

"But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me." *Matthew 15:25*

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT *Reminiscere* February 25, 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.

Lutheran Service Book P. 184–202 **DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE** *Indicates to Stand **ANNOUNCEMENT and *OPENING PRAYER OPENING HYMN:** "Sing Praise to the God of Israel" # 936 1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el!Sing praise for His 2 God spoke by the proph-ets a - go, long His prom - ise on go 3 You, child, will on be - fore the proph - et, His Lord As bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on In need of 4 O il us Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their vis - i - ta tion! sin. oath re - call То ing— A - bra-ham made in for - mer years: -То speak on God Most High, be - half of way pre-par ing; lu - mi - na Come scat - ter the shades of and tion; sin death Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va tion, Up - rais - ing а That those Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall ing, He de -coun - sel truth de - clar Rich His of ing: mer - cy and -And shat - ter their dom - i - na guid - ing our tion. Be The house of His might - y horn with - in ser - vant Da - vid! liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him. In - iq - ui - ty grace for all where - by for - giv is en. Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing! foot - steps on the path Text: © 1992 Stephen P. Starke, admin. Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110002198. Tune: Public domain

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the I 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.
- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(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. [John 20:19-23]

C: Amen.

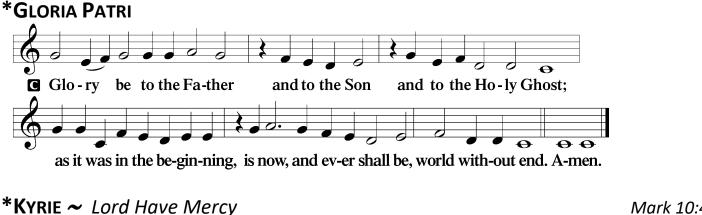
*INTROIT: Psalm 25: 6, 2b, 22, 1–2a, 7–8, 11

- P: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love,
- C: for they have been from of old.
- P: Let not my enemies exult over me.
- C: Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.
- P: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- C: O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.

Psalm 124:8

Psalm 32:5

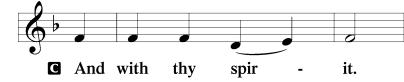
- P: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
- C: according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!
- P: Good and upright is the Lord;
- C: therefore He instructs sinners in the way.
- P: For Your name's sake, O Lord,
- C: pardon my guilt, for it is great.





*SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 32:22–32

P: The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he

2 Timothy 4:22

had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

- P: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 25:17–18

- P: The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
- C: bring me out of my distresses.
- P: Consider my affliction and my trouble,
- C: and forgive all my sins.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 5:1–5

P: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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***THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 15:21–28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.



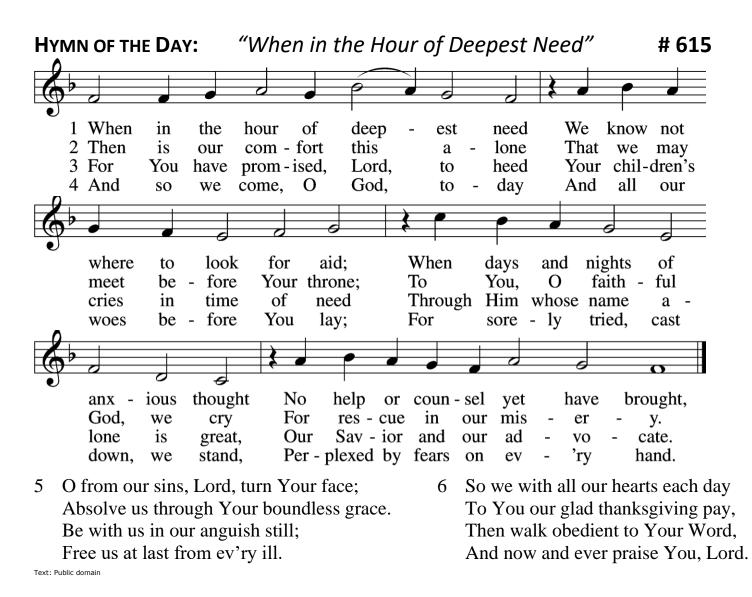
P: Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." And He answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*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 ℜ everlasting. Amen.

