

THE DOUBTING THOMAS



“My Lord and My God!”

*[John 20:28]*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 7, 2024**

**Calvary Lutheran Church**

**Topeka, KS**

**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 with the pastor before the service.**

**Divine Service, Setting One**

**Lutheran Service Book**

*\*Indicates to Stand*

**WELCOME and \*OPENING PRAYER**

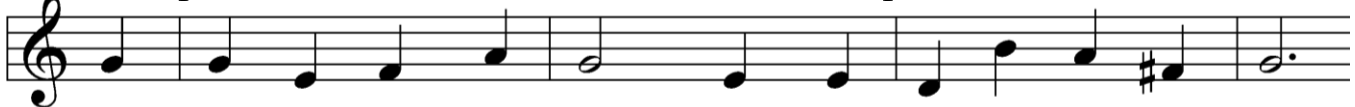
**OPENING HYMN:**

*"The Day of Resurrection"*

**# 478**



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,  
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.  
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light  
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.  
 All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,  
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;  
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!  
 And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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:** 1 Peter 2:2a; Psalm 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b

P: Like newborn infants, Alleluia,

**C: long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word. Alleluia.**

P: Sing aloud to God our strength;

**C: shout for joy to the God of Jacob!**

P: In distress you called, and I delivered you;

**C: I answered you in the secret place of thunder.**

P: I am the Lord your God,

**C: who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.**

P: Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it;

**C: and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.**

**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.**

**\*KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy**

*Mark 10:47*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** A - men.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast"**

*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*



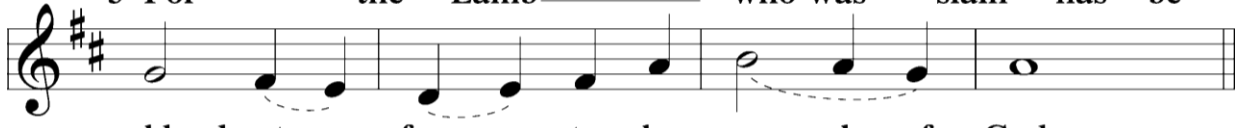
**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



C: And al - so with you.

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

C: Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 37:1–14**

P: The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to

these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING:** 1 John 5:4–10

P: For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the

testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*ALLELUIA and VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19–31**

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P: On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.” Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered

him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

**\*APOSTLES' CREED:** *(spoken by all)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *"O Sons and Daughters of the King"* # 470 vs. 1, 4-9



1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly  
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them  
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had  
 6 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up -



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
 came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."  
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.  
 on My hands, My feet; Not faith - less but be - liev - ing be."



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days  
Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
To God your hearts and voices raise.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**SERMON:** “Overcoming Doubt”

**\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** *(response “hear our prayer”)* [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)*

**\*OFFERTORY**

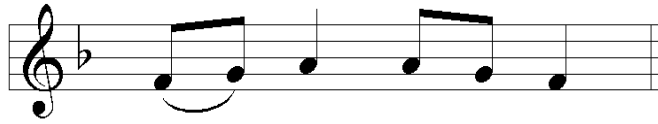
*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**\*PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

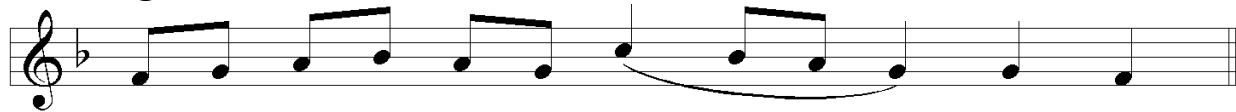
*[Colossians 3:1]*



C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*[Psalm 136]*



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

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

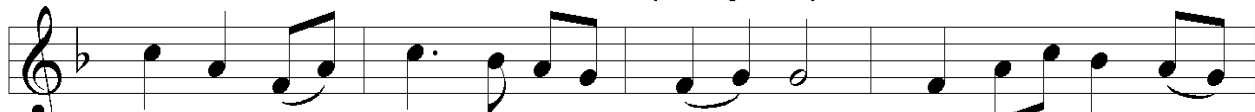
*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

P: Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name and as He has taught us:

