

"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Luke 6:36

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY July 2, 2023

Calvary Lutheran Church Topeka, Kansas

*Indicates to Stand

ANNOUNCEMENTS, *OPENING PRAYER



*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

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

C: who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. Psalm 130:3-4

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this alter, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. [Luke 18:13]

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 \maltese Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*INTROIT: Psalm 27:1–4a, 5

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

P: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

C: my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

P: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

C: though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

P: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

C: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.

P: For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

C: He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

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.

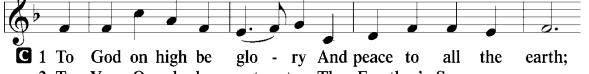
(The Kyrie may be sung once or several times in response to various petitions.)



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



Luke 2:14; John 1:29



2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing— Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

*SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

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

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 50:15–21

P: When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this

command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 79:9–10a

P: Atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!

C: Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

P: Help us, O God of our salvation,

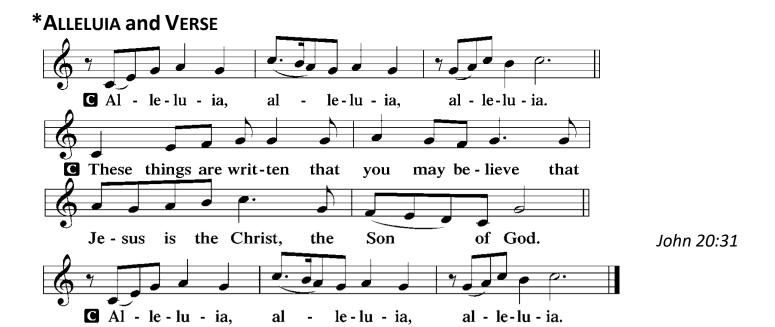
C: for the glory of Your name deliver us.

Epistle Reading: Romans 12:14–21

P: Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



*HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6:36–42

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

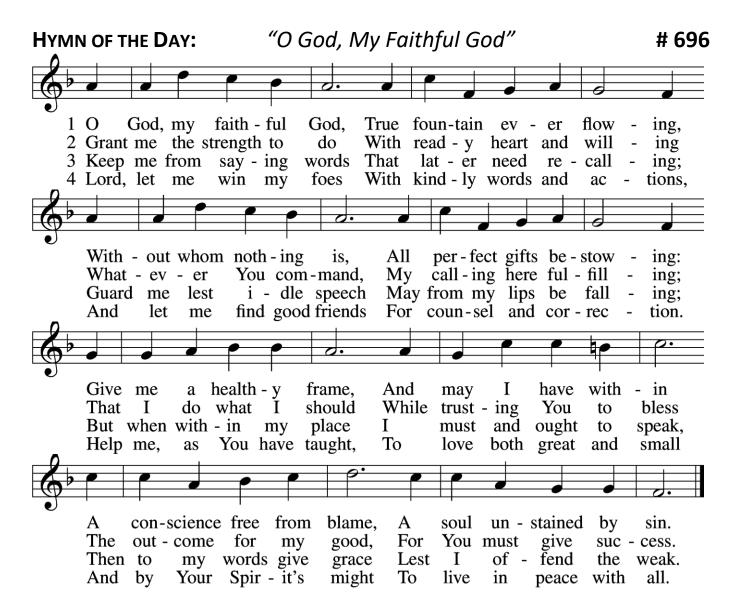
P: Jesus said: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

*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 onlybegotten 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.



5 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.

And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.

