



“Oh, Sing to the Lord a new song.”

*Psalm 98:1*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 28, 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 One**

**Lutheran Service Book P. 151 – 166**

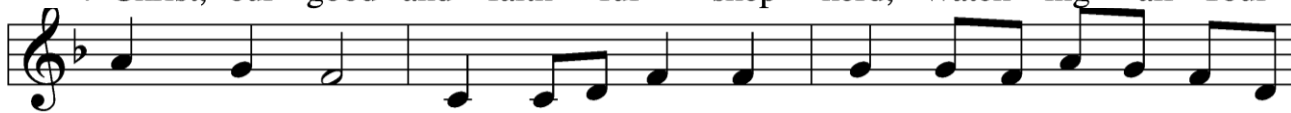
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**WELCOME and \*OPENING PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN: "Christ, the Word of God Incarnate" # 540**



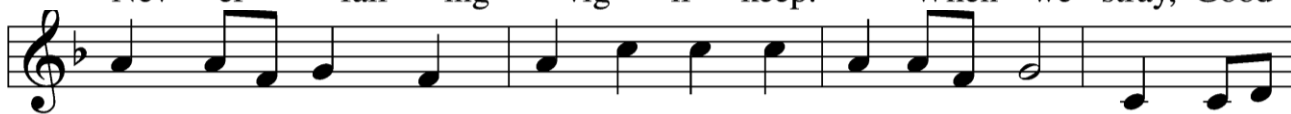
1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,  
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of  
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



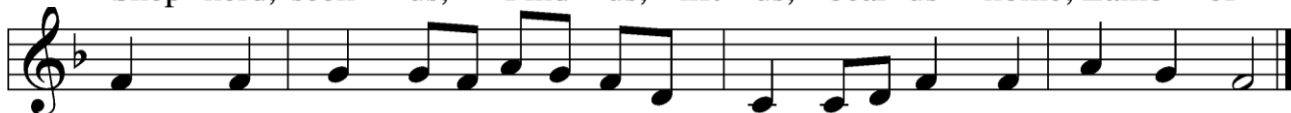
A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,  
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es  
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the  
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to  
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our  
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful  
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.  
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.  
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unailing  
To the Father's home on high,  
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,  
Christ, the life that cannot die.  
Mediator to the Father,  
Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,  
There to share Your wedding feast.

△ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
Christ, the life and resurrection,  
Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration  
And unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit  
And to You eternally

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

C: **Amen.**

**\*INTROIT:** Psalm 98:1, 2b, 3–4

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, Alleluia,

**C: for He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alleluia.**

P: His right hand and His holy arm

**C: have worked salvation for Him.**

P: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**C: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

**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.**

**\*KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy**

*Mark 10:47*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



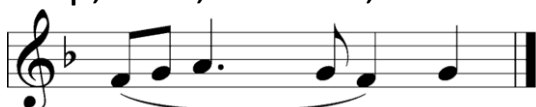
Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.




A - men.

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

*(Please Sing as Noted Below)*

**Verse 1 Congregation and Choir**



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.

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**Verse 2 Choir Only**

**Verse 3 Congregation and Choir**

He lives to bless me with His love,  
He lives to plead for me above,  
He lives my hungry soul to feed,  
He lives to help in time of need.

**Verse 4 Choir Only**

**Verse 5 Congregation and Choir**

He lives to silence all my fears,  
He lives to wipe away my tears,  
He lives to calm my troubled heart,  
He lives all blessings to impart.

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**Verse 6 Choir Only**

**INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE**

**Verse 7 Congregation and Choir**

He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

**Verse 8 Congregation and Choir**

He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

**\*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C: And al - so with you.

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

C: Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Isaiah 12:1–6

P: You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to You, O LORD, for though You were angry with me, Your anger turned away, that You might comfort me. “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.” With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted. “Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING:** James 1:16–21

P: Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*ALLELUIA and VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*HOLY GOSPEL:** John 16:5–15

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



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P: Jesus said: “But now I am going to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

**\*APOSTLES' CREED:** *(spoken by all)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" # 556 vs. 1, 6-8**



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion  
 6 The Son o - beyed His Fa - ther's will, Was born of vir - gin  
 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and  
 8 "Though he will shed My pre - cious blood, Me of My life be -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly  
 moth - er; And God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, He came to  
 cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I  
 reav - ing, All this I suf - fer for your good; Be stead - fast



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How  
 be my broth - er. His roy - al pow'r dis - guised He bore; A  
 strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And  
 and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; My



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!  
 ser - vant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the dev - il cap - tive.  
 where I am you may re - main; The foe shall not di - vide us.  
 in - no - cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for - ev - er.

