



“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

*(John 6:68)*

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

***Laetare***

**March 10, 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 THREE**

**Lutheran Service Book P. 184–202**

*\*Indicates to Stand*

**ANNOUNCEMENT and \*OPENING PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN: "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" # 594**



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
did re - lease me In a dear for -  
come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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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.

[John 20:19-23]

**C: Amen.**

**\*INTROIT:** Isaiah 66:10a, 11a; Psalm 122:1–2, 6, 8

P: Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

**C: all you who love her;**

P: that you may nurse and be satisfied

**C: from her consoling breast.**

P: I was glad when they said to me,

**C: “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”**

P: Our feet have been standing

**C: within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

P: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

**C: May they be secure who love you!**

P: For my brothers and companions’ sake

**C: I will say, “Peace be within you!”**

**\*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: Isaiah 49:8–13**

P: Thus says the LORD: “In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out,’ to those who are in darkness, ‘Appear.’ They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will make all My mountains a road, and My highways shall be raised up. Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene.” Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! for the LORD has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL: Psalm 122:1, 7**

P: I was glad when they said to me,

**C: “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**

P: Peace be within your walls

**C: and security within your towers!**

**EPISTLE READING:** Galatians 4:21–31

P: Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, “Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband.” Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 6:1–15

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

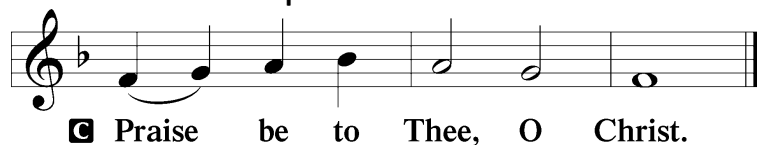


☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P: After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following Him, because they saw the signs that He was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up His eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward Him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” He said this to test him, for He Himself knew what he would do. Philip answered Him, “Two hundred

denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, He told His disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign that He had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!” Perceiving then that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by Himself.

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 ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

*"Praise Be to Christ"*

**# 538**



1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The im - age of the  
 2 Praise be to Him whose sov - 'reign sway And will up - holds cre -  
 3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The full - ness of the



Fa - ther shown, The first-born Son re - vealed and known, The truth and  
 a - tion's plan; Who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan And when our  
 God-head shares; And yet our hu - man na - ture bears, Who came as



grace of de - i - ty; Through whom cre - a - tion came to birth,  
 world has passed a - way: Lord of the Church, its life and head,  
 man to bleed and die. And from His cross there flows our peace



Whose fin - gers set the stars in place, The un - seen pow'rs, and  
 Re - demp - tion's price and source and theme, A - live, the first - born  
 Who chose for us the path He trod, That so might sins and



this small earth, The fur - thest bounds of time and space.  
 from the dead, To reign as all - in - all su - preme.  
 sor - rows cease And all be rec - on - ciled to God.

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**SERMON:**

*"Hungry 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)*

**\*OFFERTORY**

*Psalm 51:10-12*

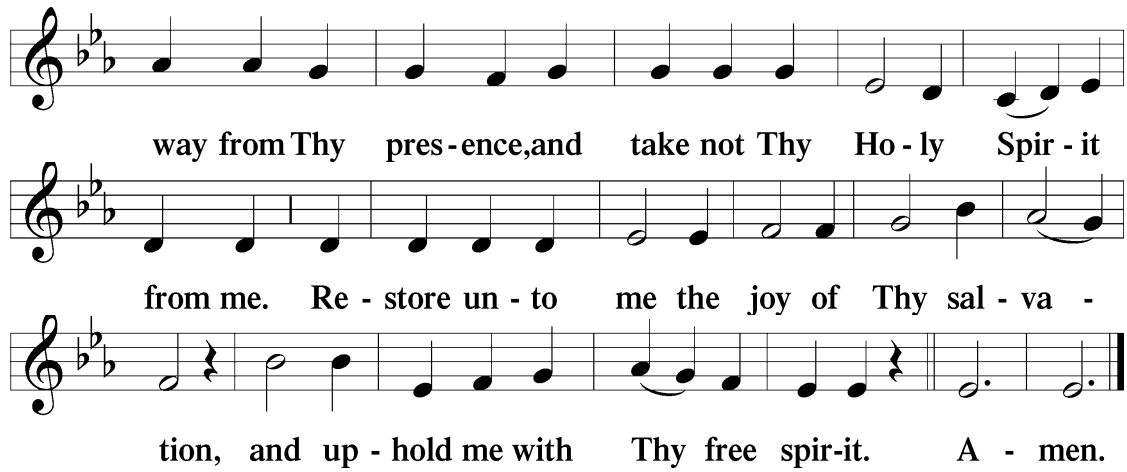


**☐** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



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.

