



“Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”

EPIPHANY (Observed)
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
January 7, 2024

Calvary Lutheran Church
Topeka, Kansas

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

**Indicates to Stand*

***EPIPHANY GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 2:1-12

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ**

***EPIPHANY COLLECT**

P: Let us pray. . .

C: Amen.

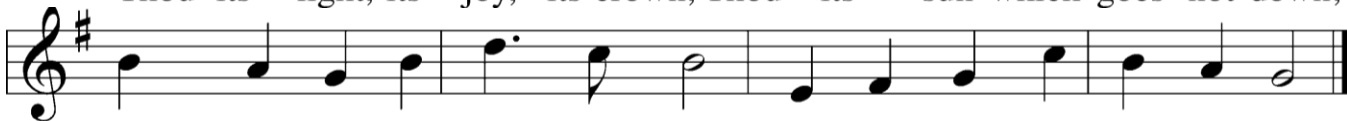
***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "As With Gladness Men of Old" # 397**



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

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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: 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:** Liturgical Text; Psalm 89:20; Psalm 89:1, 26–28

P: Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,

C: and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.

P: I have found David, my servant;

C: with my holy oil I have anointed him.

P: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

C: with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

P: He shall cry to me, “You are my Father,

C: my God, and the Rock of my salvation.”

P: And I will make him the firstborn,

C: the highest of the kings of the earth.

P: My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,

C: and my covenant will stand firm for him.

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.



C 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.



C 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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Gloria in Excelsis"

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

[2 Timothy 4:22]

C: And also with you.

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

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 42:1–7

P: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 72:18–19

P: Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel,

C: who alone does wondrous things.

P: Blessèd be his glorious name forever;

C: may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:26–31

P: For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA and VERSE**

[John 6:68]

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:** Matthew 3:13–17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter:

Glo - ry to You, O Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.

P: Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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

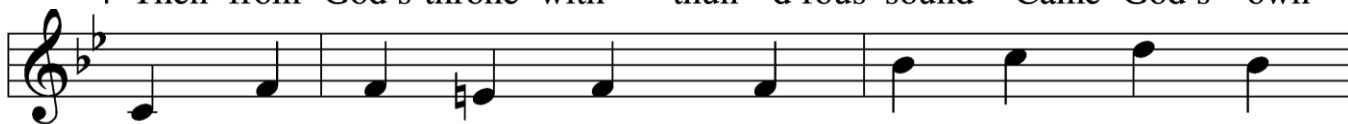
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the 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 \times everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"*

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1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

SERMON: "To Fulfill All Righteousness"

***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]



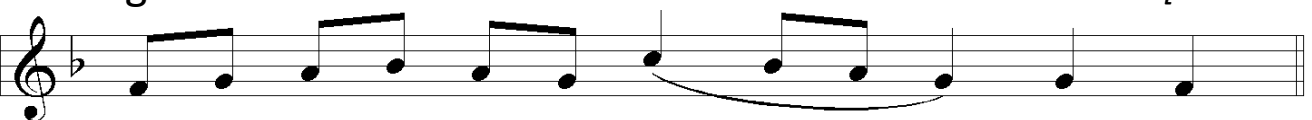
C: And al-so with you.

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**

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

[Matthew 6:9-13]

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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

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

[John 20:19]

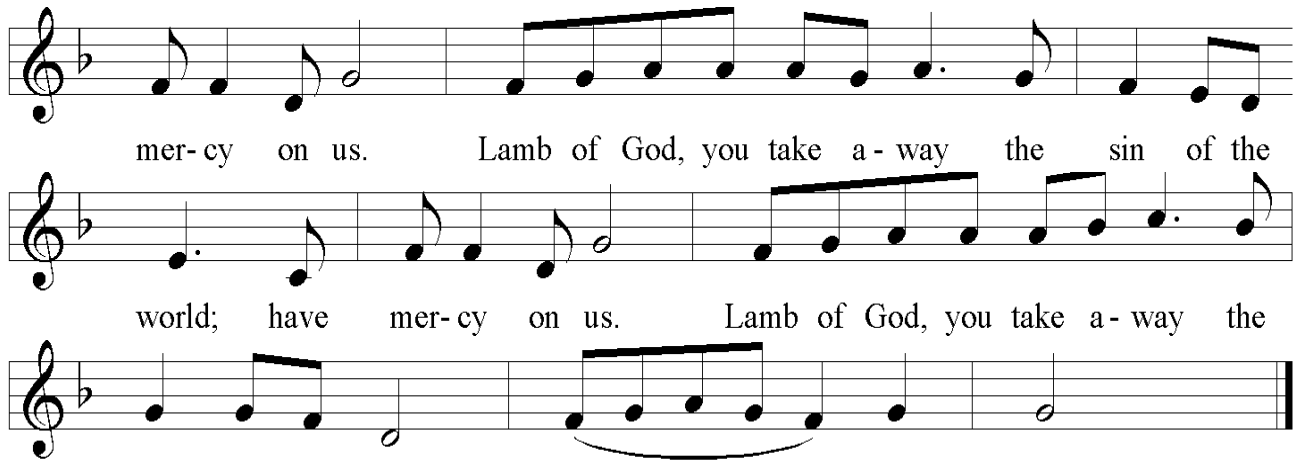
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A - men.