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**SERMON: "A New Song"**

**\*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 116:12-13, 17-19*



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will





call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**\*PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*



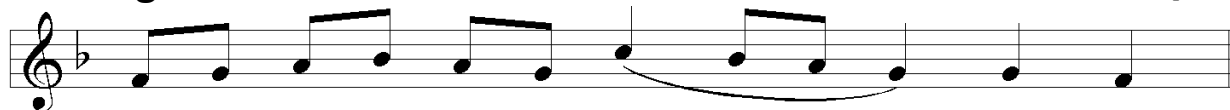
C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*



C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*



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

P: It is truly good, 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 pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

P: Hear us as we pray in Jesus’ name and as He has taught us:

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

**\*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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

**\*PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord***

*John 20:19*

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



**\*AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God***

*John 1:29*

C: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing  
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;  
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
 What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;  
 Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;  
 And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in  
 That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless  
 But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,  
 Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.  
 The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.  
 Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.  
 And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

- 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.
- 6 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.

*"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"*

# 496



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;  
 2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;  
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;  
 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.  
 Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.  
 In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.  
 Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.  
 Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

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*"God Loved the World So That He Gave"*

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1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

△6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,  
 Be praise now and eternally!

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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.

**\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE:** *"Thank the Lord"*



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**\*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

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



☐ A - men.

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



☐ A - men.

**\*CLOSING HYMN:**      *"To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"*

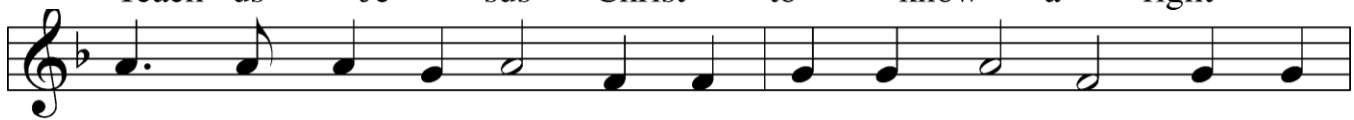
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1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray  
2 O sweet - est Love, Your grace on us be - stow;  
3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,  
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;



For the true faith need - ed on our way  
Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow  
Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed  
Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right



That He may de - fend us when life is end - ing And from  
That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry  
That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the  
That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, Till to



ex - ile home we are wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!  
strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!  
foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!  
our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

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**SERVANTS FOR TODAY**

**Preacher:** Pastor Ben Ockree  
**Liturgist:** Deacon Jim LaCrone  
**Organist:** Annette Jackson  
**Choir Director:** Anna Reb  
**Accompanist:** Annette Jackson  
**Acolyte:** Carly Simpson  
**Elder:** Larry Winter  
**Sexton:** Connor Ockree  
**Greeters:** Phil & Barb Lawrence  
**Altar Guild:** Mary North  
**Ushers:** Rick Blush, Bill Arnold, Len Henry, John Guffey  
**Counters:** Grace Pasley, Sharon Dooley

**Coffee Maker:** Kirk Johnson  
**Mug Detail:** Bill Arnold  
**Mowing Team:** John Guffey, Kirk Johnson

### THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

<b>Today:</b>	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Confirmand Questioning- <i>F. Hall</i>	10:15 AM
	Cornerstone Musical Practice- <i>Crume Rm.</i>	1:30 PM
	End of Year Youth Party	5:00 PM
<b>Wednesday:</b>	CLLC Chapel	10:30 AM
	Homeschool Chapel	11:00 AM
	Homeschool Lunch- <i>F. Hall</i>	11:30 AM
	Homeschool Classes- <i>North Pod</i>	12:00 PM
	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
<b>Thursday:</b>	Bulletin Announcement Deadline	9:00 AM
	Morning Break Bible Study	10:00 AM
	Board of Elders	6:30 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting- <i>F. Hall</i>	7:00 PM
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ladies Brunch	10:00 AM
	Cornerstone Musical Practice- <i>F. Hall</i>	1:00 PM
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Youth Confirmation	9:00 AM
	Reception for Youth Confirmands	10:00 AM
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Cornerstone Musical Practice- <i>Crume Rm.</i>	1:30 PM

### SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5

**Preacher:** Pastor Ben Ockree  
**Liturgist:** Deacon Jim LaCrone  
**Organist:** Renee Patzer  
**Acolyte:** Lilly Ketchum  
**Elder:** Mike Krise  
**Sexton:** Levi Clausen  
**Greeters:** Dean Brunkow, Roddy Schwant  
**Altar Guild:** Linda Devoe  
**Ushers:** Stuart Bach, Rae Zimmerman, Connor Ockree, Mike Ewing

**Counters:** Heather Williams, Tamara Ockree  
**Coffee Maker:** Joann LaCrone  
**Mug Detail:** Larry & Bonnie Winter  
**Mowing Team:** Dave Duffey, Trent Duffey

### **WEEKLY 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.

**YOUTH CONFIRMAND QUESTIONING WILL BE HELD** this morning in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour. Our confirmands this year are Jace Carter, Chloe Keehn, Laithen Paulsen, Carly Simpson, Duval Thieme, and Jack Williams. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend questioning in support of our young Christians.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASSES WILL NOT BE HELD** this morning due to the confirmand questioning. We hope all students and adults will attend in the Fellowship Hall.

