

“Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer  
or removed His steadfast love from me!”

*Psalm 66:20*

***SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY***

**January 14, 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*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and \*OPENING PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN: "O Morning Star How Fair and Bright" # 395**



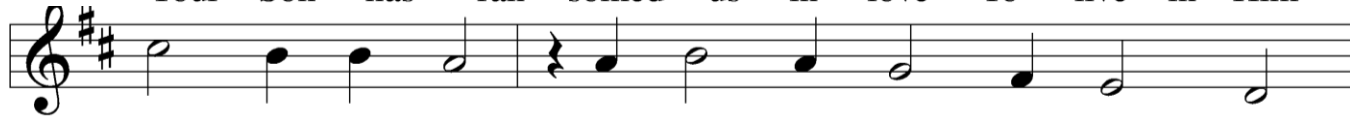
1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
 2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride-groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in  
 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls  
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -  
 In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -  
 Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!  
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.  
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
 here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,  
 Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us  
 Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.  
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.  
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
The Lord we love is first and last,  
The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
Transport us to that happy place  
Beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning  
For the day of Your returning!

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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.** *Psalms 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalms 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.

**C: Amen.**

[John 20:19-23]

**\*INTROIT:** Psalm 66:4; 92:1; 66:1–5, 20

P: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;

**C: they sing praises to Your name.**

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**C: to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.**

P: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**C: sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**

P: Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!

**C: So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.**

P: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;

**C: they sing praises to Your name."**

P: Come and see what God has done:

**C: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.**

P: Blessèd be God,

**C: because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "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."

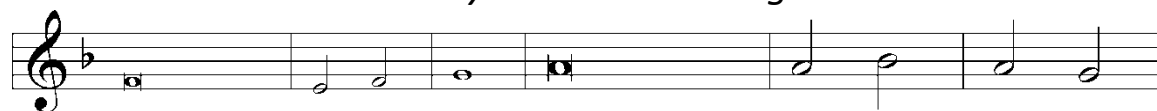
**\*KYRIE** ~ *Lord Have Mercy*

*Mark 10:47*

Two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us."

**\*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *≈ Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



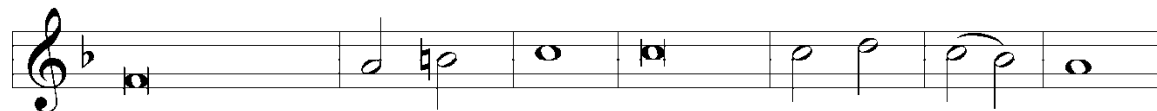
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



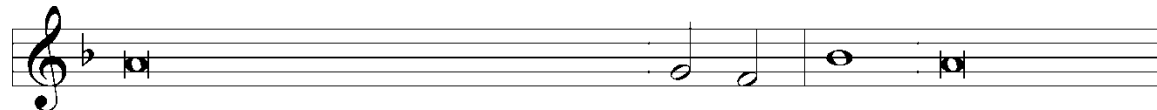
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



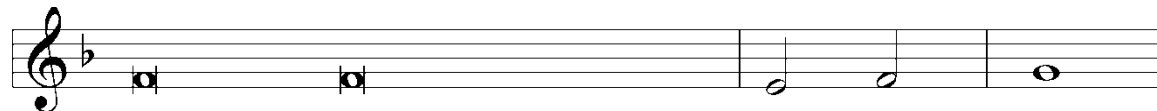
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

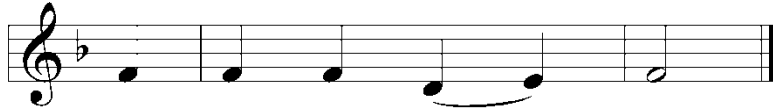


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## \*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: Exodus 33:12–23