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

[John 1:29]

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.)

COMMUNION HYMNS

"The Star Proclaims the King is Here"

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1 The star pro-claims the King is here; But, Her-od,
 2 The east-ern sa-ges saw from far And fol-lowed
 3 With-in the Jor-dan's sa-cred flood The heav'n-ly
 4 And oh, what mir-a-cle di-vine, When wa-ter
 5 For this Thy glad e-piph-a-ny All glo-ry,

why this sense-less fear? For He who of-fers heav'n-ly
 on His guid-ing star; And, led by light, to light they
 Lamb in meek-ness stood That He, of whom no sin was
 red-dened in-to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
 Je-sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa-ther we a-

birth Seeks not the king-doms of this earth.
 trod And by their gifts con-fessed their God.
 known, Might cleanse His peo-ple from their own.
 flowed In streams that na-ture ne'er be-stowed.
 dore, And Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more.

"Arise and Shine in Splendor"

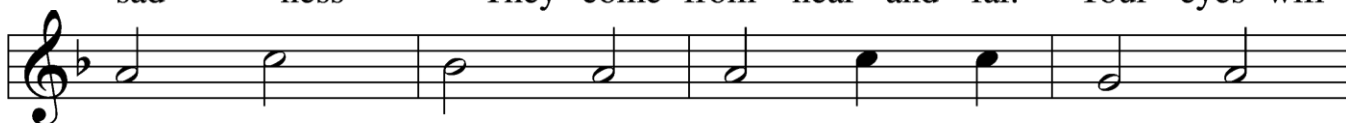
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1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -
 2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions
 3 The world's re - mot - est rac - es, Up - on whose wea - ry
 4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er
 5 Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the
 dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the
 fac - es The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with
 yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has
 sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes will



day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty
 Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has
 zeal un - tir - ing, With joy Your light de -
 heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your
 wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.
 sir - ing That breaks up - on them from on high.
 glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.
 num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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"From God the Father, Virgin-Born"

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1 From God the Fa - ther, vir - gin - born To us the
 2 Be - gin - ning from His home on high, In hu - man
 3 Glide on, O glo - rious Sun, and bring The gift of
 4 A - bide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of



on - ly Son came down; By death the font to con - se -
 flesh He came to die; Cre - a - tion by His death re -
 heal - ing on Your wing; To ev - 'ry dull and cloud - ed
 dark - ness chase a - way; Your work of heal - ing, Lord, be -



crate, The faith - ful to re - gen - er - ate.
 stored, And shed new joys of life a - broad.
 sense The clear - ness of Your light dis - pense.
 gin, And take a - way the stain of sin.

5 Lord, once You came to earth's domain
 And, we believe, shall come again;
 Be with us on the battlefield,
 From ev'ry harm Your people shield.

△6 To You, O Lord, all glory be
 For this Your blest epiphany;
 To God, whom all His hosts adore,
 And Holy Spirit evermore.

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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 - joice 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.

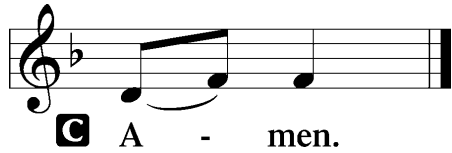


☐ A - men.