**JOIN US FOR OUR LAST 2023/2024 YOUTH GROUP GATHERING** this evening at 5 PM in the basement Youth Room. We're going to be welcoming our incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders (*current 6<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to attend*) and celebrating with our new confirmands. Everyone should bring a snack to share and get ready to have some fun!

**PLEASE NOTE – PRICE CHANGE COMING ON COKE MACHINE** – Effective May 1, or thereabouts, the price on the Coke machine will change from \$0.75 to \$1.00.



**YOUTH CONFIRMATION WILL BE HELD** next Sunday, May 5, during the worship service. We encourage attendance at worship service that day to show encouragement to our young Christian members.

**A COOKIE AND PUNCH RECEPTION WILL BE HELD FOR THE CONFIRMANDS** next Sunday, May 5, immediately following worship service. Please stop by to give our confirmands an encouraging word!

**THE MONTHLY OPERATION BACKPACK ASSEMBLY** will be held this coming Thursday, May 2, 6 PM at Indian Creek Grade School, 43rd & Indian Creek Rd., north side. Volunteers age 7 (*with parent*) and up are needed. TNO provides food sacks for about 800 area students each week.

**ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SENIORS.** Calvary will be holding a Baccalaureate Service on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 6:30 PM, for all graduating seniors in the congregation. This is a Christian based service that honors and celebrates the graduates. Students should plan on wearing their cap and gown to the service. Please let Tamara Ockree know by today if your senior would like to be a part of the service or if you have any questions.

**THE CLLC IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH LUNCH.** This includes getting food carts ready, dishing out prepared food for lunch, taking carts to rooms, picking carts back up, and cleaning up after lunch. This is an 11 AM to 1 PM need. We are looking for 5 different people to take a day so no one is overloaded. If you are interested, please contact Brenda Watson at the center, 785-783-2121 or [cllctopekadirector@gmail.com](mailto:cllctopekadirector@gmail.com).

**FED TO FEED:** During the month of April Calvary is collecting **Bagged Cereal** and we will collect **Canned Fruit** in May to help supply the TNO Food Pantry. Items should be placed in the bin under the Usher's Table. Thank you!

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR CLLC:** In April we are collecting **Paper Towels** for the CLLC and in May we will collect **Snack Foods**, such as Graham Crackers, Gold Fish, Pretzels, Cheez-its, and Animal Crackers. A blue tub is located under the mailboxes for to place the donations. Thanks so much!

*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 APRIL 28-MAY 4**

- Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
- For our Office Manager Joann.
- For Pastor Ockree and Deacon LaCrone as they serve us.
- For our Deconess Intern Lara McComack .
- For our musicians: Renee, Annette, Anna, the choir, and instrumentalists.
- For our Janitor Sarah.
- For the CLLC: For Brenda, the teachers, and staff there. For one lead teacher.
- For our members (one every day): For Kevin & Anna Choitz and family. Tim Choitz. John & Amanda Clausen and family. Maureen Clemens. Brianna Cobb and family. Cheryl Collins. Chuck & Renelda Connell.
- For the sick, those undergoing procedures, and those recovering: Brody Boyd, Wanda Fay, Loren Johannes, Tim Leatherman, Carter Russell, Tate Russell.
- For those with chronic ailments: Wendy Humphrey, 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, Maureen Clemens, 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 wedding of Zeke & Bella Guffey and blessings to all marriages.
- 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 those being examined and being confirmed: Chloe Keehn, 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: Kaylee Deiter, David Podlena, Caleb Schwant, Jeff Hallgren, Brody Boyd, Scott Foster, Barrett Riener.
- For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Doug & Belinda Diekhoff, 25 yrs; Gary & Jane Wise, 43 yrs; Anne & Gene Swindale, 10 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 that we continue to sing the new song of creation in Christ's death and resurrection for us. For the examination of the confirmands.

**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, and DCE Amanda Adams. For the saints of St. Paul, Junction City, & Pastor Fries.

**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. For all who teachers and educators.

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

**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND 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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