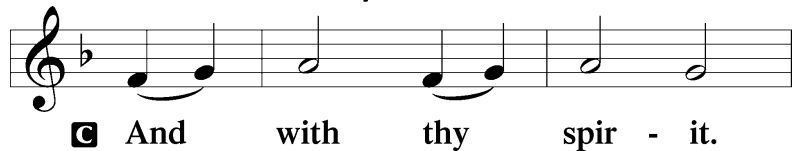
**\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**\*PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

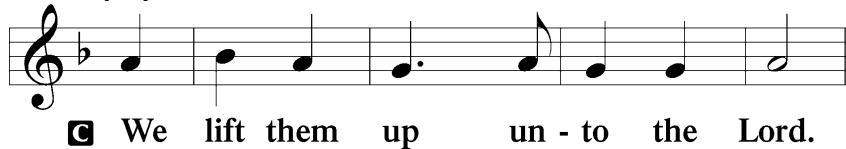
2 Timothy 4:22



And with thy spir-it.

P: Lift up your hearts.

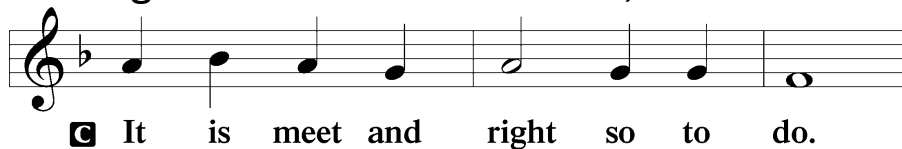
[Colossians 3:1]



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

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

[Psalm 136]

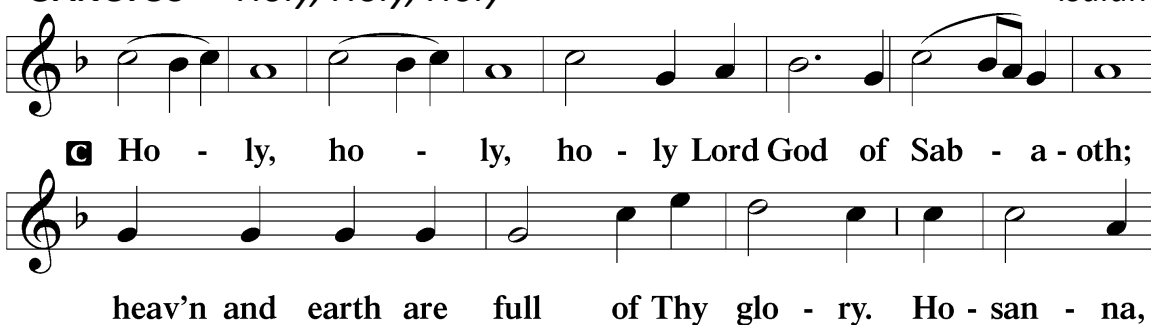


It is meet and right so to do.

