

“Whoever is of God hears the words of God.
The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”
John 8:47

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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March 17, 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

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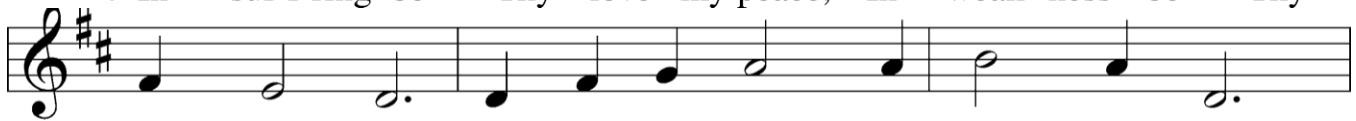
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ANNOUNCEMENTS and *OPENING PRAYER

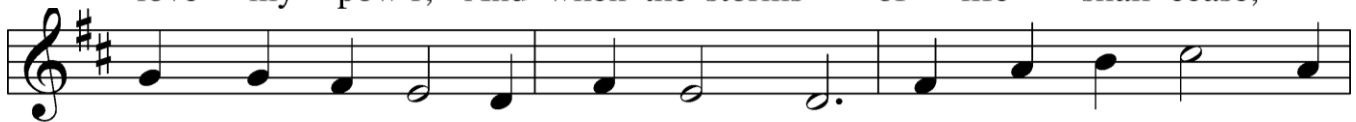
OPENING HYMN: "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" # 683



1 Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure
 3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to
 4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy



tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,
 love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,
 Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,
 love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,



And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -
 My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my
 Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be
 O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and



lone I am; Be Thou a - lone my con - stant flame.
 heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.
 all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.
 staff and guide, And draw me safe - ly to Thy side!

*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: Psalm 43: 1–2a, 3–5

P: Vindicate me, O God,

C: **and defend my cause against an ungodly people,**

P: from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

C: **For You are the God in whom I take refuge.**

P: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

C: **let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**

P: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,

C: **and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.**

P: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

C: **Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**



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



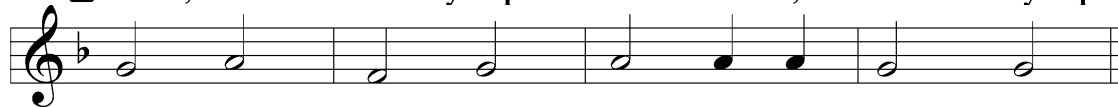
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

***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: Genesis 22:1–14

P: After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So

Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c

P: Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

C: Teach me to do your will, for You are my God!

P: You delivered me from my enemies;

C: You rescued me from the man of violence.

prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.”⁷ So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

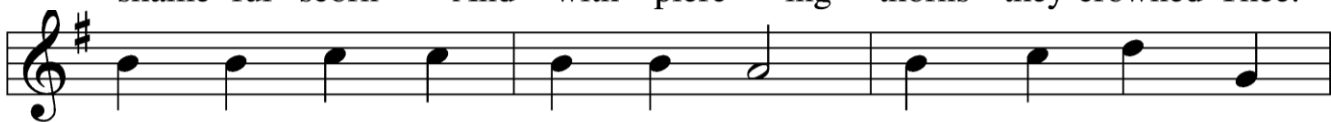
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance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



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



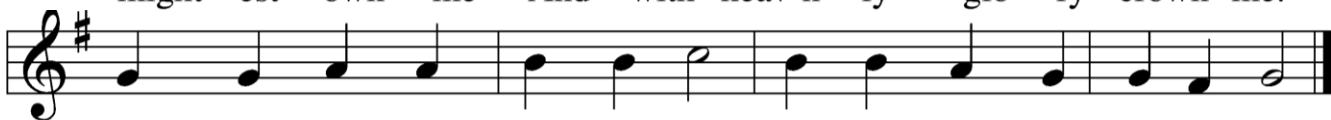
death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
 all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
 shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
 All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free;
 Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security;
 Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,
 Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;
 Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
 For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
 Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
 For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

SERMON: "Passionate Faith"

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]