***BENEDICTION**

[Numbers 6:24-26]

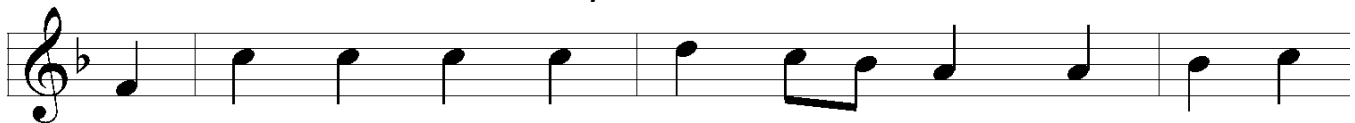
P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



***CLOSING HYMN:**

"The People That in Darkness Sat"

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1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.

△6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.

SERVANTS FOR TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree
Liturgist: Deacon Jim LaCrone
Organist: Renee Patzer
Acolyte: Jace Carter
Elder: Larry Winter
Greeters: Tony & Rae Zimmerman
Altar Guild: Sandi Blush
Ushers: Stuart Bach, Rae Zimmerman, Connor Ockree, Mike Ewing
Counters: Don & Linda Harrison
Coffee Makers: Larry & Bonnie Winter
Mug Detail: Larry & Bonnie Winter

THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

Today:	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
Monday:	Cornerstone Choir Practice-F. Hall	11:00 AM
	Cornerstone Parent Meeting-Bsmt.	11:30 AM
	CLLC Board Meeting	5:30 PM
Wednesday:	Chapel	10:30 AM
	Homeschool Lunch-F. Hall	11:30 AM
	Homeschool Classes-Upper N. Pod	Noon
	Cornerstone Art Competition-Crume Rm.	5:00 PM
	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
Thursday:	Cornerstone Art Competition-F. Hall	8:00 AM
	Bulletin Announcement Deadline	9:00 AM
	Morning Break Bible Study	10:00 AM
	Cornerstone Meeting-Sanctury	11:30 AM
Friday	Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting	7:00 PM
Saturday:	Cornerstone Music Competition-All Church	8:30 AM
	Prayers & Stitching Meeting	9:00 AM
Next Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Youth Group Meets-Youth Rm.	5:00 PM

SERVANTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Preacher:	Pastor Ben Ockree
Liturgist:	Deacon Jim LaCrone
Organist:	Renee Patzer
Acolyte:	Laithen Paulsen
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

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 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON PSALMS, being taught by Boone Smith, starts back up again this morning. Class will be meeting in the Crume Room in the north end of the basement.

WE WILL BE PUTTING THE CROSSES UP immediately following Sunday school this Sunday and would appreciate any help anyone is willing to provide. There will be a handful of things to assist with inside like tightening of the crosses and the rest will be putting them up outside. Thank you!

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR OCKREE AND JOANN LACRONE: We would like to thank our brothers and sisters in Christ for your generosity during the Christmas season. Your gifts are very much appreciated, but the friendship and support we receive from you are all the more appreciated. May your New Year be blessed by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you again!

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.

LIFELINE PREGNANCY CENTER is in need of the following items:

- Diapers: sizes newborn, 3, 4, 5, 6
- Baby Wipes
- Newborn size clothing
- Toddler size clothing, socks, underwear
- Toddler size coats, hats, gloves/mittens
- Infant formula
- Baby Wash and Lotion
- Toddler size shoes/boots
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You can leave these items in the round blue tub under the mailboxes in the Narthex. Thank you!



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

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

Prayer Petitions for the Week of January 7-13

- 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.
- For our janitor Sarah.
- For the CLLC: For the teachers and staff there. Pray for a new director.
- For our members (one every day): Pastor & Tamara Ockree and family. Bob & Kandy Ockree. Matt & Laura Ollek and family. DeVerne Pagel. Bill & Jacquie Patterson. Kenya Patzer. Mike & Renee Patzer.
- 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, 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: Christa Teel, Vernon Bean, T.J. Wedeking, Macie Smith, Judy Edwards, A.J. Velasquez, Maddie Edwards.

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. Rejoice in the Baptism of our Lord.

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 Redeemer and Pastor Kilgo. For the saints of St. John, Herington, and blessings in vacancy.

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 construction workers and other laborers.

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

To place announcements or prayer concerns in the Sunday bulletin contact the church office by 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 or email the Church Office.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & LEARNING CENTER

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

Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 AM

(All Worship Services are live-streamed on Facebook)

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class: 10:15 AM

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