



“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Matthew 25:13

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR
November 26, 2023

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

**Indicates to Stand*

***OPENING PRAYER**

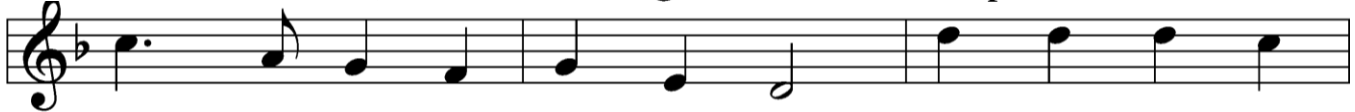
*** HYMN: "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" # 454**



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the
 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,
 time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,
 Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
 no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
 and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the
 Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of
 Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He
 None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the
 Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
 true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
 hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.
 world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!
 in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

*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: Isaiah 35:10; Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8

P: The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;

C: **everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.**

P: They shall obtain gladness and joy,

C: **and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

P: O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;

C: **let me know how fleeting I am!**

P: Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

C: **Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!**

P: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

C: **My hope is in you.**

P: Deliver me from all my transgressions.

C: **Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**

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.



C 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: "This Is the Feast"**

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***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 65:17–25

P: "Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,

and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 45:14–15

P: In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led to the king,

C: with her virgin companions following behind her.

P: With joy and gladness they are led along

C: as they enter the palace of the king.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

P: Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and

those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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 25:1–13**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter:

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P: Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly
 To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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SERMON: "Foolish Wisdom"

***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]

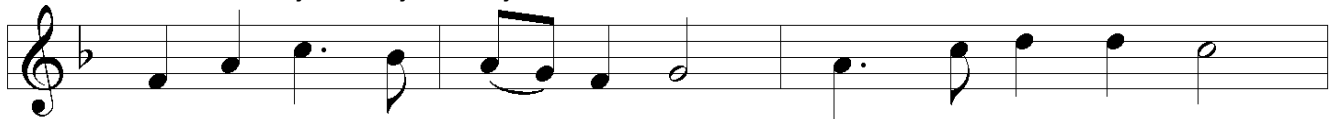


C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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]

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

[John 20:19]

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



***AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God**

[John 1:29]

A musical score for the Agnus Dei in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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." The music features a simple, melodic line with some slurs and a final double bar line.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star"

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1 Come, Thou bright and Morn - ing Star, Light of Light with -
2 Let Thy grace, like morn - ing dew Fall - ing soft on
3 May Thy fer - vent love de - stroy Our cold works, in
4 Ah! Thou Day - spring from on high, Grant that at Thy
5 Light us to those heav'n - ly spheres, Sun of grace, in



out be - gin - ning; Shine up - on us from a - far
bar - ren plac - es, Com - fort, quick - en, and re - new
us a - wak - ing Ar - dent zeal and ho - ly joy
next ap - pear - ing We who in the graves do lie
glo - ry shroud - ed; Lead us through this vale of tears



That we may be kept from sin - ning.
Our dry souls and dy - ing grac - es;
At the pur - ple morn's first break - ing.
May a - rise, Thy sum - mons hear - ing,
To the land where days un - cloud - ed,



Drive a - way by Thy clear light Our dark night.
Bless Thy flock from Thy rich store Ev - er - more.
Let us tru - ly rise ere yet Life has set.
And re - joice in our new life, Far from strife.
Pur - est joy, and per - fect peace Nev - er cease.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget

The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,

On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

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1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