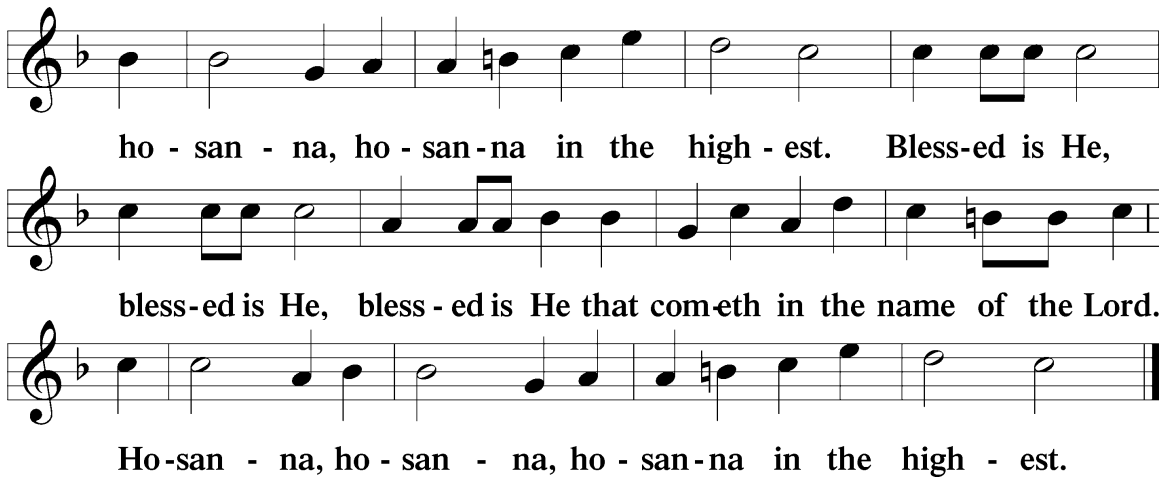
P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary. . . evermore praising You and saying:

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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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.

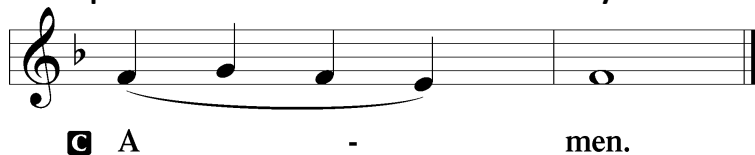
**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER:** *(spoken by all)* *Matthew 6:9-13*

**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; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11]*

**\*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, have mer-cy up - on us.

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### *"Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"*

# 694

1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I  
 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my  
 3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose ra - diance  
 4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me  
 5 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee will I

love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my  
 best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -  
 hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly  
 nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would  
 love, my God and Lord, A - mid the dark - est depths of

pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I  
 ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I  
 giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee  
 stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my  
 sad - ness, And not for hope of high re - ward, For Thine own

love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.  
 love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!  
 that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.  
 na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!  
 sake, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.

# "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

# 641

*Refrain*



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and  
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and  
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of  
 4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal  
 5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your  
 grat - i - tude That You should count us  
 Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
 tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
 let us be, To serve each oth - er

*Refrain*



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.  
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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# "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

# 729



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;  
 2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,  
 3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;  
 4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.  
 For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.  
 Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.  
 Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;  
Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever  
And for all.

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### \*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

### \*NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

*Luke 2:29-32*

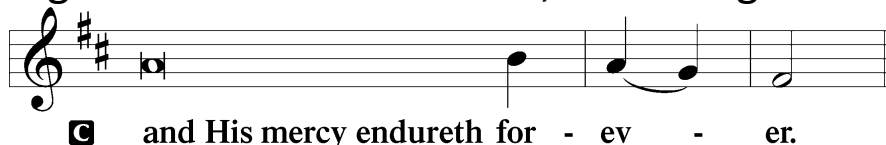


Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

### \*THANKSGIVING

*Psalms 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: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" # 849**



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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### SERVANTS FOR TODAY

- Preacher:** Pastor Ben Ockree
- Organist:** Renee Patzer
- Acolyte:** Violet Ockree
- Elder:** Michael Reb
- Sexton:** T. J. Humphrey
- Greeters:** Connor Ockree, Mike Ewing
- Altar Guild:** Marcia Coufal
- Ushers:** Phil LaCrone, Wilbur Schwant, John Guffey, Ketchum's
- Counters:** Bill Arnold, Pr. Ockree
- Coffee Makers:** Mary North
- Mug Detail:** Marcia Coufal, Anna Choitz

### SERVANTS FOR LENT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- Preacher:** Deacon Jim LaCrone
- Organist:** Annette Jackson
- Acolyte:** Evie Guffey
- Elder:** Tony Zimmerman
- Sexton:** T. J. Humphrey
- Altar Guild:** Joann LaCrone

## THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

<b>Today:</b>	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
<b>Monday:</b>	Cornerstone Choir Practice-F. Hall	11:00 AM
	CLLC Board Meeting	5:00 PM
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Circuit Pastors' Winkle	9:00 AM
<b>Wednesday:</b>	CLLC Chapel	10:30 AM
	Homeschool Chapel	11:00 AM
	Homeschool Lunch-F. Hall	11:30 AM
	Homeschool Classes-Upper N. Pod	Noon
	Lenten Supper (confirmation students go first)	5:45 PM
	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
	Lenten Midweek Worship Service	7:00 PM
<b>Thursday:</b>	Bulletin Announcement Deadline	9:00 AM
	Morning Break Bible Study	10:00 AM
	Board of Elders Meeting	6:30 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting	7:00 PM
<b>Saturday:</b>	Cornerstone Musical Practice-F. Hall	1:00 PM
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Beacon Article Deadline for April	
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Cornerstone Musical Practice-Crume Rm.	1:30 PM

## SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17

<b>Preacher:</b>	Pastor Ben Ockree
<b>Organist:</b>	Annette Jackson
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Anabelle Clausen
<b>Elder:</b>	Larry Winter
<b>Sexton:</b>	T. J. Humphrey
<b>Greeters:</b>	Tony & Rae Zimmerman
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Marcia Coufal
<b>Ushers:</b>	Phil LaCrone, Wilbur Schwant, John Guffey, Ketchum's
<b>Counters:</b>	Don & Linda Harrison



**Coffee Makers:** Mary North

**Mug Detail:** Bill Arnold

### **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.

**USHERS NEEDED!** 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** continue each Wednesday at 7 PM through March 20. The Lenten series “Walk In” is being led by Deacon Jim LaCrone. Hope to see you there!

**THE LENTEN SUPPER THIS WEDNESDAY,** March 6 will be served by the Youth Group. The menu includes Chicken Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Desert, and Drinks. A free-will offering will be taken. Profits will be used for youth group activities. Suppers start at 5:45 PM with confirmation students getting food first so they can get to class.

**CHOIR PRACTICE HAS STARTED ONCE AGAIN** on Wednesday’s from 6:00 – 6:40 PM prior to the Worship Service. Any confirmed member and older is welcome to participate. Contact Anna Reb with questions.

**CALVARY’S EASTER EGG HUNT** will be held on Saturday, March 23 at 10:00 AM. Children ages 1 through 10 are welcome to attend. Please bring a basket or bag for gathering eggs. Weather date is Saturday, March 30.

**FED TO FEED:** During the month of March Calvary is collecting **Canned Meats** to help supply the TNO Food Pantry. Items should be placed in the bin under the Usher’s Table in the Narthex. Thank you!

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR CLLC:** During March CLLC is asking for Ziplock style baggies. There is a blue tub under the mailboxes for the CLLC donations.

**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 your use. Please prayerfully consider supporting this effort long term. Pledges need to be made between now and March 24, 2024, Palm Sunday. All pledged dollars need to be **given** by May 31, 2025. 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.

**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 [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) 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](mailto: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 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 March 10-16**

- 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): Hannah Turner and family. Carol Tyler. Alex & Gabi Voss. Kevin & Sharon Wagner. Eric Wardner. TJ Wedeking and family. Glenn & Barb Wehking.
- For the family of Dick Lacrone called home to glory on March 2.
- For the sick, those undergoing procedures, and those recovering: Sandi Blush, Jo Dee Brockhoff, Wanda Fay, Loren Johannes, Barb Wehking.
- 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.
- For our shut-ins: Vernon Bean, Rosella Calderwood, Florence Deutsch, Grace Dienstbier, Karen Dreasher, DonnaRae Eissler, Dianne Hatesohl, Shiela Jones, Ralph Knehans, 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: Phil LaCrone, Mike Krise, B.J. Arnold, Bob Calderwood, Kylie Diekhoff, Linda Harrison, Elaina Bach.
- For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Duane & Valerie Thieme, 15 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 for a hunger for God's Word.

**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 Prince of Peace & Pastor DeHope. For the saints of St. John, Palmer, & Pastor Hayes.

**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 CLLC 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 homemakers and others who work out of the home.

**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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