

“Blessed rather are those who hear
the word of God and keep it!”

Luke 11:28

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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March 3, 2024

**Calvary Lutheran Church
Topeka, KS**

Today at Calvary Lutheran Church, we celebrate our Lord's Supper. If you are a member in good standing of an LCMS congregation, we welcome you to the fellowship of our Lord's Body and Blood at this table. However, if you are a guest, whether from another LCMS congregation or elsewhere, and would like to receive the Lord's Body and Blood in this Sacrament and the forgiveness that He has won by them, we kindly ask that you speak with the pastor before the service.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

Lutheran Service Book P. 184–202

**Indicates to Stand*

ANNOUNCEMENT and *OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: "God Has Spoken by His Prophets" # 583



1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;
 2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
 3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.
 Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;
 In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spair and tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:
 Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was;
 Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;



God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.
 Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, He re - veals our God to us.
 God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing; God the first, and God the last.

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***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

(The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism)

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

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

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalm 32:5*

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

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

C: Amen.

***INTROIT:** Psalm 25: 15–16, 1–2, 17–18, 20

P: My eyes are ever toward the Lord,

C: for He will pluck my feet out of the net.

P: Turn to me and be gracious to me,

C: for I am lonely and afflicted.

P: To You, O Lord,

C: I lift up my soul.

P: O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame;

C: let not my enemies exult over me.

P: The troubles of my heart are enlarged;

C: bring me out of my distresses.

P: Consider my affliction and my trouble,

C: **and forgive all my sins.**

P: Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

C: **Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You.**

***GLORIA PATRI**



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



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

***KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy**

Mark 10:47



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



☐ And with thy spir - it.

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



☐ A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 26:1–15

P: In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: “Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I

intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law that I have set before you, and to listen to the words of My servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’” The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.” Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that He has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 9:19, 3

P: Arise, O Lord! Let not man prevail;

C: let the nations be judged before You!

P: When my enemies turn back,

C: they stumble and perish before Your presence.

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 5:1–9

P: Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 11:14–28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P: Now Jesus was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” while others, to test Him, kept seeking from Him a sign from heaven. But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he

attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters. When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first." As He said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts at which You nursed!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

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

HYMN OF THE DAY:*“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”***# 589**

1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten
 3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,
 to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,
 spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;
 me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward
 Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,
 On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with
 Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who
 light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my
 praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!
 feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.
 sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!
 praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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SERMON:*“Vigilant Faith”****PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** *(response “hear our prayer”)**[1 Timothy 2:1-4]***OFFERING:** *(as the offerings are being gathered to glorify our Lord, please sign and pass the red attendance booklet found in the pew)*

***OFFERTORY**

Psalm 51:10-12

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

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

***PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

[Psalm 136]

It is meet and right so to do.

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

***SANCTUS** *≈ Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Matthew 6:9-13

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

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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

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

John 20:19

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



☐ A - men.

***AGNUS DEI** *≈ Lamb of God*

John 1:29



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

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

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

"I Walk in Danger All the Way"

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1 I walk in dan - ger all the way. The thought shall nev - er
 2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin and ills con -
 3 And death pur - sues me all the way, No - where I rest se -
 4 I walk with an - gels all the way, They shield me and be -
 leave me That Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, Is
 tend - ing; In pa - tience I must bear each day The
 cure - ly; He comes by night, he comes by day, He
 friend me; All Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay When
 plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares
 cross of God's own send - ing. When in ad - ver - si - ty
 takes his prey most sure - ly. A fail - ing breath, and I
 heav'n - ly hosts at - tend me; They are my sure de - fense,
 May seize me un - a - wares If I should fail to
 I know not where to flee, When storms of woe my
 In death's strong grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni -
 All fear and sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do



watch and pray. I walk in dan - ger all the way.
 soul dis - may, I pass through tri - als all the way.
 ty to - day As death pur - sues me all the way.
 what they may, I walk with an - gels all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way,
 His guidance never fails me;
 Within His wounds I find a stay
 When Satan's pow'r assails me;
 And by His footsteps led,
 My path I safely tread.
 No evil leads my soul astray;
 I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;
 Await, my soul, the morrow,
 When God's good healing shall allay
 All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.
 Then, worldly pomp, begone!
 To heav'n I now press on.
 For all the world I would not stay;
 My walk is heav'nward all the way.

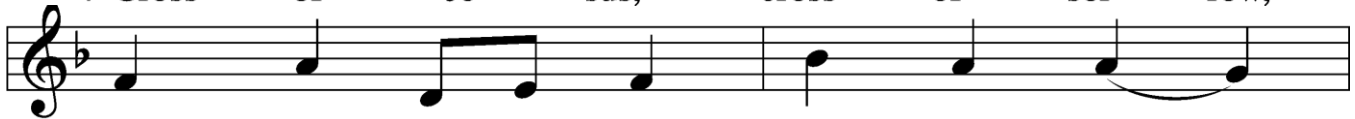
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"Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"

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1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,
 2 Here the King of all the a - ges,
 3 O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing!
 4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,



Where the blood of Christ was shed,
 Throned in light ere worlds could be,
 O a - ban - don - ment sub - lime!
 Where the blood of Christ was shed,



Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,
 Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,
 Ver - y God Him - self is bear - ing
 Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,



Per - fect God on thee has bled!
 Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
 All the suf - fer - ings of time!
 Per - fect God on thee has bled!