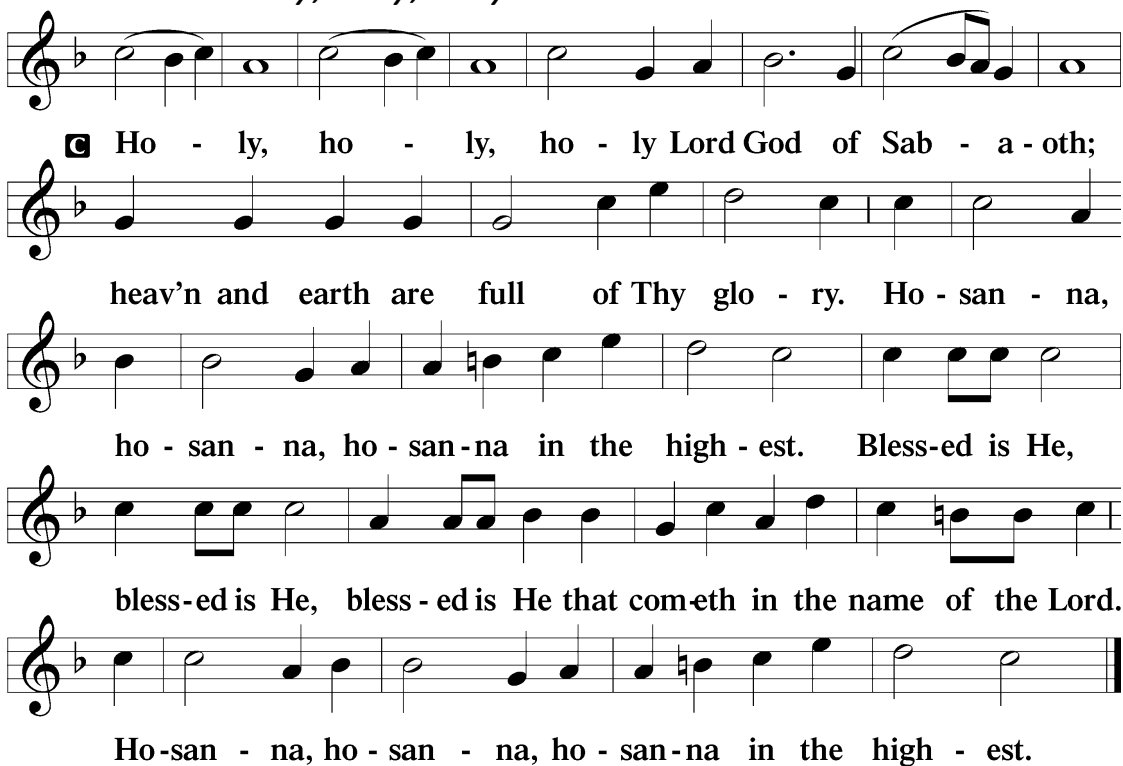


It is meet and right so to do.

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

***SANCTUS** *≈ Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

[Matthew 26; 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.



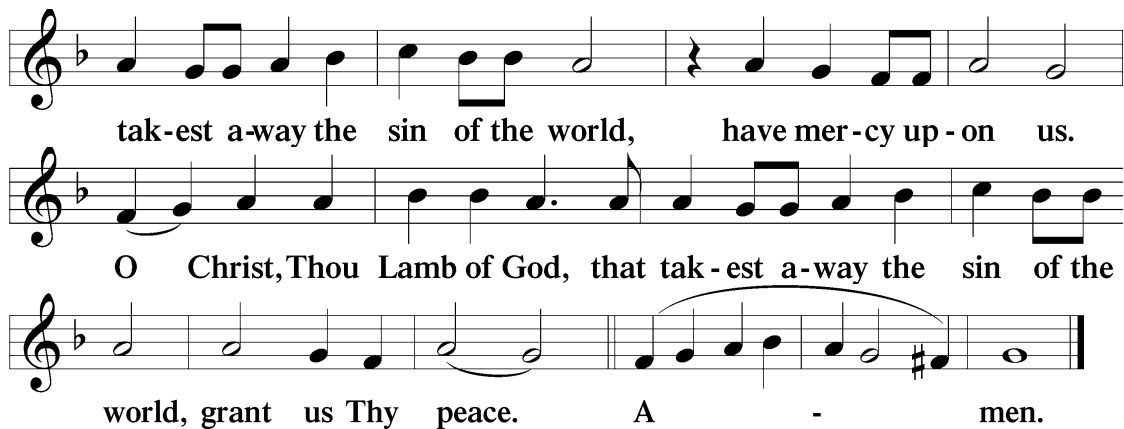
C A - men.

