



“Straighten up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.”

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 10, 2023

**Calvary Lutheran Church
Topeka, KS**

**Indicates to Stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND *OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” # 348



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
 But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
 And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
 The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

(The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism)

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalm 32:5*

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

[John 20:19-23]

***INTROIT:** Isaiah 62:11b; 30:30, 29; Psalm 80:1, 3, 14, 17

P: Say to the daughter of Zion,

C: **“Behold, your salvation comes.”**

P: The LORD will cause His majestic voice to be heard,

C: **and you shall have gladness of heart.**

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!

C: **You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

P: Restore us, O God;

C: **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P: Turn again, O God of hosts!

C: **Look down from heaven, and see.**

P: But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand,

C: **the son of man whom You have made strong for Yourself!**

***GLORIA PATRI**



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



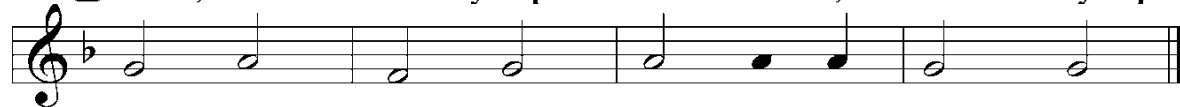
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

***KYRIE** ~ *Lord Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

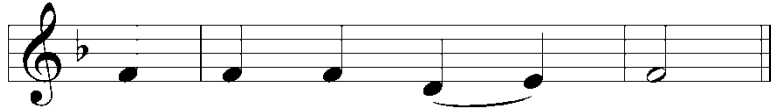


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



☐ And with thy spir - it.

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



☐ A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Malachi 4:1–6

P: “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 50:2–3a, 5

P: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

C: Our God comes; He does not keep silence;

P: “Gather to Me My faithful ones,

C: who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!”

EPISTLE READING: Romans 15:4–13

P: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

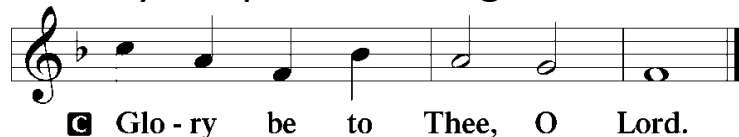
C: Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA**



***HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 21:25–36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.



P: Jesus said: "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads,

because your redemption is drawing near.” And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



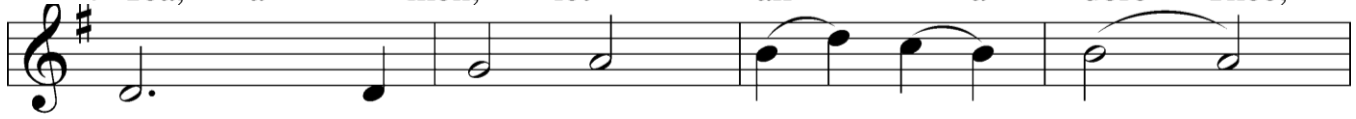
***NICENE CREED:** *(spoken by all)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who Proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"* # 336



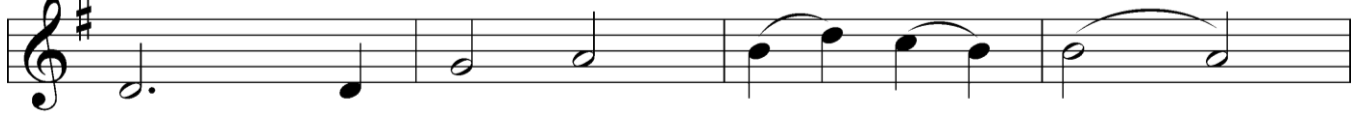
1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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SERMON: *"Signs of the Times"*

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

***OFFERTORY**

Psalm 51:10-12

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

***PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]

C It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

***SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy**

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:** *(spoken by all)*

Matthew 6:9-13

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 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

***PAX DOMINI** *~ The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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

☐ A - men.