P: Moses said to the LORD, “See, You say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.’ Now therefore, if I have found favor in Your sight, please show me now Your ways, that I may know You in order to find favor in Your sight. Consider too that this nation is Your people.” And He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to Him, “If Your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not in Your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and Your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?” And the LORD said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in My sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Please show me Your glory.” And He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you My name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” He said, “you cannot see My face, for man shall not see Me and live.” And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by Me where you shall stand on the rock, and while My glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with My hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL:** Psalm 107:20–21

P: He sent out His word and healed them,

**C: and delivered them from their destruction.**

P: Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,

**C: for His wondrous works to the children of men!**

**EPISTLE READING:** Ephesians 5:22–33

P: Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, His body, and is Himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of His body. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

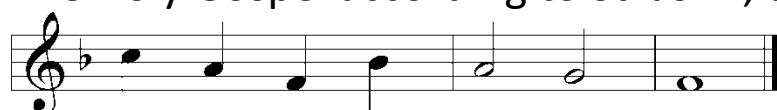
**\*ALLELUIA and VERSE**



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**\*HOLY GOSPEL:** John 2:1–11

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P: On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with His disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever He tells you.” Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.

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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

*"The Only Son from Heaven"*

**# 402**



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,  
 2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!  
 3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,  
 △ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.  
 He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
 In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,  
 And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
 Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
 That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
 Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.  
 fore us And bring us life a - gain.  
 prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.  
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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**SERMON:** *"God's Yes and God's No"*


**\*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*

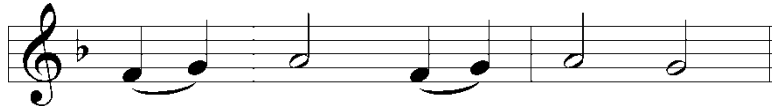


**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**\*PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

*[Psalm 136]*

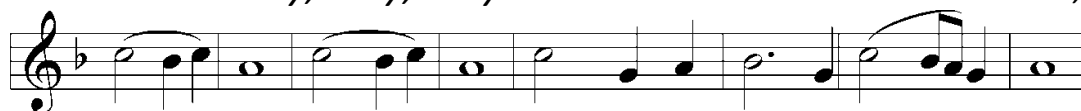


**C** It is meet and right so to do.

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.

**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, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

*"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"*

# 400

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;  
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f' rings di - vine,  
Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.  
Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;

Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;  
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,

Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.  
Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?  
Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

*"Come, Join in Cana's Feast"*

# 408



1 Come, join in Ca - na's feast Where  
 2 The old wine now is gone From  
 3 But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids  
 4 Come, friends, and share the feast; Here  
 5 For now He lives and reigns Through



Christ is hon - ored guest. He wel - comes all who  
 jars that stand a - part. No long - er can it  
 wa - ter turn to wine. He fills our emp - ty  
 drink the wine sup - plied By Him who is both  
 all e - ter - ni - ty With Fa - ther, Spir - it,



come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.  
 sat - is - fy The yearn - ing, thirst - ing heart.  
 cups a - gain With grace and truth di - vine.  
 guest and host— For us, the cru - ci - fied.  
 Three in One, The glo - rious Trin - i - ty.

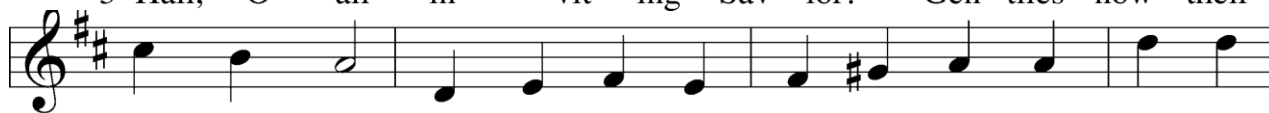
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*"Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"*