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"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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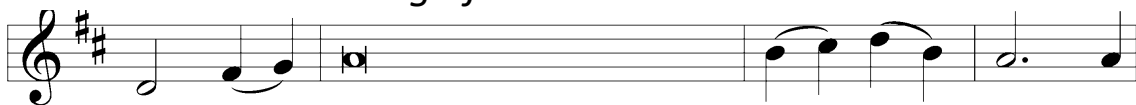
***COMMUNION DISMISSAL**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: Amen

***NUNC DIMITTIS** ~ *Song of Simeon*

Luke 2:29-32



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



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



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



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

***THANKSGIVING**

Psalm 107:1

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

☐ and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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

☐ A - men.

***SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

☐ And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

☐ Thanks be to God.

***BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

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

☐ A - men, a - men, a - men.

***CLOSING HYMN:**

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

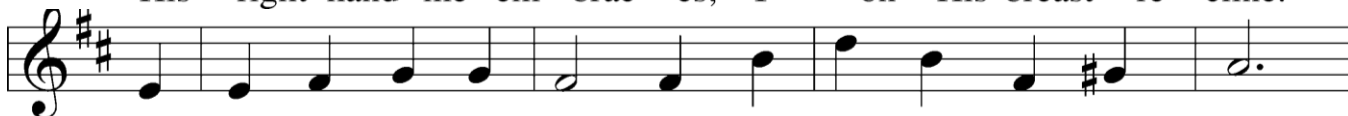
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1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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SERVANTS FOR TODAY

- Preacher:** Pastor Ben Ockree
Organist: Renee Patzer
Acolyte: Chloe Keehn
Elder: Don Harrison
Sexton: T.J. Humphrey
Greeters: Dean Brunkow, Roddy Schwant
Altar Guild: Marcia Coufal
Ushers: Phil LaCrone, Wilbur Schwant, John Guffey, Ketchum's
Counters: Rick & Sandi Blush
Coffee Makers: Mary North
Mug Detail: Mary North, Kathy Kalinka

THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

- Today:** Worship Service 9:00 AM
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM
Cornerstone Musical Practice-Crume Rm. 1:30 PM

Monday:	Cornerstone Choir Practice-F. Hall	11:00 AM
	CLLC Board Meeting	5:00 PM
Wednesday:	CLLC Chapel	10:30 AM
	Homeschool Chapel	11:00 AM
	Homeschool Lunch-F. Hall	11:30 AM
	Homeschool Classes-Upper N. Pod	Noon
	Lenten Supper (confirmation students go first)	5:45 PM
	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Lenten Midweek Worship Service	7:00 PM
Thursday:	Bulletin Announcement Deadline	9:00 AM
	Morning Break Bible Study	10:00 AM
	Board of Elders Meeting	6:30 PM
Friday	Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting	7:00 PM
Saturday:	Spring Work Day	8:00 AM
	Prayers & Stitching	9:00 AM
	Cornerstone Musical Practice-F. Hall	1:00 PM
Next Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Cornerstone Musical Practice-Crume Rm.	1:30 PM
	Youth Group Dinner & Bible Study	5:00 PM

SERVANTS FOR LENT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Preacher:	Deacon Jim LaCrone
Organist:	Renee Patzer
Acolyte:	Cora Russell
Elder:	Kirk Johnsson
Sexton:	T.J. Humphrey
Altar Guild:	Sandi Bush

SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Preacher:	Pastor Ben Ockree
Organist:	TBA
Acolyte:	Violet Ockree
Elder:	Michael Reb
Sexton:	T.J. Humphrey

Greeters: Connor Ockree, Mike Ewing
Altar Guild: Marcia Coufal
Ushers: Phil LaCrone, Wilbur Schwant, John Guffey, Ketchum's
Counters: Bill Arnold, Pr. Ockree
Coffee Makers: Mary North
Mug Detail: Marcia Coufal, Anna Choitz

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.

WE ARE IN NEED OF USHERS! Particularly for the special evening services but also for Sundays. Any member, male or female, high school age or older, is eligible to serve as an usher. Please contact Don Harrison if you can help.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES will be held each Wednesday evening at 7 PM through March 20. The Lenten series, being preached by Deacon Jim LaCrone, is titled "Walk In." Please plan to attend!

THE LENTEN SUPPER THIS WEDNESDAY, March 6 will be served by the O.W.L.'s. The menu will Hamburgers, French Fries, Desert, and Drinks. A free-will offering will be taken. Profits will be used for various things needed around the church. Lenten suppers start at 5:45 PM with confirmation students getting food first so they can get to class.

EASTER CANDY/TRINKET DONATIONS – Calvary is collecting donations of individually wrapped candy and other small trinkets (stickers, erasers, etc.) to fill our Easter eggs for the hunt on March 23. Please have all donations to the church by today. A collection bin is under the mailboxes.