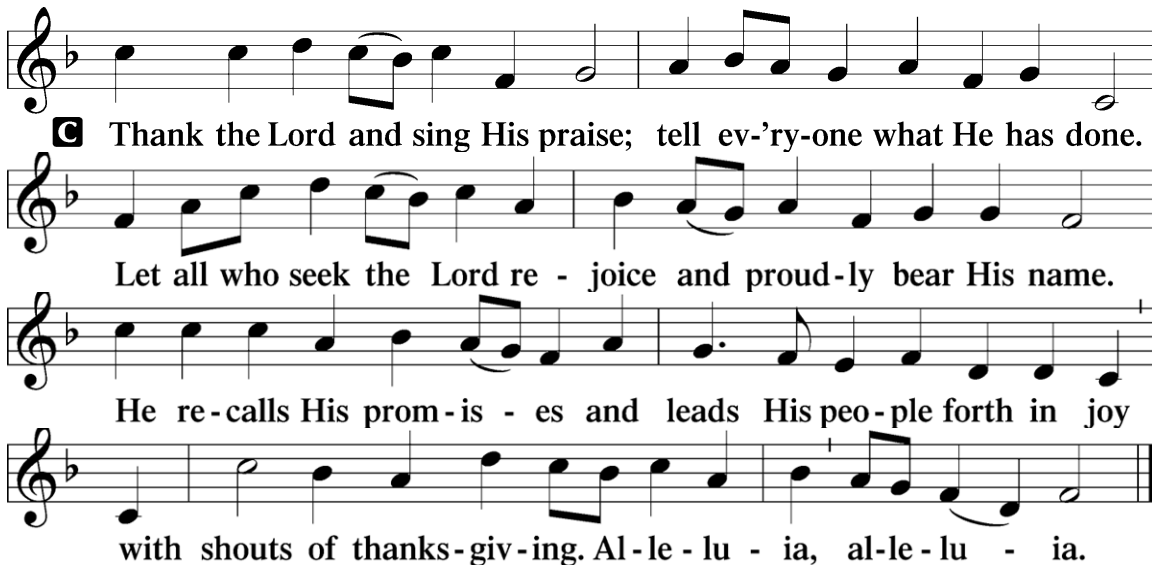
vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

*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.



A - men.

***CLOSING HYMN:**

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

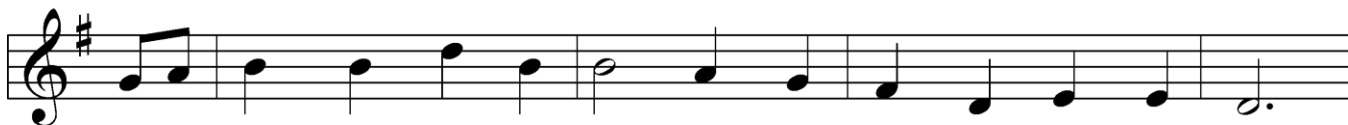
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1 Re - joice, re-joyce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride-groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be-night-ed sphere.



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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SERVANTS FOR TODAY

- Preacher:** Pastor Ben Ockree
Organist: Annette Jackson
Acolyte: Ockree
Elder: Don Harrison
Greeters: Connor Ockree, Mike Ewing
Altar Guild: Sandi Blush
Ushers: Phil LaCrone, Wilbur Schwant, Eric Ketchum,
Jason Ketchum
Counters: Heather Williams, Tamara Ockree
Coffee Maker: Joann LaCrone
Mug Detail: Tony & Rae Zimmerman

SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Preacher:	Pastor Ben Ockree
Liturgist:	Deacon Jim LaCrone
Organist:	Annette Jackson
Acolyte:	Jack Williams
Elder:	Larry Winter
Greeters:	Sue LaCrone, Becky Martin
Altar Guild:	Cheryl Johnson
Ushers:	Rick Blush, Bill Arnold, Arlan Myers, A.J. Velasquez
Counters:	Rick & Sandi Blush
Coffee Maker:	Bill Arnold
Mug Detail:	Mary North, Kathy Kalinka

HOME DEVOTIONAL READING GUIDE: NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 2

Nehemiah 5 – 8:12; Psalm 119:153 – Psalm 123; Jude; Revelation 1 – 2

THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

Today:	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School and Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Being Christian Class	1:00 PM
	Youth Group Dinner & Bible Study	5:00 PM
Monday:	Cornerstone Choir Practice-F. Hall	11:00 AM
Tuesday:	J.O.Y. Potluck & Bingo	11:30 AM
	College Bible Study-at Iliff's	6:30 PM
Wednesday:	Homeschool Chapel & Classes	11:00 AM
	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Choir Practice	8:00 PM
Thursday:	Deadline for Weekly Announcements	9:00 AM
	Morning Break Bible Study	10:00 AM
Friday:	Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting	7:00 PM
Saturday:	Ladies Brunch	10:00 AM
Next Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School and Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Private Lunch in Fellowship Hall	12:00 PM
	Being Christian Class	1:00 PM

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.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, IS THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT. Wednesday evening Advent worship services will not begin until Wednesday, December 6. Wednesday services will continue each week, through December 20. Services will start at 7 PM.