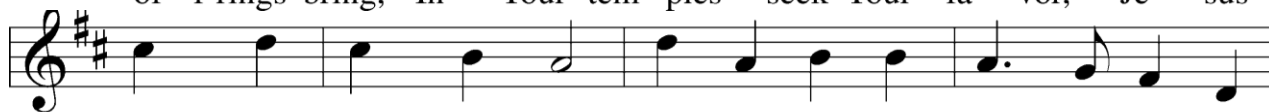
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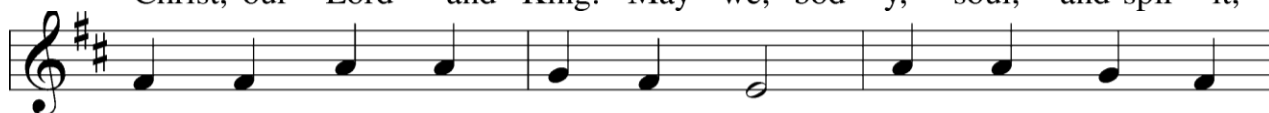
1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our  
 2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach Your  
 3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their



hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, In Your  
 sa - cred throne, In Your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed, Rec - on -  
 of - f' rings bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus



courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore You,  
 ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern sa - ges,  
 Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,



In Your Church re - joice to live, See Your glo - ry  
 See the Star of Mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid in  
 Live de - vot - ed to Your praise, Glo - rious realms of



and a - dore You, Thank - ful for the grace You give.  
 for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.  
 bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

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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*

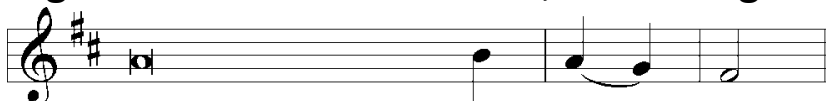
Luke 2:29-32

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.

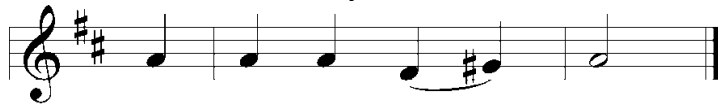


☐ A - men.

**\*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: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"**

**# 394**



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;  
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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### SERVANTS FOR TODAY

**Preacher:** Pastor Ben Ockree  
**Liturgist:** Deacon Jim LaCrone  
**Organist:** Renee Patzer  
**Acolyte:** Annabelle Clausen  
**Elder:** Don Harrison  
**Greeters:** Sue LaCrone, Becky Martin  
**Altar Guild:** Sandi Blush  
**Ushers:** Stuart Bach, Rae Zimmerman, Connor Ockree, Mike Ewing  
**Counters:** Grace Pasley, Sharon Dooley  
**Coffee Makers:** Larry & Bonnie Winter  
**Mug Detail:** Clausen Family

### THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

<b>Today:</b>	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Youth Group Meets-Youth Rm.	5:00 PM
<b>Monday:</b>	Cornerstone Choir Practice-F. Hall	11:00 AM
	Cornerstone Parent Meeting-Bsmt.	11:30 AM
	CLLC Board Meeting	5:30 PM
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Circuit Pastor's Winkle	9:00 AM



<b>Wednesday:</b>	Chapel	10:30 AM
	Homeschool Lunch-F. Hall	11:30 AM
	Homeschool Classes-Upper N. Pod	Noon
	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
<b>Thursday:</b>	Bulletin Announcement Deadline	9:00 AM
	Morning Break Bible Study	10:00 AM
	Church Council	6:30 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting	7:00 PM
<b>Saturday:</b>	Cornerstone Music Practice-F. Hall	1:00 PM
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Beacon Article Deadline	
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Voter's Meeting	10:15 AM

### **SERVANTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

<b>Preacher:</b>	Pastor Ben Ockree
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Deacon Jim LaCrone
<b>Organist:</b>	Renee Patzer
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Carly Simpson
<b>Elder:</b>	Kirk Johnson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Wanda Fay, Cindy Rohnke
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Sandi Blush
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stuart Bach, Rae Zimmerman, Connor Ockree, Mike Ewing
<b>Counters:</b>	Heather Williams, Tamara Ockree
<b>Coffee Makers:</b>	Larry & Bonnie Winter
<b>Mug Detail:</b>	Tony & Rae Zimmerman