CALVARY'S SPRING WORKDAY will be held next Saturday, March 9 from 8 AM to Noon. We have several projects that need done around the church that day. We would also like to ask for volunteers to oil the pews, but that needs to be done on a Sunday afternoon or Monday, giving time for the oil to dry before having people sit on them. If you would be willing to help with this task, please let the church office know so we can coordinate a day.

CALVARY'S EASTER EGG HUNT will be held on Saturday, March 23 at 10:00 AM. The hunt is for children ages 1 through 10. Please bring your own basket or bag for hunting eggs. Weather date is Saturday, March 30.

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

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CLLC: During March we are asking for Ziplock style baggies. There is a blue tub under the mailboxes for the CLLC donations.

ANSWERING THE HARVEST CALL – FULFILLED but NOT FINISHED. The *Answering the Harvest Call*, fundraising campaign to help pay for the support of a deaconess intern here at Calvary has already met its goal. We thank the Lord for your generosity. However, we still want to encourage you to give to this campaign if you haven't yet as we strive to grow our giving to support a new full time ministry position. Blue pledge cards are available for you to make your pledge. Please prayerfully consider supporting this effort long term. Pledges will need to be made between now and March 24, 2024, Palm Sunday. All pledged dollars need to be **given** by May 31, 2025. Offerings envelopes should be marked "**Harvest Call.**" If you have questions, please contact Pastor Ockree, or Bill Arnold. **Please Note:** Since this is a one-year campaign, an annual gift would be any one-time giving.

THRIVENT MEMBERS - DON'T FORGET TO DIRECT YOUR CHOICE DOLLARS by March 31, 2024 to help support Calvary Lutheran Church or Calvary Lutheran Learning Center. Calvary received \$2,235.00 in grant funding from Choice Dollars® in 2023. Go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 1-800-847-4836 to learn more and to direct your dollars. Thank you!

CALVARY LUTHERAN LEARNING CENTER HAS THE FOLLOWING JOB OPENINGS:

- Lead Teacher;
- 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 or know someone who may be interested, please contact Janice Sellers at 785-554-6280 or by email at jsellers54@gmail.com.

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

Prayer Petitions for the Week of March 3-9

- Pray for a penitent heart and living faith to grow throughout Lent.
- For our Office Manager Joann LaCrone.
- For Pastor Ockree and Deacon LaCrone as they serve us.
- For blessings as we work to place a deaconess intern.
- For our musicians: Renee, Annette, Anna, the choir, and instrumentalists.
- For our Janitor Sarah Guffey.
- For the CLLC: For the teachers and staff there. Pray for a new director.
- For our members (one every day): Anne Swindale. Christine Tajchman. Neil Tajchman. Sean & Christa Teel and family. Duane & Valerie Thieme and family. Erika Tipton. Don & Greta Trimble.
- For the sick, those undergoing procedures, and those recovering: Sandi Blush, Jo Dee Brockhoff, Wanda Fay, Loren Johannes, Shiela Jones, Tom Sage, Barb Wehking.

- For those with chronic ailments: Vernon Bean, Wendy Humphrey, Ralph Knehans, Kay Foster, Connor Hurd, Shiela Jones, Phil Lawrence, Arleen Marston, Bob Ockree, Juan Alvarez, Abbie Alvarez, Ashton Alvarez, Alijah Alvarez, Teddy Schuh, Pastor Hopkins.
- For our shut-ins: Vernon Bean, Rosella Calderwood, Florence Deutsch, Grace Dienstbier, Karen Dreasher, DonnaRae Eissler, Dianne Hatesohl, Shiela Jones, 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 Calvary: That we would grow in the Word and for our Sunday morning classes, youth group, the young adults' class, Being Christian, Morning Break. For women's and men's groups, OWLS, Prayers & Stitching.
- For confirmands: Evelyn Guffey, Cecelia Humphrey, Violet Ockree, Cora Russell, Brody Boyd, Anabelle Clausen, Abriella Guenther, Sophia Humphrey, Chloe Keehn, Lilly Ketchum, Elinor Ockree, Barrett Riener, Jack Williams, Jace Carter, Laithen Paulsen, Carly Simpson, Duval Thieme.
- For 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: Rebecca Lewis, Jeff Schuh, Jacob Crawford, Sophie Ockree, Brianna Cobb, Cary Deiter, Jason Ketchum.
- For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Sandy & Larry Carter, 54 yrs; Hannah & Andrew Turner, 5 yrs.

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

Sunday: Pray for worship: That we would grow in faith in who Jesus is for us. Give thanks for the blessings of Word and Sacrament. Give thanks for our fellowship and blessings in continued unity. Pray that God bless Calvary and her people both physically and spiritually. Pray for persistence in prayer.

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, Nashville, 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. 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. 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 Outreach and Assimilation Committee and their service to us.

Saturday: Pray for our vocations: For blessing and joy in our duties. For husbands & wives, parents & children. For those who live alone. For the unemployed and underemployed. For employers looking for workers. For those struggling financially and facing instability. For those who are homeless and lack other necessities of life. Pray especially for electricians, plumbers, and other craftsmen.

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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