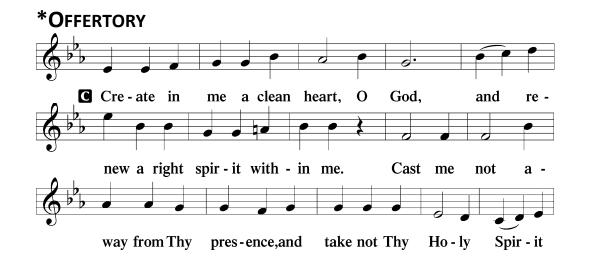


SERMON: *"Pestering Faith"*

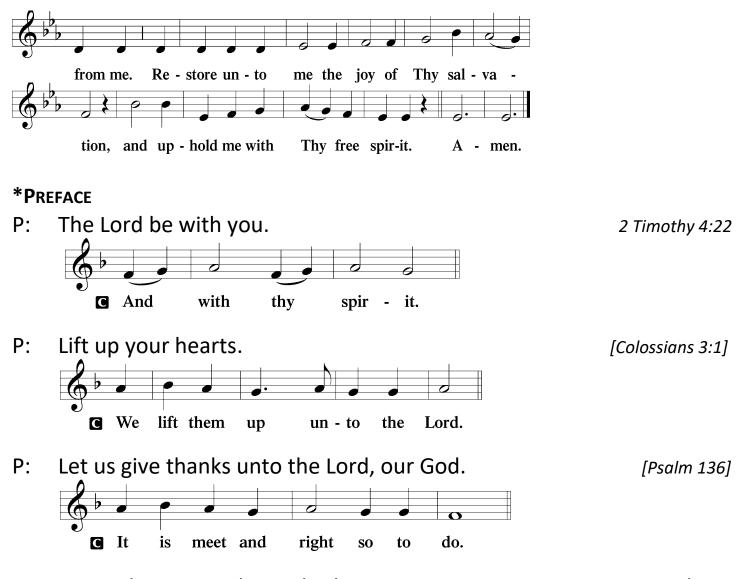
*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: (response "hear our prayer") [

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

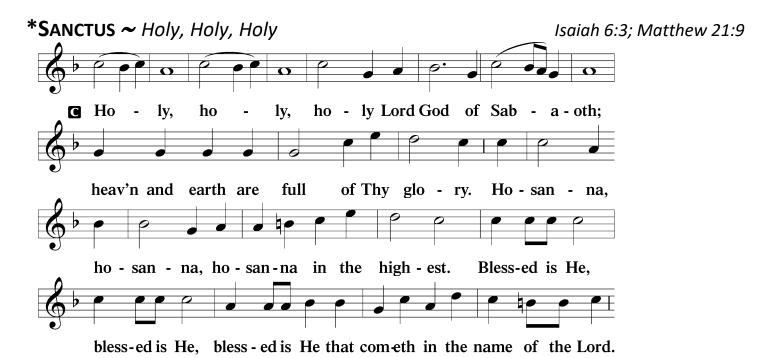
OFFERING: (as the offerings are being gathered to glorify our Lord, please sign and pass the red attendance booklet found in the pew)



Psalm 51:10-12



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





*THE LORD'S PRAYER: (spoken by 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

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



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

COMMUNION HYMNS



"Come, My Soul, with Every Care" #779 1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer; 2 Thou art com - ing a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring; to 3 With mv bur - den Ι be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin: 4 Lord, Thy rest me im - part, Take pos - ses - sion to of my heart; bid thee pray, There-fore will Him - self He has not turn a - way. and pow'r are such None can ev - er For His grace ask too much. my con-science free from guilt. Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set Let There Thy blood-bought right main-tain And with-out a ri - val reign. While I am a pilgrim here, 6 Show me what is mine to do; 5 Let Thy love my spirit cheer; Ev'ry hour my strength renew.