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SERMON: *"Mercy of the Father"*

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[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: "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise" # 946 vss. 1-2



*PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

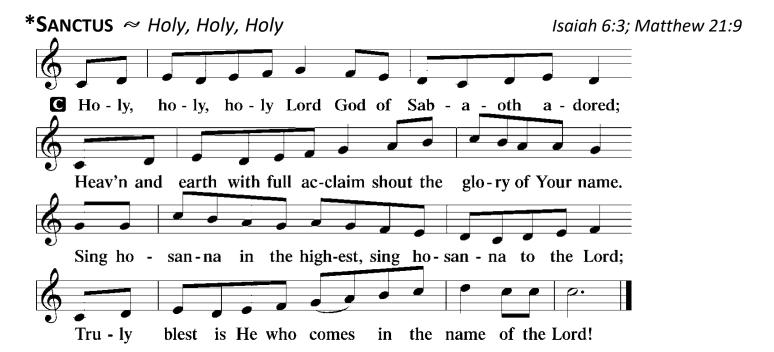
[Colossians 3:11]

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

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

[Psalm 136]

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



*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]

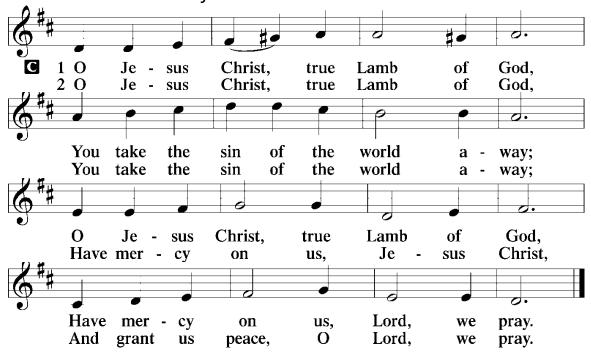
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \maltese body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and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

***Pax Domini** ≈ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

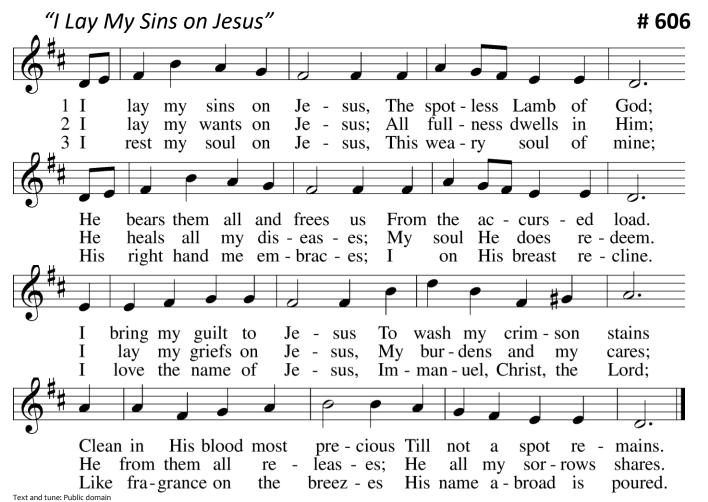
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



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

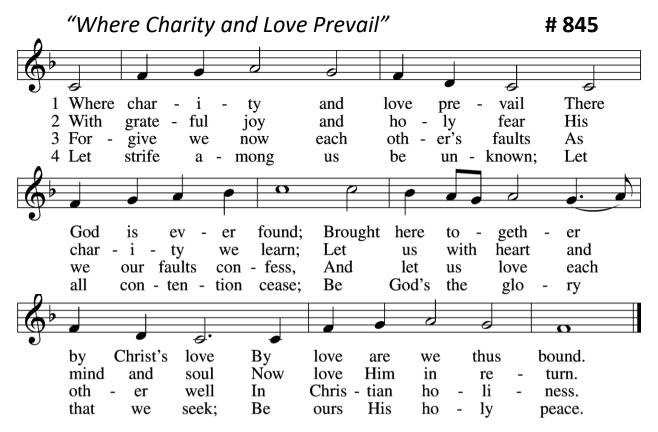




"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" #848 hum - ble 1 Lord, whose love through Bore the weight of ser - vice 2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home-less; Still the hun gry 3 As wor - ship, grant us Till Your love's vi - sion, we re -Forth in 4 Called by Your ser - vice, Your wor - ship to dear hu - man need. Who up - on the for sak cross, en, for bread; Still the tives for free - dom; cry cap long veal - ing light its height In and depth and great - ness, To name we the child, the youth, the ged, go, Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the in grief we mourn our dead. O Lord, Still As, Your deep comour quick-ened sight, Mak - ing known the Dawns up - on needs and liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and in wor - ship Not of voice lone, but heart, Con - se a Healed the sick Use pas - sion and freed the soul. the Stir - ring bur - dens Your com - pas sion bids us bear, That Your com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You crat - ing im - part.