***AGNUS DEI** *~ Lamb of God*

John 1:29

☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(After singing "The Agnus Dei," the congregation may be seated)

COMMUNION HYMNS

"The Clouds of Judgment Gather"

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1 The clouds of judg - ment gath - er, The
2 A - rise, O true dis - ci - ples; Let
3 The home of fade - less splen - dor, Of
4 Oh, hap - py, ho - ly por - tion, Re -



time is grow - ing late; Be so - ber and be
wrong give way to right, And pen - i - ten - tial
blooms that bear no thorn, Where they shall dwell as
lief for all dis - tressed, True vi - sion of true



watch - ful, Our judge is at the gate:
shad - ow To Je - sus' bless - ed light:
chil - dren Who here as ex - iles mourn;
beau - ty, Re - fresh - ment for the blest!



The judge who comes in mer - cy, The
The light that has no eve - ning, That
The peace of all the faith - ful, The
Strive now to win that glo - ry, Toil



judge who comes in might To put an end to
knows no moon or sun, The light so new and
calm of all the blest, In - vi - o - late, un -
now to gain that light; Send hope a - head to



e - vil And di - a - dem the right.
gold - en, The light that is but one.
fad - ing, Di - vin - est, sweet - est, best.
grasp it Till hope be lost in sight.

"O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide"

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1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;
 2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;
 3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;
 4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?



Come down, come down with might - y stride;
 As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.
 Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
 When will You come with com - fort strong?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;
 Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:
 Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,
 O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
 To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.
 Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.
 Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
 When will our hearts behold Your dawn?
 O Sun, arise; without Your light
 We grope in gloom and dark of night.

6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
 Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
 O come, lead us with mighty hand
 From exile to our promised land.

7 There shall we all our praises bring
 And sing to You, our Savior King;
 There shall we laud You and adore
 Forever and forevermore.

"Once He Came in Blessing"

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1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
 3 Soon will come that hour _____ When with might - y
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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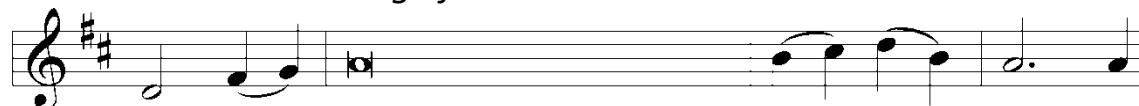
***DISMISSAL**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C: Amen.

***NUNC DIMITTIS** ~ *Song of Simeon*

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with out end. A - men.

***THANKSGIVING**

Psalm 107:1

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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

A - men.

***SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

Thanks be to God.

***BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face Shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

***CLOSING HYMN:**

"Hark the Glad Sound"

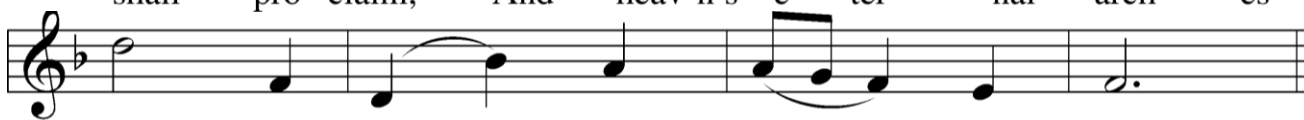
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1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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SERVANTS FOR TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree
Liturgist: Deacon Jim LaCrone
Organist: Annette Jackson
Acolyte: Sophie Humphrey
Elder: Kirk Johnson
Greeters: Marcia Coufal, Gail Cox
Altar Guild: Cheryl Johnson
Ushers: Rick Blush, Bill Arnold, Arlan Myers, A.J. Velasquez
Counters: Don & Linda Harrison
Coffee Maker: Bill Arnold
Mug Detail: Larry & Bonnie Winter