As my guide, my guard, my friend,

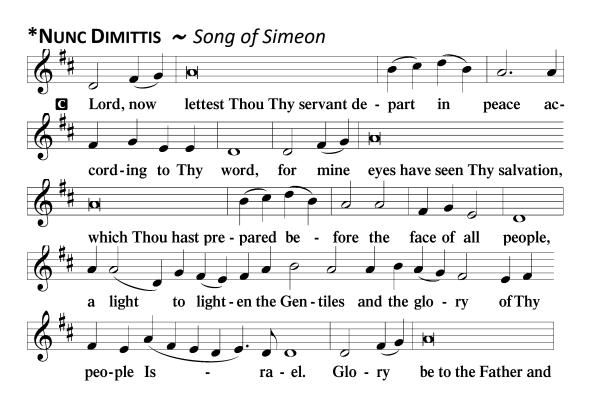
Lead me to my journey's end.

Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people's death.

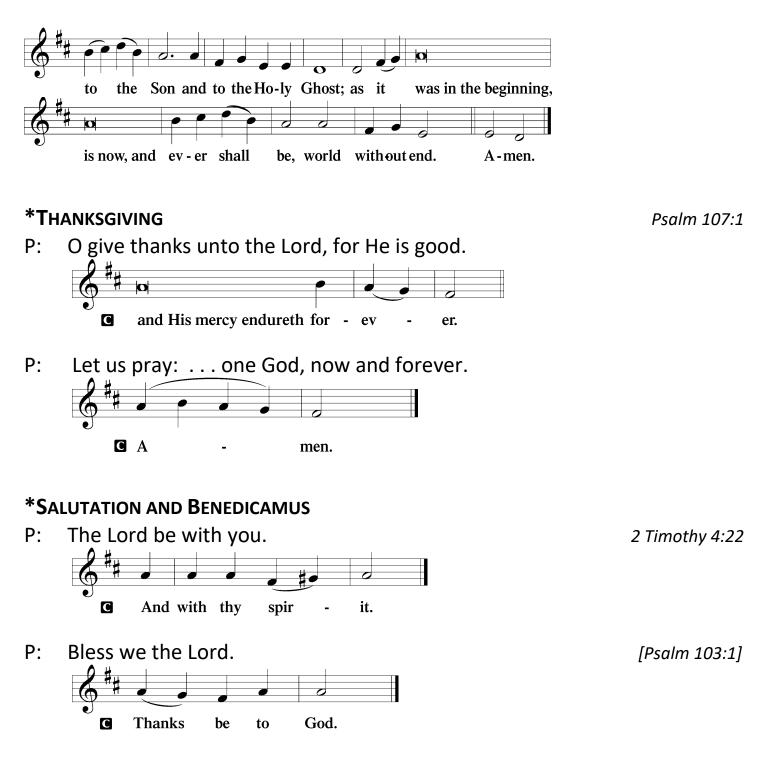
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*COMMUNION DISMISSAL

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve **P**: you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart \mathbf{X} in peace.
- **C**: Amen.



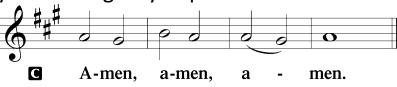
Luke 2:29-32

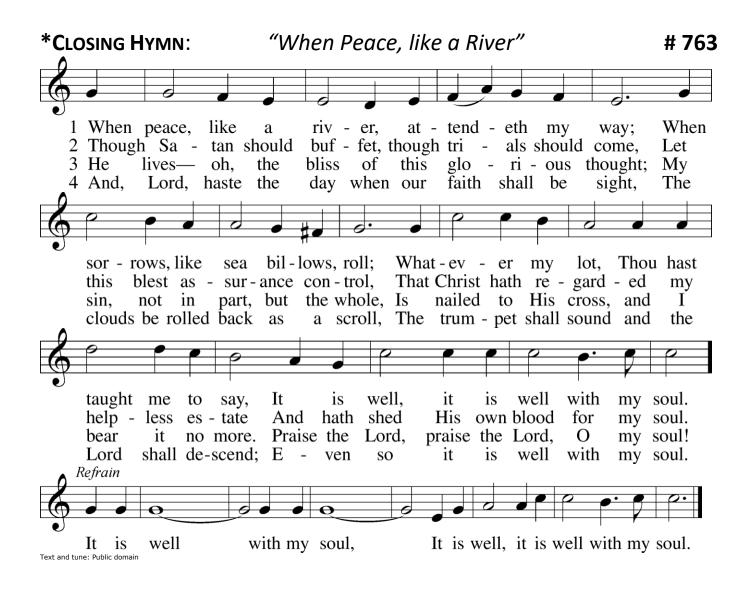


*BENEDICTION

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.





