 PM

Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting in F. Hall 7:00 PM

Saturday: Prayers & Stitching Ministry 9:00 AM

Cornerstone Musical Practice in F. Hall 1:00 PM

Basement 1 PM – 8 PM

Next Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 AM

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM

SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree

Assistant: Deacon Jim LaCrone

Organist: Annette Jackson

Acolyte: Gideon Humphrey

Elder: Michael Reb

Greeter: Gail Cox **Altar Guild:** Kathy Reb

Ushers: Terry Bargmann, John Guffey, Timothy Humphrey,

T. J. Humphrey

Counters: Don & Linda Harrison
Coffee Maker: Bill & Diana Arnold

Mug Detail: Tony & Rae Zimmerman

Prayer Petitions for the Week of June 4-10

- Pray that the Church would continue to grow in wisdom and devotion.
- Give thanks that we can meet for worship and be blessed in Word and Sacrament for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.
- Pray for our families. For Shayla Podlena. For Connie Poort. For Hunter Poort. For Crystal Prescott and family. For Jerry Priem. For Roger & Joy Pusch. For Kacie Pusch and Kamden.
- Pray for the sick and those recovering from sickness or procedures: Teddy Schuh, Diana Arnold, Vernon Bean, Kay Foster, Bob Ockree. For those receiving treatment: Diana Arnold. For those with chronic ailments: Wendy Humphrey, Ralph Knehans, Joye Slocum, Rosella Calderwood, Kay Foster, Connor Hurd, Phil Lawrence, Arleen Marston, Bob Ockree, Juan Alvarez, Abbie Alvarez, Ashton Alvarez, Alijah Alvarez, Teddy Schuh, Pastor Hopkins.
- Pray for our shut-ins: Rosella Calderwood, Florence Deutsch, Grace Dienstbier, Karen Dreasher, DonnaRae Eissler, Dianne Hatesohl, Ralph Knehans, Dick LaCrone, Arleen Marston, Barbara Northcutt, Bob Ockree, Sam & Mary Randol, Sally Short, Joye Slocum, and Ron Stuewe.
- Pray for our pregnant mothers and their children: Annie Alvarez & Rachel Innes.
- Pray that Christian education will continue in our homes. That Adult Bible class would grow. That our Sunday School teachers and students would be blessed. That more education and fellowship opportunities would come.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Mark Brockhoff, Renee Patzer, DeVerne Pagel, Marcia Coufal, Robin Schultz.
- Pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Jacob & Lori Crawford, 8 yrs; Rick & Sandi Blush, 38 yrs.
- Pray for all who serve in our military, especially Jeremy Innes & Dawson Podlena. Pray for our chaplains and ministry to the armed services.
- Pray for the CLLC. For Miss Melissa, the staff, and all the children there.
- Pray for the whole Church of God, for her reconciliation, peace, and for her renewal in the Spirit. For unity at Calvary and the return of those who have strayed from the flock of God.
- Pray for the saints of Immanuel and Pastor Wehling.
- Pray for the saints of Grace, Larned, and blessings in vacancy.

- Pray for the holy ministry and all ministers of the Church. For President Harrison and the Synod. For President Panzer and the Kansas District.
- Pray for all people in society and for all Christians in their vocations. For plumbers, electricians, and other skilled workers.
- Pray for all in civil authority. For the leaders of the nations of the world. For
 President Biden and the government of the United States. For Governor
 Kelly and the government of Kansas. For all our local communities and their
 leaders.
- Pray for an end to conflict especially the war in the Ukraine.
- Pray for an end to gun violence and peace in the hearts of all.
- Pray for an end to abortion, exploitation, and all other evils in the world.
- Pray that we would have a heart of love for the refugee, the immigrant, and the stranger among us. Pray that we would be able to help the Ukrainian immigrants in our midst in Topeka.
- Pray for those afflicted by bad weather and other disasters.
- Pray for the Christians who are risking their lives to live their faith. Pray that God's peace would reign everywhere, and that the gospel be proclaimed. Pray for all those who need our prayer. For the unemployed and underemployed. For employers looking for workers. For those who are homeless and lack other necessities of life.
- Pray for the mission of the Church. For the ministry of Topeka North Outreach. For the West Africa Mission including Guinea and the seminary at Togo. For the proclamation of the Gospel into all the world. For Lifeline and their ministry to parents and children, especially the Pregnancy Center. For the work of our Prayers & Stitching Ministry at Calvary. Pray for our Stephen Ministers and other caring ministries that we would faithfully work to meet the needs of God's people.
- Pray for the ministry of Families Count and that we would be able to have another class in the fall.
- Pray for the renewal of the Church. For faithful Christian witness that more would be brought into Christ's fellowship. For growing obedience to God's Word. For an increase in love for one another.
- Pray for respect for God's creation. To guard against the perils of abundance.
 For generous hearts that almsgiving would abound at Calvary that we would be dispensaries of God's good blessings.

- Pray for growth in our benevolence fund and in our mission giving.
- Pray that we would know who God is, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, in our lives Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.

The Lord almighty bless us and direct our days and our deeds in His peace.

To place announcements or prayer concerns in the Sunday bulletin contact the church office by 9 AM on Thursdays. Prayer concerns printed in the bulletin do not replace prayer chain requests. To place a prayer chain request <u>during</u> evening and weekend hours please call Leila Schuh at 785-224-7962; <u>during</u> week days call the Church Office or send an e-mail to the Church Secretary.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & LEARNING CENTER

Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 AM
(All Worship Services are live-streamed on Facebook)
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class: 10:15 AM
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