SERVANTS FOR WEDNESDAY ADVENT, DECEMBER 13

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree
Organist: Annette Jackson
Acolyte: Chloe Keehn
Elder: Mike Krise
Greeters: Connor Ockree, Mike Ewing
Altar Guild: Sandi Blush, Joann LaCrone
Ushers: John Guffey, T. J. Humphrey, Timothy Humphrey

HOME DEVOTIONAL READING GUIDE: DECEMBER 10 – 16

Nehemiah 12:44 – 13:31; Haggai; Zechariah 1 – 4
Psalm 130 – 136; Revelation 7 – 12

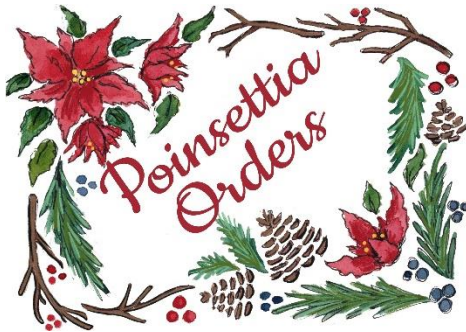
SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree
Liturgist: Deacon Jim LaCrone
Organist: Renee Patzer
Accompanist: Annette Jackson
Choir Director: Anna Reb
Acolyte: Brody Boyd
Elder: Michael Reb
Greeters: Dean Brunkow, Roddy Schwant
Altar Guild: Cheryl Johnson
Ushers: Rick Blush, Bill Arnold, Arlan Myers, A.J. Velasquez
Counters: Grace Pasley, Sharon Dooley
Coffee Maker: Bill Arnold
Mug Detail: Clausen Family

THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

Today:	TNO Gifts & Food Items Due	
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School and Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Being Christian Class	1:00 PM
	Youth Group Dinner/Bible Study	5:00 PM
Monday:	Cornerstone Choir Practice-F. Hall	11:00 AM
	CLLC Board Meeting	5:30 PM
Tuesday:	Circuit Pastors' Winkle at Faith	9:00 AM
	College Bible Study-at Iliff's	6:30 PM
Wednesday:	Homeschool Chapel & Classes	11:00 AM
	Advent Supper	5:45 PM
	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Advent Worship Service	7:00 PM
	Choir Practice	8:00 PM
Thursday:	Deadline for Weekly Announcements	9:00 AM
	Morning Break Bible Study	10:00 AM

Friday:	Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting	7:00 PM
Next Sunday:	Beacon Article Deadline for January	
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Adult Confirmation	9:00 AM
	Sunday School Christmas Practice	10:00 AM
	Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Sunday School Christmas Service	5:00 PM



Calvary is offering you the opportunity to purchase these colorful and festive flowers to grace our Sanctuary this Christmas season.

ORDER FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE USHER'S TABLE

Please note the following points when ordering your poinsettia:

1. The cost of each poinsettia is \$10.00 (checks payable to 'Calvary Lutheran Church').
2. The poinsettias contain approx. 5 blooms in a 6 ½ inch pot wrapped in foil.
3. You may indicate a dedication or memorial on the order form in the space provided.
4. Please return the order form and your payment to the church office **by Sunday, December 11.**

*(please **do not place your order/payment in the collection plate**)*



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.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PRACTICE TODAY. Practice will be held next Sunday, December 17, for the entire Sunday school hour. The program will be held next Sunday, December 17 at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary. *It would be wonderful to have strong congregational support for our children and participation that evening, so we encourage the congregation to attend!*

TNO CHRISTMAS GIFTS ARE DUE TO BE TURNED IN TODAY as gifts will be delivered to recipients later this week. If you forgot your gift this morning, please make arrangements with Joann to drop it off by Tuesday, Dec. 14.