Spir - it Still love Your kin - dles make us whole. to save and tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to to share. ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

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Let us recall that in our midst
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;
 As members of His body joined
 We are in Him made one.

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6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

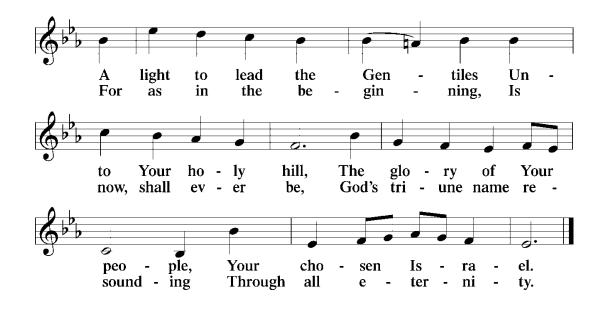
Luke 2:29-32

*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 Collect

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

C: Amen.

*BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

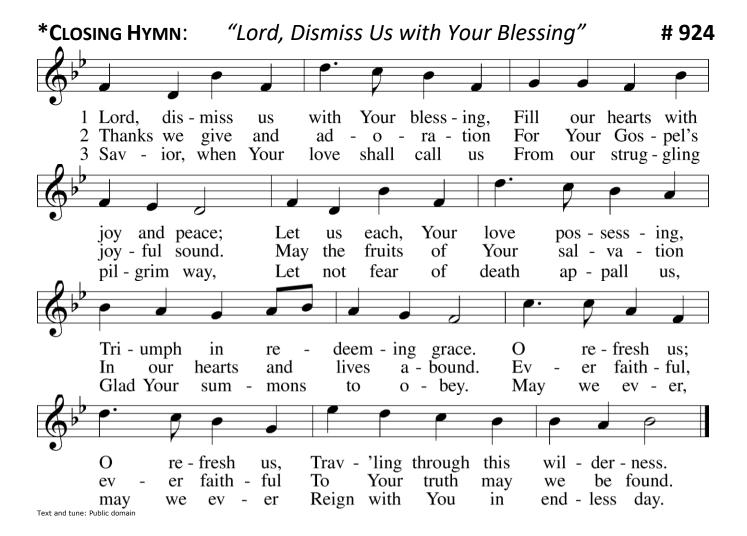
P: Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and № give you peace.

C: Amen. Numbers 6:24-26



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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. If you need emergency pastoral assistance, text or call Pastor Ockree at 913-674-1051.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS, BOARD CHAIRS, AND ELDERS will be held next Sunday, July 9 during worship service. We encourage all church officers, Board Chairs, and Elders to attend for installation or reinstallation, but especially those who were recently elected or reelected who are:

Treasurer – Stuart Bach Recording Secretary - Joann LaCrone

Financial Secretary – Valerie Thieme Elder # 2 – Tony Zimmerman

Elder # 5 – Kirk Johnson Elder # 6 – Mike Krise

Board of Education – Timothy Humphrey Sr.

Board of Outreach and Assimilation – John Clausen

CLLC Board - Mindy Ketchum

REGISTER FOR VBS! You can sign your children up online at https://calvarytopeka.org/vbs or by filling out a form located on the table set up in the narthex VBS will be held July $9^{th} - 13^{th}$ from 6:00 - 8:15 PM, and is for children entering Kindergarten through 5^{th} grade (those in 6^{th} grade and above are welcome to sign up to help). Contact LaVoyce Ewing, VBS Director, at lewing 17@ live.com, with any questions.

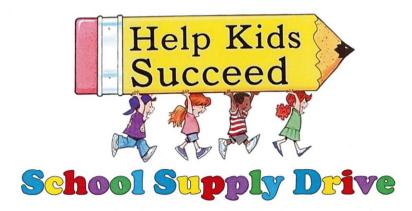
FED TO FEED: During the month of July Calvary will be collecting <u>Canned Fruit</u> to help supply the TNO food pantry. Items should be placed in the bin under the Usher's Table.