SERVANTS FOR TODAY

Preacher:	Pastor Ben Ockree
Organist:	Renee Patzer
Acolyte:	Jack Williams
Elder:	Tony Zimmerman
Greeters:	Phil & Barb Lawrence
Altar Guild:	Kathy Kalinka
Ushers:	Terry Bargmann, Timothy Humphrey, T.J. Humphrey,
	Gideon Humphrey
Counters:	Heather Williams, Tamara Ockree
Coffee Makers:	Marcia Coufal
Mug Detail:	Clausen Family

THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

Today:	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Cornerstone Musical Practice-Crume Rm.	1:30 PM
	Youth Group Dinner & Bible Study	5:00 PM
Monday:	Cornerstone Choir Practice-F. Hall	11:00 AM
Tuesday:	J.O.Y. Potluck & Bingo	11:30 AM
Wednesday:	CLLC Chapel	10:30 AM
	Homeschool Chapel	11:00 AM
	Homeschool Lunch-F. Hall	11:30 AM
	Homeschool Classes-Upper N. Pod	Noon
	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Lenten Supper (confirmation students go first)	5:45 PM
	Lenten Worship Service	7:00 PM
Thursday:	Bulletin Announcement Deadline	9:00 AM
	Morning Break Bible Study	10:00 AM
Friday	Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting	7:00 PM
Saturday:	Ladies Brunch	10:00 AM
	Cornerstone Musical Practice-F. Hall	1:00 PM
Next Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Cornerstone Musical Practice-Crume Rm.	1:30 PM
	Youth Group Dinner & Meeting	5:00 PM

SERVANTS FOR LENT WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Preacher:	Pastor Ben Ockree
Organist:	Renee Patzer
Acolyte:	Sophia Humphrey
Elder:	Larry Winter
Altar Guild:	Sandi Bush, Joann LaCrone

SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Preacher:	Pastor Ben Ockree
Organist:	Renee Patzer
Acolyte:	Chloe Keehn
Elder:	Don Harrison
Greeters:	Dean Brunkow, Roddy Schwant
Altar Guild:	Kathy Kalinka
Ushers:	Phil LaCrone, Wilbur Schwant, John Guffey, Ketchums
Counters:	Rick & Sandi Blush
Coffee Makers:	Marcia Coufal
Mug Detail:	Mary North, Kathy Kalinka

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.

WE ARE IN NEED OF USHERS! Particularly for the special evening services but also for Sundays. Any member, male or female, high school age or older, is eligible to serve as an usher. Please contact Don Harrison if you can help.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES will be held each Wednesday evening at 7 PM through March 20. The Lenten series, being preached by Deacon Jim LaCrone, is titled "Walk In." Please plan to attend!

THE LENTEN SUPPER THIS WEDNESDAY, February 28 will be served by the Board of Outreach. The menu will consist of a Taco Bar, Desert, and Drinks. A free-will offering will be taken. Profits will be used for outreach activities. Lenten suppers start at 5:45 PM with confirmation students getting food first so they can get to class.

THE J.O.Y. POTLUCK & BINGO will be held this coming Tuesday, February 27 starting at 11:30 AM. If you want to stay and play bingo after the meal, you are welcome to, but not required. You are most welcome to only come for the potluck! Please bring a dish and/or dessert to share. All *"Just Older Youth"* (over high school age) are invited to attend.

EASTER CANDY/TRINKET DONATIONS – Calvary is collecting donations of individually wrapped candy and other small trinkets (stickers, erasers, etc.) to fill our Easter eggs for the hunt on March 23. Please have all donations to the church by Sunday, March 3. A collection bin is under the mailboxes.