THIS MORNING A SPECIAL DOOR OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN which will be used to purchase any gifts/food items still needed for the adopted TNO families. Cash is best but checks should be made payable to “*Joann LaCrone*” as she will be doing the shopping this week. Any funds left over will be given to TNO.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – TODAY! The Board of Outreach would like to invite all members, guests, and friends to join us for caroling this afternoon at 2:30. We will meet at the church at 2:30 to hand out music and divide up into groups before heading out. The plan is to carol at as many shut-in retirement homes/assisted living facilities as we can and then return to the church for

dinner around 4:30/5:00. Rides will be available to the church as well as between facilities. Singing in tune is not a requirement for joining us! Please RSVP to John Clausen at 816-674-8171, clausen_john@yahoo.com so we can plan accordingly.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES will continue each week, through December 20. Services will start at 7 PM.

THE ADVENT SUPPER THIS WEDNESDAY will be served by the OWL's. The menu will be Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, and Dessert. Proceeds will be used for things needed at Calvary. Serving for confirmation students starts at 5:45 PM, with the congregation following.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT: We are blessed with a great staff at Calvary! Pastor Ockree and our Office Manager Joann LaCrone need our prayers and personal thanks, especially during this very busy season. If you desire to make a monetary donation to our staff this Christmas, please mark an envelope with **"Staff Gift"** and place it in the collection plate no later than Sunday, December 17 so we can get it to our staff before Christmas. God's blessings to each of us as we prepare to welcome our Lord and Savior this Advent season! Calvary Board of Elders.

FED TO FEED: Until December 10, Calvary will be collecting **Canned Corn and Canned Green Beans** to help supply the TNO families adopted for Christmas. Items should be placed in the bin under the Usher's Table in the Narthex. Thank you!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR INSTRUMENTALISTS OF ALL AGES! Have you ever learned to play an instrument, or are you currently learning how? We'd love to add your talents to our Sunday morning worship services and other special services. We're curious about anything, especially wind or brass, string and keyboard instruments, and percussion. Email kenyapatzer@yahoo.com to share your interest or to ask any questions.

SEEKING QUALIFIED DIRECTOR: Calvary Lutheran Learning Center is seeking a qualified director to work with infants through age 4, and a school age summer program. We are looking for a person with a minimum of 2 years' experience

to lead a Christ-center, faith-based program where excellent care and spiritual support is provided for both children and families. If interested please contact Janice Sellers at 785-554-6280 or email to jsellers54@gmail.com

LIFELINE PREGNANCY CENTER is in need of the following items:

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|---|---------------------------|
| -Diapers: sizes newborn, 3, 4, 5, 6 | -Infant formula |
| -Baby Wipes | -Baby Wash and Lotion |
| -Newborn size clothing | -Toddler size shoes/boots |
| -Toddler size clothing, socks, underwear | -Toddler size shoes/boots |
| -Toddler size coats, hats, gloves/mittens | |

You can leave these items in the round blue tub under the mailboxes in the Narthex. Thank you!

To place announcements or prayer concerns in next Sunday's 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 during evening and weekend hours please call Leila Schuh at 785-224-7962; during week days call the Church Office.

Prayer Petitions for the Week of December 10-16

- Pray for our church workers: Joann, Annette, Renee, and Sarah.
- Pray for Pastor Ockree and Deacon Lacrone as they serve us.
- For our musicians: Renee, Annette, Anna, the choir and other instrumentalists.
- Pray for the CLLC: For the teachers and staff there. Pray for a new director.
- Pray for our Youth Christmas Service on December 17.
- Pray for our members (one every day): Adam LaCrone. Dick LaCrone. Jim & Joann LaCrone. Micah LaCrone. Phil & Sue LaCrone. Danielle Larson. Johanna Larson.
- Pray for the sick, those undergoing procedures, and those recovering: Loren Johannes, Bob Ockree, Cindy Rohnke, Michael Wehking.