THE BACH FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE CALVARY MEMBERS to attend the wedding of Katie Bach and Zachary Matheny on July 15, 2023, 3:30 PM at Calvary. A reception will follow at the Sunrise Optimist Club at 5:30 PM, with dinner and dancing. If you plan to attend please email Katie at katiebach22@yahoo.com or get in touch with Stuart.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A GROUP to prepare and serve breakfast on the 2nd Sunday of each month after worship service, which not only provides a service to our members, but can also help raise funds for your group. There may even be the possibility of trading another group for a different weekend. Please let the church office know if your group would be willing to help.

Home Devotional Reading Guide: July 2 - 8

Jeremiah 27:1 – 31:22; Psalm 1 – 7; Acts 16:11 – 18:28



Please help TNO collect school supplies this summer!

Ballpoint Pens (black or blue)

#2 Pencils

Color Markers

Color Pencils

Crayons (24 ct. box)

Yellow Highlighters

Dry-Erase Markers

Big Erasers

Pencil Boxes (plastic) or Pouches

Scissors (blunt or pointed)

Elmer's Glue (4 oz.)

Glue Sticks (jumbo or regular)

Loose Leaf Filler Paper (college & wide rule)

2-Pocket Folders

Single Spiral Notebooks (college & wide rule)

Antibacterial Wipes

Facial Tissue

Book Bags/Backpacks

There is no need to put items inside backpacks "per student" As all supplies get separated, sorted, and counted by item.

TURN IN ALL DONATIONS TO CALVARY BY SUNDAY, JULY 30



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SERVANTS FOR TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree **Organist:** Annette Jackson

Acolyte: Brody Boyd **Elder:** Mike Krise

Greeters: Sue LaCrone, Becky Martin

Altar Guild: Mary North

Ushers: Phil LaCrone, Wilbur Schwant, Eric Ketchum, Jason Ketchum

Counters: Heather Williams, Tamara Ockree

Coffee Maker: Mary North
Mug Detail: Clausen Family

Mowing Schedule

Thank You to this Week's Mowers – Dave Duffey, Trent Duffey
Next Weekend – Larry Winter, Tim Leatherman

THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

Today: Worship Service 9:00 AM
Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM
Corporations Musical Group Watch Party in F. Hall 3:00 BM

Cornerstone Musical Group Watch Party in F. Hall 2:00 PM Young Men's Group at Guffey's House 6:00 PM

Monday: Church Office Closed
Tuesday: Church Office Closed

Thursday: Bulletin Article Deadline 9:00 AM

Morning Break Bible Study 10:00 AM

Board of Elders Meeting 7:00 PM

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

Next Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 AM

Installation of Church Officers 9:00 AM

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM

SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 9

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree

Organist: Renee Patzer

Acolyte: Sophia Humphrey

Elder: Larry Winter

Greeters: Wanda Fay, Cindy Rohnke

Altar Guild: Mary North

Ushers: Phil LaCrone, Wilbur Schwant, Eric Ketchum, Jason Ketchum

Counters: Rick & Sandi Blush

Coffee Maker: Mary North

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Prayer Petitions for the Week of July 2-8