***AGNUS DEI** *≈ Lamb of God*

John 1:29



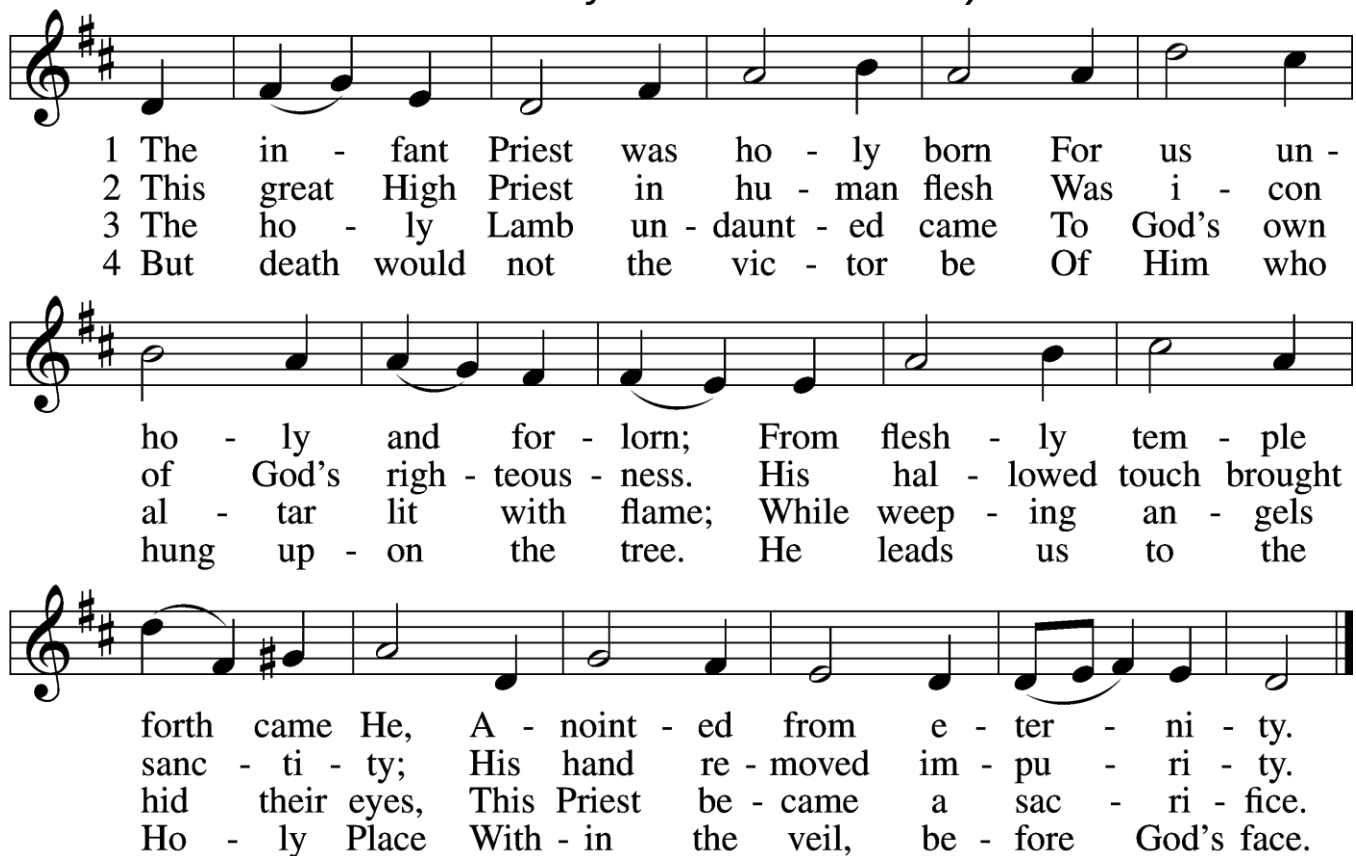
C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



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

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

COMMUNION HYMNS: *“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”* # 624



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who
 ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the
 forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
 As at the rail on bended knee
 Our hungry mouths from Him receive
 The bread of immortality.