- Pray for those with chronic ailments: Vernon Bean, Wendy Humphrey, Ralph Knehans, Kay Foster, Connor Hurd, Shiela Jones, Phil Lawrence, Arleen Marston, Bob Ockree, Juan Alvarez, Abbie Alvarez, Ashton Alvarez, Alijah Alvarez, Teddy Schuh, Pastor Hopkins.
- Pray for our shut-ins: Vernon Bean, Rosella Calderwood, Florence Deutsch, Grace Dienstbier, Karen Dreasher, DonnaRae Eissler, Dianne Hatesohl, Shiela Jones, Ralph Knehans, Dick LaCrone, Arleen Marston, Barbara Northcutt, Bob Ockree, Sam & Mary Randol, Sally Short, and Ron Stuewe.
- Pray for the work of the strategic planning committee as it takes up the task of providing faithful guidance for all at Calvary.
- Pray for Calvary: That we would grow in the Word and for our Sunday morning classes, youth group, the young adults' class, Being Christian, Morning Break. For women's and men's groups, OWLS, Prayers & Stitching.
- Pray for confirmands: Evelyn Guffey, Cecelia Humphrey, Violet Ockree, Cora Russell, Brody Boyd, Anabelle Clausen, Abriella Guenther, Sophia Humphrey, Chloe Keehn, Lilly Ketchum, Elinor Ockree, Jack Williams, Jace Carter, Laithen Paulsen, Carly Simpson, Duval Thieme.
- Pray for our missions and ministry: Topeka North Outreach, West Africa Mission, Lifeline Pregnancy Center. Our Stephen Ministers.
- Pray for generosity that we would be able to support and grow God's mission here at Calvary.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Lynn Krise, Valarie Jackson, Johanna Larson, Sarah Leatherman, Matt Ollek, Sue LaCrone, Brian Rohnke.
- Pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Lyle & JoDee Brockhoff, 46 yrs.

Pray the Lord's Prayer and say the Creed daily, using a devotional resource.

Sunday: Pray for worship: Pray that we would rejoice in the coming of our King. Give thanks for the blessings of Word and Sacrament. Give thanks for our fellowship and blessings in continued unity. Pray that God bless Calvary and her people both physically and spiritually.

Monday: Pray for the whole Church: For those who suffer for their faith. For the Synod & President Harrison. For the Kansas District & President Panzer. For our circuit & Visitor Kilgo. For the saints at Christ, Pastor Micheel, & DCE Amanda Adams. For the saints of Redeemer, Atwood, and Pastor Frank.

Tuesday: Pray for our society: For our government, President Biden, governor Kelly, and local leaders. For those in need, the unemployed, the poor, the hungry, and the helpless. Pray especially for those who serve in healthcare. For help in a troubled world. For an end to the war in the Ukraine and the war between Israel and Gaza. For an end to gun violence. For those afflicted by bad weather and other disasters. For an end to abortion, exploitation, and all evils in the world. For the truth of God to guide us over the lies of Satan.

Wednesday: Pray for our witness: That we would give testify to Christ in what we say and do. That Christ's light would shine in our lives, and we would forgive as we are forgiven. That we would always speak the Truth in love. For God to grow His Church here at Calvary.

Thursday: Pray for thankfulness: That we would count our blessings casting aside anxiety, fear, and doubt. Pray for a loving heart for those in need and for a generous heart to help as we can, that we may be a blessing to others. For the homeless, the widowed, orphans, the immigrant, and the stranger among us, especially those from Ukraine in our midst. For the afflicted and suffering.

Friday: Pray for Calvary: Our faith, unity, love, and fellowship. That more would join our fellowship and our love would be evident to all who visit. For generosity to support and grow God's purpose among us. For our Trustees and all that they do.

Saturday: Pray for our vocations: For blessing and joy in our duties. For husbands & wives, parents & children. For those who live alone. For the unemployed and underemployed. For employers looking for workers. For those struggling financially and facing instability. For those who are homeless and lack other necessities of life. Pray especially for our medical professionals.

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

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & LEARNING CENTER

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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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