- Pray that the Church would continue to grow in wisdom and devotion.
- Give thanks that we can meet for worship and be blessed in Word and Sacrament for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.
- Pray for our families. For Haley Schwant and Treyton. For Jeff Schwant. For Wilbur & Roddy Schwant. For Tegan Schwant. For Tal & Beth Seaman. For Janice Sellers. For Lucas Schenk.
- Pray for the sick and those recovering from sickness or procedures: Teddy Schuh, Vernon Bean, Ralph Knehans. For those in hospice: Diana Arnold. For those with chronic ailments: Wendy Humphrey, Ralph Knehans, Joye Slocum, Rosella Calderwood, Kay Foster, Connor Hurd, Phil Lawrence, Arleen Marston, Bob Ockree, Juan Alvarez, Abbie Alvarez, Ashton Alvarez, Alijah Alvarez, Teddy Schuh, Pastor Hopkins.
- Pray for our shut-ins: Rosella Calderwood, Florence Deutsch, Grace Dienstbier, Karen Dreasher, DonnaRae Eissler, Dianne Hatesohl, Ralph Knehans, Dick LaCrone, Arleen Marston, Barbara Northcutt, Bob Ockree, Sam & Mary Randol, Sally Short, Joye Slocum, and Ron Stuewe.
- Pray for our pregnant mothers and their children: Annie Alvarez & Rachel Innes.
- Pray that Christian education will continue in our homes. That Adult Bible class would grow. That our Sunday School teachers and students would be blessed. That more education and fellowship opportunities would come.
- Pray for our upcoming VBS. For our volunteers and attending youth.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Rosella Calderwood, Chad Jackson, Joshua Kobuszewski, Valerie Thieme, Rick Blush, Bill Arnold, Noah Ensley.
- Pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Larry & Margaret Miller, 58 yrs; Rachael & Bob Hegemann, 15 yrs; Paul & Debbie Wurtz, 37 yrs; David & Traci Podlena, 27 yrs; Michelle & Kent Ensley, 34 yrs.
- Pray for the CLLC. For Miss Melissa, the staff, and all the children there.

- Pray for all who serve in our military, especially Jeremy Innes & Dawson Podlena.
 Pray for our chaplains and ministry to the armed services.
- Pray for the whole Church of God, for her reconciliation, peace, and for her renewal in the Spirit. For unity at Calvary and the return of those who have strayed from the flock of God.
- Pray for the saints of Faith, Pastors Heine & Albrecht, Vicar Lane, and DCE Heather McCormick.
- Pray for the saints of Holy Cross, Dodge City, and Pastor Jahnke.
- Pray for the holy ministry and all ministers of the Church. For President Harrison, for the Synod, and for the upcoming Syndical convention. For President Panzer and the Kansas District.
- Pray for all people in society and for all Christians in their vocations. For all those
 who work and serve in government agencies.
- Pray for all in civil authority. For the leaders of the nations of the world. For President Biden and the government of the United States. For Governor Kelly and the government of Kansas. For all our local communities and their leaders.
- Give thanks for our country and the freedoms we have.
- Pray for an end to conflict especially the war in the Ukraine. Pray for those in Kherson recovering from the dam collapse and flooding.
- Pray for an end to gun violence and peace in the hearts of all.
- Pray for an end to abortion, exploitation, and all other evils in the world.
- Pray that we would have a heart of love for the refugee, the immigrant, and the stranger among us. Pray that we would be able to help the Ukrainian immigrants in our midst in Topeka.
- Pray for those afflicted by bad weather and other disasters.
- Pray for the Christians who are risking their lives to live their faith. Pray that God's
 peace would reign everywhere, and that the gospel be proclaimed. Pray for all
 those who need our prayer. For the unemployed and underemployed. For
 employers looking for workers. For those who are homeless and lack other
 necessities of life.
- Pray for the mission of the Church. For the ministry of Topeka North Outreach.
 For the West Africa Mission including Guinea and the seminary at Togo. For the
 proclamation of the Gospel into all the world. For Lifeline and their ministry to
 parents and children, especially the Pregnancy Center. For the work of our
 Prayers & Stitching Ministry at Calvary. Pray for our Stephen Ministers and other
 caring ministries that we would faithfully work to meet the needs of God's
 people.

- Pray for the ministry of Families Count and that we would be able to have another class in the fall.
- Pray for the renewal of the Church. For faithful Christian witness that more would be brought into Christ's fellowship. For growing obedience to God's Word. For an increase in love for one another.
- Pray for respect for God's creation. To guard against the perils of abundance. For generous hearts that almsgiving would abound at Calvary that we would be dispensaries of God's good blessings.
- Pray for growth in our benevolence fund and in our mission giving.
- Pray that we would be merciful and receive merciful correction from each other as we grow together in Christ.

The Lord almighty bless

us and direct our days and our deeds in His peace.

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

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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