**All: 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**

*[Matt. 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Cor. 11]*

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

*John 20:19*

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



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

*John 1:29*

C: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**After singing "The Agnus Dei," the congregation may be seated.**

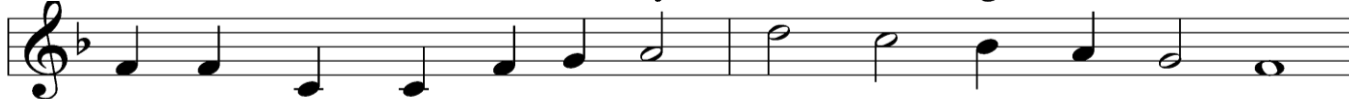
# COMMUNION HYMNS

## "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

# 487



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,  
 4 For to - day a - mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,  
 And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;  
 With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;  
 His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
 Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing  
 Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion  
 Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal  
 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
 Nor the watch - ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.  
 God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness!

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## "The Lamb"

# 547



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own right - teous - ness.  
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

*Refrain*

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
 own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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*"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"*

# 633

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love

Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
 You have conquered in the fight,  
 You have brought us life and light.  
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
 This alone can sin destroy;  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 Newborn souls in You to be.  
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
 Now no more the grave enthrall;  
 You have opened paradise,  
 And Your saints in You shall rise.  
 Alleluia!

△8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
 Savior, by whose death we live,  
 Spirit, guide through all our days:  
 Three in One, Your name we praise.  
 Alleluia!

**\*COMMUNION 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.

**\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord"**



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**\*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

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



☐ A - men.

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



☐ A - men.

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

**# 463**



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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**SERVANTS FOR TODAY**

- Preacher:** Pastor Ben Ockree  
**Liturgist:** Deacon Jim LaCrone  
**Organist:** Renee Patzer  
**Acolyte:** Brody Boyd  
**Elder:** Kirk Johnson  
**Sexton:** Connor Ockree  
**Greeters:** Marcia Coufal, Gail Cox  
**Altar Guild:** Mary North  
**Ushers:** Rick Blush, Bill Arnold, Len Henry, John Guffey  
**Counters:** Heather Williams, Bill Arnold  
**Coffee Maker:** Kirk Johnson  
**Mug Detail:** Clausen Family  
**Mowing Team:** Kirk Johnson, Wilbur Schwant

## THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

<b>Today:</b>	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Cornerstone Musical Practice-F. Hall	1:30 PM
<b>Monday:</b>	CLLC Board Meeting	5:00 PM
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Pastors' District Winkle	9:00 AM
<b>Wednesday:</b>	CLLC Chapel Service	10:30 AM
	Homeschool Chapel	11:00 AM
	Homeschool Lunch-F. Hall	11:30 AM
	Homeschool Classes-North Pod	12:00 PM
	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
<b>Thursday:</b>	Bulletin Announcement Deadline	9:00 AM
	Morning Break Bible Study	10:00 AM
<b>Friday</b>	Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting-F. Hall	7:00 PM
<b>Saturday:</b>	Prayers & Stitching Meeting	9:00 AM
	Cornerstone Musical Practice-F. Hall	1:00 PM
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School & Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Cornerstone Musical Practice-Crume Rm.	1:30 PM

## SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 14

<b>Preacher:</b>	Deacon Jim LaCrone
<b>Organist:</b>	Annette Jackson
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Barrett Riener
<b>Elder:</b>	Michael Reb
<b>Sexton:</b>	Connor Ockree
<b>Greeters:</b>	John & Sarah Guffey
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Mary North
<b>Ushers:</b>	Rick Blush, Bill Arnold, Len Henry, John Guffey
<b>Counters:</b>	Bill Arnold, Pastor Ockree
<b>Coffee Maker:</b>	Kirk Johnson
<b>Mug Detail:</b>	Mary North, Kathy Kalinka
<b>Mowing Team:</b>	Terry Bargmann, Bill Arnold



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** this morning are given to the glory of God by Don and Linda Harrison in honor of their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**THE CLLC BOARD WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE** that the new CLLC Director is Brenda Watson. Brenda has been employed at the CLLC for 2 years and has a lot of experience with children. We welcome her as Director. Please pray for her and her guidance with the children, parents, and staff of the CLLC. Welcome Brenda!