### **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.

**NOTICE FOR SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING, JANUARY 21 AT 10:30 AM:** On December 13, the Council of Calvary received a letter from an anonymous member stating they would provide a \$30,000 gift to Calvary for a Vicar or a Deaconess Intern for the period of July 2024 to July 2025, and an additional \$20,000 gift to the Calvary operating budget. On December 29, the Church Council reviewed the proposal and decided this was a very generous offer and a wonderful opportunity for Calvary. It also is in line with our ongoing Strategic Planning, wanting to add additional staff to foster and nurture growth. It is important to note there are 2 requirements to the gift:

- A pledge drive begin before February 1, 2024.
- A total of \$20,000 be pledged by March 24, 2024, Palm Sunday.

Should these requirements not be met, the entire gift will be sent to the Lutheran Hour Ministries as per the wishes of the member. The LCMS Kansas District has estimated an annual cost of a Vicar/Deaconess Intern to total \$40,000-\$50,000. This gift, along with the \$20,000 pledged from Calvary, should be sufficient to fund either a vicar or deaconess intern for the 2024-2025 year. This gift may be repeated in subsequent years so that we may adjust our giving to continue with new staffing without the gift. While the Church Council can recommend accepting this offer, the final decision remains with the congregation. The Constitution of Calvary states:

*"The right of calling pastors and other called workers shall be vested in the Congregation."*

The Council is calling a special voters' meeting on January 21 at 10:15 AM to discuss and vote on acceptance of a Call for a Vicar/Deaconess intern. Announcements and other information will be made up to that date. The Council will have its recommended course of action between a vicar and deaconess intern out soon. The Council asks for you to give thanks for all of His blessings, including this wonderful opportunity and wisdom as we deliberate together in faith for Calvary's future.

**THE PSALM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** being taught by Boone Smith starts back up again this morning. Class will be meeting in the Crume Room in the north pod of the basement.

**THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR ADULT BIBLE CLASS** held next Sunday, January 21, due to the special Voter's Meeting being held at 10:15 AM. Reminder – all confirmed Calvary members age 18 and older are eligible to attend and vote at the voter's meetings.

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

**CALVARY LUTHERAN LEARNING CENTER HAS THE FOLLOWING JOB OPENINGS:**

- Part-Time Teacher (to cover other teachers/float between classrooms);
- Kitchen Help - 7:30 AM–1:00 PM (serve breakfast and lunch);
- 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, please contact Janice Sellers at 785-554-6280 or by email at [jsellers54@gmail.com](mailto:jsellers54@gmail.com).

**LIFELINE PREGNANCY CENTER** is in need of the following items:

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| -Diapers: sizes newborn, 3, 4, 5, 6       | -Infant formula           |
| -Baby Wipes                               | -Baby Wash and Lotion     |
| -Newborn size clothing                    | -Toddler size shoes/boots |
| -Toddler size clothing, socks, underwear  | -Toddler size shoes/boots |
| -Toddler size coats, hats, gloves/mittens |                           |

You can leave these items in the round blue tub under the mailboxes in the Narthex. 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.*



How would you answer the question of what it means to truly be a Christian?

Maybe you think it means that you are nicer than others, or that you go to church? Maybe it just means to do your best be a good person.

Maybe you think being a Christian is to be judgmental or a hypocrite.

This class will strive to answer what it means to be Christian by introducing the basics of the Christian faith and what they mean for our lives as taught in the Bible and expressed in Luther's Small Catechism. One goal of this class is to provide instruction for those seeking membership at Calvary, but it is open to anyone who wants to learn and grow in the Christian faith. This class will be an enriching experience if you are new to the faith or have been a Christian your entire life.

Classes start **Sunday, February 4**, and will be held every Sunday until **May 5** (13 weeks, no class on Easter Sunday). Classes begin at **1pm** and conclude around **2:30**. Mark your calendars and invite a friend who is curious about what we believe.