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SUPPERS WILL BE HELD prior to all 3 Wednesday worship services. Suppers will begin at 5:45 PM with confirmation students getting their meals first so they can get to class.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE – Practice has started and will continue **every week immediately after worship service in the Sanctuary.** All children preschool through grade 12 are invited and encouraged to participate! We are returning this year to an evening Children's Christmas service which will be held December 17 at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary. If all parents could please voice to Laura Ollek whether or not their children are available to participate in the service the evening of Dec. 17, as well as advise of any musical instrumental talent your child has that we may be able to incorporate, that will help with planning! We hope to grow this further in the coming years! *It would be wonderful to have strong congregational support for our children and participation that evening, so we encourage the congregation to save this date!* We look forward to this special time! Please direct any questions to Timothy Humphrey, Anna Reb, or Laura Ollek.

FED TO FEED: During the month of November through December 10, Calvary is collecting **Canned Corn and Canned Green Beans** to help supply the TNO families adopted for Christmas. Items should be placed in the bin under the Usher's Table in the Narthex. Thank you!

THE TNO FAMILY CHRISTMAS ADOPTION TREE IS NOW UP IN THE NARTHEX and still has a few tags left on it! If you would like to purchase a gift, take a tag from the tree for the gift you would like to get. Gifts must be new unless otherwise specified. TNO has set a dollar limit per family member, so PLEASE PROVIDE ONLY WHAT IS WRITTEN ON THE TAG AND NOTHING ADDITIONAL. *(Each child in a family needs to receive the same number of gifts and we already have it figured out by dollar amount and number of gifts per person).* Wrap the gifts, **tape the original tag name side up**, on the package so we know who the gift is for, and return it to Calvary, placing it in the appropriate tub located in the Narthex. **Gifts must be returned to Calvary by Sunday, December 10.** All gifts and food will be taken to the distribution site that next week. We will also be taking a special door offering on Sunday, Dec. 10 which will be used to purchase any additional gifts/food items still needed. Any funds left over will be given to the TNO Backpack Program. If you want to participate but are unable to shop, you can donate at the door offering or give your donation directly to Joann, Office Manager, who will make the purchases. Cash is best but checks should be made payable to Joann LaCrone since she is doing the shopping.

LIFELINE PREGNANCY CENTER is in need of the following items:

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

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 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 the Church Office.

Prayer Petitions for the Week of November 26-December 2

- Pray we would be watchful and dutiful as we await Christ's return.
- Pray for our church workers: Joann, Annette, Renee, and Sarah.
- Pray for Pastor Ockree and Deacon Lacrone as they serve us.
- For our musicians: Renee, Annette, Anna, the choir and other instrumentalists.
- Pray for the CLLC: For Melissa and the teachers and staff there. Pray blessings for Melissa as she leaves and that we will find a new director soon.
- Pray for our Youth Christmas Service on December 17.
- For those grieving: The family of Joye Slocum and all who love her.
- Pray for our members (one every day): Loren & Cathy Johannes. Kirk & Cheryl Johnson. Mark Johnson and family. Sheila Jones. Kathy Kalinka. Casey Kelly. Eric & Mindy Ketchum and family.
- Pray for the sick, those undergoing procedures, and those recovering: Rick Blush, Loren Johannes, Bob Ockree, Cindy Rohnke.
- Pray 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.
- Pray 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.
- Pray for the work of the strategic planning committee as it takes up the task of providing faithful guidance for all at Calvary.
- Pray 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.
- Pray 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.
- Pray for our missions and ministry: Topeka North Outreach, West Africa Mission, Lifeline Pregnancy Center. Our Stephen Ministers.
- Pray for generosity that we would be able to support and grow God's mission here at Calvary.

- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Brody Deiter, Bonnie Winter, Dan McPherron, Sandi Blush, Kelcie Pusch.

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

Sunday: Pray for worship: Pray that we would be wise unto salvation. 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.

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 & Pastor Kilgo. For the saints of Redeemer, Arkansas City, 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 other 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 and cast 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, and orphans. For the immigrant and the stranger among us, especially those from Ukraine in our midst. For the afflict 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 elders 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 teachers and educators.

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

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Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 AM

(All worship services are live-streamed on Facebook)

Sunday Adult Bible Class: 10:15 AM

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