6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
 A priestly food and priestly meat;
 On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
 His quenching blood that life restores

7 With cherubim and seraphim
 Our voices join the endless hymn,
 And “Holy, holy, holy” sing
 To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest
 and King.

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

440



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

5 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

"Lamb of God"

550



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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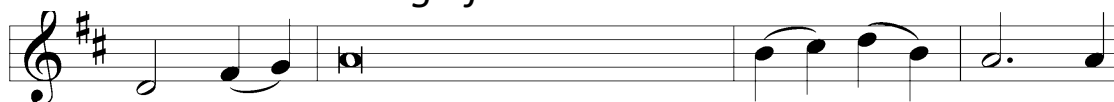
COMMUNION DISMISSAL

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



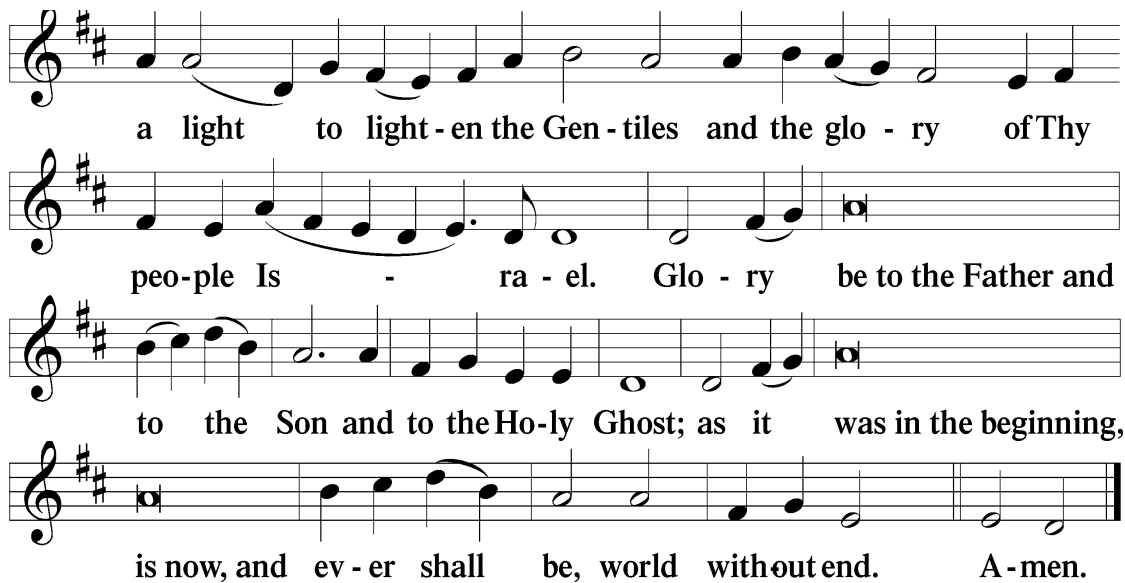
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



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



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

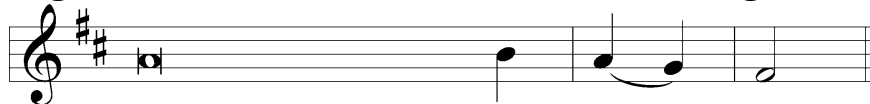


a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men.

***THANKSGIVING**

Psalm 107:1

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



☐ and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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



☐ A - men.

***SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]



☐ Thanks be to God.

***BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

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



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

***CLOSING HYMN:** *"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

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1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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SERVANTS FOR TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree
Organist: Annette Jackson
Ensemble Director: Anna Reb
Accompanist: Laura Ollek
Acolyte: Anabelle Clausen
Elder: Larry Winter
Sexton: T. J. Humphrey
Greeters: Tony & Rae Zimmerman
Altar Guild: Marcia Coufal
Ushers: Phil LaCrone, Wilbur Schwant, John Guffey,
Eric Ketchum, Jason Ketchum

Counters: Don & Linda Harrison
Coffee Makers: Mary North
Mug Detail: Bill Arnold

SERVANTS FOR LENT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Preacher: Deacon Jim LaCrone
Organist: Annette Jackson
Duo: Anna Reb, Michael Reb
Accompanist: Mitch Bean
Flutist: Rachel Innes
Acolyte: Cecilia Humphrey
Elder: Don Harrison
Sexton: T. J. Humphrey
Altar Guild: Joann LaCrone

THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

Today:	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
Monday:	Cornerstone Choir Practice-F. Hall	11:00 AM
	CLLC Board Meeting	5:00 PM
Wednesday:	Blush Funeral	10:00 AM
	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
Thursday:	Bulletin Announcement Deadline	9:00 AM
	Morning Break Bible Study	10:00 AM
	Stephen Ministry	6:00 PM
	Church Council	6:30 PM
Friday	Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting-F. Hall	7:00 PM
Saturday:	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 AM
	Cornerstone Musical Practice-F. Hall	1:00 PM

Next Sunday:	Palm 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 & Bible Study	5:00 PM

SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Preacher:	Pastor Ben Ockree
Organist:	Annette Jackson
Choir Director:	Anna Reb
Acolyte:	Elinor Ockree
Crucifer:	Brody Boyd
Elder:	Kirk Johnson
Sexton:	T. J. Humphrey
Greeters:	Sue LaCrone, Becky Martin
Altar Guild:	Marcia Coufal
Ushers:	Phil LaCrone, Wilbur Schwant, John Guffey, Eric Ketchum, Jason Ketchum
Counters:	Grace Pasley, Sharon Dooley
Coffee Makers:	Mary North
Mug Detail:	Larry & Bonnie Winter

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.

REMINDER – All pledges for the *Answering the Harvest Call*, Deaconess Intern campaign, are due next Sunday, March 24. If you are planning to pledge but haven't done so, please turn in your pledge by next 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.

THE FINAL WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE will be held this Wednesday, 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 20, and will be served by the Elders. The menu includes Tacos with the fixings, Desert, and Drinks. A free-will offering will be taken. Profits will go to the Faith Comes by Hearing Military Bible Stick program. Supper starts at 5:45 PM with confirmation students getting food first.

CALVARY'S EASTER EGG HUNT will be held next 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.

CALVARY'S HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE will be as follows:

Sunday	March 24	Palm Sunday Worship/SS as usual
Thursday	March 28	Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM
Friday	March 29	Good Friday Service 7:00 PM
Saturday	March 30	Vigil of Easter Service 6:00 PM
Sunday	March 31	Easter Sunrise Worship Service 7:30 AM
		Easter Fellowship Breakfast 8:45 AM
		Easter Festival Worship Service 10:00 AM

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 these donations.

CALVARY LUTHERAN LEARNING CENTER HAS THE FOLLOWING JOB OPENING:

- Lead Teacher for Infant Room.

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.

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 or call 1-800-847-4836 to learn more and to direct your dollars. Thank you!

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

Prayer Petitions for the Week of March 17-23

- 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): Michael Wehking. Matt & Heather Williams and family. Donna Winright. Larry & Bonnie Winter. Gary & Janet Wise. Samantha Wise. Paul and Deb Wurtz.
- For the families of Ralph Knehans and Sandi Blush who are now with the Lord.
- For the sick, those undergoing procedures, and those recovering: 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, 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: Jim Lohrbach, Timothy Humphrey, Mary North, Michelle Ensley.
- For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: David & Deniece Detjen, 49 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 passionate faith directed toward Christ's gifts and life for us.

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

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 testimony 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 doctors, nurses, and other health professionals.

**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 to 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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