Snacks will be provided.

**Signup forms are located on the Usher's Table in the narthex.**

# ***YOUTH GROUP AND EVENTS 2024***

**January 14** - Dinner and Bible Study

5 - 7:30 in the Youth Room

**January 20** - Last day to sign up and pay your deposit for Higher Things. Any questions, ask Miss Wendy or Miss Tamara.

**January 21** - Ice Skating in Manhattan at Wefald Pavilion in City Park.

Cost: \$3.50/child

Skate rental: \$3.50

Transportation will be provided.

Meet at the church at 1. We should be back to the church by 5.

Hot Chocolate bar in the youth room after returning.

Pick up at 6:30.

**RSVP by January 14 so we can arrange transportation.**

**January 28** - Dinner and Bible Study

5 - 7:30 in the Youth Room

**January 24** - Kansas March for Life at the Capital

We will meet at St. John's for the Kansas District Life

Conference and march to the Topeka capital to stand witness for the unborn children of Kansas.

Registration is needed. If interested, talk to Miss Tamara or Miss Wendy.

**February 4** - Dinner and Bible Study  
5 in the Youth Room

**February 18** - Dinner and Bible Study  
5 - 7:30 in the Youth Room

**March 10** - Dinner and Bible Study  
5 - 7:30 in the Youth Room

**March 24** - Dinner and Bible Study  
5 - 7:30 in the Youth Room

**April 28** - *Come support our catechumens at Public Examination during Sunday school hour!*

End of Year Party

Let's Celebrate our new Confirmands and Welcome our incoming Junior High!

*(6th graders welcome)*

5 - 7:30 in the Youth Room

Bring a snack to share!

**May 5** - *Confirmation Service*

**June 24 - 28** - Higher Things Conference

*Who Am I*

*CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN*

*MEQUON, WI*

**Any questions? Please contact Tamara  
913-674-6698 or Wendy 785-213-8873.**

## **Prayer Petitions for the Week of January 14-20**

- Pray for a blessed Epiphany, that we would see Jesus and know Him as Lord.
- For our office manager Joann.
- For Pastor Ockree and Deacon LaCrone as they serve us.
- For our musicians: Renee, Annette, Anna, the choir, and instrumentalists.
- Pray for our janitor Sarah.
- For the CLLC: For the teachers and staff there. Pray for a new director.
- For our members (one every day): Matt & Michelle Paulsen and family. Brandon Perry. Shari Piel. David & Traci Podlena. Dawson Podlena. Dray Podlena. Shayla Podlena.
- For the sick, those undergoing procedures, and those recovering: Sandi Blush, Deniece Detjen, Loren Johannes, Shiela Jones, Joann LaCrone, Cindy Rohnke, Glenn Wehking, Michael 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, 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 our deliberations as we consider calling a new staff person.
- 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 our missions and ministry: Topeka North Outreach, West Africa Mission, Lifeline Pregnancy Center. Our Stephen Ministers.
- For generosity that we would be able to support and grow God's mission here at Calvary.

- For those celebrating birthdays this week: DonnaRae Eissler, Renelda Connell, Don Trimble, Len Henry, Debbie Leatherman.

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

**Sunday:** Pray for worship: Pray that we would rejoice in the coming of our King. Give thanks for the blessings of Word and Sacrament. Give thanks for our fellowship and blessings in continued unity. Pray that God bless Calvary and her people both physically and spiritually. Pray that we receive by faith the Lord's faithful answer to our prayers.

**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 and Pastor DeHope. For the saints of St. John, Alma, and Pastor Grimm.

**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. Pray especially for those who serve in healthcare. 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. Pray 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 our Outreach and Assimilation board and all that they do.



**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 those who maintain our roads and other infrastructure.

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

**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & LEARNING CENTER**

Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 AM

*(All Worship Services are live-streamed on Facebook)*

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class: 10:15 AM

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