FED TO FEED: During the month of February Calvary is collecting **boxed** <u>**Macaroni and Cheese**</u> and in March we will collect <u>**Canned Meats**</u> to help supply the TNO Food Pantry. Items should be placed in the bin under the Usher's Table in the Narthex. Thank you!

ANSWERING THE HARVEST CALL – **FULFILLED but NOT FINISHED.** The *Answering the Harvest Call*, fundraising campaign to help pay for the support of a deaconess intern here at Calvary has already met its goal. We thank the Lord for your generosity. However, we still want to encourage you to give to this campaign if you haven't yet as we strive to grow our giving to support a new full time ministry position. Blue pledge cards are available for you to make your pledge. Please prayerfully consider supporting this effort long term. Pledges will need to be made between now and March 24, 2024, Palm Sunday. All pledged dollars need to be **given** by May 31, 2025. <u>Offerings envelopes should be marked *"Harvest Call."* If you have questions, please contact Pastor Ockree, or Bill Arnold. **Please Note**: Since this is a one-year campaign, an annual gift would be any one-time giving. We apologize for any confusion.</u>

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CLLC: During February we are asking for donations of Kleenex type tissues and during March we are asking for Ziplock style baggies. There is a blue tub under the mailboxes for the CLLC donations.

THRIVENT MEMBERS - DON'T FORGET TO DIRECT YOUR CHOICE DOLLARS by March 31, 2024 to help support Calvary Lutheran Church or Calvary Lutheran Learning Center. Calvary received \$2,235.00 in grant funding from Choice Dollars[®] in 2023. Go to <u>www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice</u> or call 1-800-847-4836 to learn more and to direct your dollars. Thank you!

CALVARY LUTHERAN LEARNING CENTER HAS THE FOLLOWING JOB OPENINGS:

- Lead Teacher;
- 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 in any of these positions or know someone who may be interested, please contact Janice Sellers at 785-554-6280 or by email at jsellers54@gmail.com.

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 <u>during</u> <u>evening and weekend hours</u> please call Leila Schuh at 785-224-7962; <u>during</u> <u>week days</u> call the Church Office.

> To celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, Calvary is offering you the opportunity to purchase these lovely flowers to grace our Sanctuary on Easter morning!

Please note the following points vo. d in o lerms your lily:

- The cost of each lil \$ 100 (. a) necks payable to 'Calvary').
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- Please return this form, along with your payment to Joann in the church office by

no later than Sunday, February 25.

(Please do not place orders in the collection plate.)

ORDER FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE USHER'S TABLE

Prayer Petitions for the Week of February 25-March 2

- Pray for a penitent heart and living faith to grow throughout Lent.
- 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 the teachers and staff there. Pray for a new director.
- For our members (one every day): Casey & Tamra Simpson and family.
 Boone & Macie Smith and family. Jenni Smith. Bow & Penny Stanley. Doug & Janet Stortzum. Ron Stuewe. Vickie Sturgeon.
- For the sick, those undergoing procedures, and those recovering: Sandi Blush, Jo Dee Brockhoff, Wanda Fay, Loren Johannes, Sheila Jones, Cindy Rohnke, Barb Wehking, Glenn Wehking.
- For those with chronic ailments: Vernon Bean, Wendy Humphrey, Ralph Knehans, Kay Foster, Connor Hurd, Sheila 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, Sheila Jones, Ralph Knehans, Dick LaCrone, 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 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.
- 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: Juan Alvarez, Jerry Priem, Abbie Alvarez, Shelley Duffey.

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 for persistence in prayer.

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 Redeemer and Pastor Kilgo. For the saints of St. John, Easton, and blessings in vacancy.

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 the victims of the shooting in Kansas City. 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. Pray especially for accountants, bankers, and others who work with money.

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 4211 NW Topeka Blvd. Topeka, KS 66617 Church Phone: 785-286-1431 Church Email: calvarylcms@calvarytopeka.org Church Web Site: calvarytopeka.org Pastor: Rev. Ben Ockree Email: bockree@calvarytopeka.org Office Manager: Joann LaCrone Email: secretary@calvarytopeka.org CLLC Phone: 785-783-2121 CLLC Web Site: cllctopeka.com CLLC Email: cllctopekadirector@gmail.com