**CONGREGATIONAL VOTER'S MEETING:** We will have a Congregational Voter's meeting on Sunday, April 21, at 11:30 AM. Lunch will be served. The primary task will be to elect officers for the coming year. We will also be voting to move forward with adding a canopy to the north downstairs entrance, and an update on the placement of a deaconess intern will be given. The nominees are:

President – Kirk Johnson

Vice President – Mike Ewing

Treasurer – Stuart Bach

Recording Secretary - Joann LaCrone

Financial Secretary – Valerie Thieme

Board of Elders, Position # 1 – Don Harrison

Board of Stewardship & Finance Chair –Macie Smith

Board of Trustee's Chair – John Guffey

Upon election, these officers will be installed and begin their leadership roles on July 1, 2024.

**FED TO FEED:** During the month of April Calvary will collect **Bagged Cereal** to help supply the TNO Food Pantry. Items should be placed in the bin under the Usher's Table. Thank you!

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR CLLC:** We will be collecting Paper Towels for the CLLC during April. There is a blue tub under the mailboxes for to place the donations. Thanks so much!

*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 APRIL 7-13**

- Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
- For our Office Manager, Joann
- For Pastor Ockree and Deacon LaCrone as they serve us.
- For blessings as we work to place a deaconess intern.
- For our musicians: Renee, Annette, Anna, the choir, and instrumentalists.
- For our Janitor, Sarah.
- For the CLLC: For Brenda, the teachers, and staff there. For one lead teacher.
- For our members (one every day): Chantel Blasche and family. Sheridan Blasche. Rick Blush. Tena Bouton and family. Jason Brandt. Jayden Brandt, Jodi Brandt. Lyle & JoDee Brockhoff.
- For the sick, those undergoing procedures, and those recovering: JoDee Brockhoff, Wanda Fay, Loren Johannes, Tim Leatherman, Amanda Russell, Glenn Wehking, Barb Wehking.
- For those with chronic ailments: Vernon Bean, Wendy Humphrey, Kay Foster, Connor Hurd, Shiela Jones, Phil Lawrence, Arleen Marston, Bob Ockree, Juan Alvarez, Abbie Alvarez, Ashton Alvarez, Alijah Alvarez, Teddy Schuh, Pastor Hopkins.
- For our shut-ins: Vernon Bean, Rosella Calderwood, Florence Deutsch, Grace Dienstbier, Karen Dreasher, DonnaRae Eissler, Dianne Hatesohl, Shiela Jones, Arleen Marston, Barbara Northcutt, Bob Ockree, Sam & Mary Randol, Sally Short, and Ron Stuewe.
- For the work of the strategic planning committee as it takes up the task of providing faithful guidance for all at Calvary.
- For Calvary: That we would grow in the Word. 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.

- For confirmands: Evelyn Guffey, Cecelia Humphrey, Violet Ockree, Cora Russell, Brody Boyd, Anabelle Clausen, Abriella Guenther, Sophia Humphrey, Chloe Keehn, Lilly Ketchum, Elinor Ockree, Barrett Riener, Jack Williams, Jace Carter, Laithen Paulsen, Carly Simpson, Duval Thieme.
- For the Being Christian Class and all attending.
- For our missions and ministry: Topeka North Outreach, West Africa Mission, Lifeline Pregnancy Center. Our Stephen Ministers.
- For those who serve in our Armed Forces: especially Dawson Podlena and Jeremy Innes. Pray for our chaplains and ministry to the armed services.
- For generosity to support and grow God's mission here at Calvary.
- For those celebrating birthdays this week: Leila Schuh, Brantlan Lee, Arlan Myers, Evie Guffey, Shari Piel, Katie Matheny, Barb Wehking.
- For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Don & Linda Harrison, 57 yrs.

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

**Sunday:** Pray for worship: That we would grow in faith in who Jesus is for us. 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. Pray that we find the answer to our doubts in the resurrection of our Lord.

**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 of Immanuel and Pastor Wehling. For the saints of St. Matthew, Nortonville, & Pastor Lally.

**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. 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. 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 the Stewardship Committee and their service to us.

**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. For who work in factories and do maintenance.

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

**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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