



Your faith has made you well.

Luke 18:42b

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Sola Fide

February 11, 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 Three

Lutheran Service Book, Pg. 184-202

**Indicates to Stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS and *OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" # 545



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
 world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
 pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

*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.

C: **Amen.** *[John 20:19-23]*

*INTROIT: Psalm 31: 2b–3, 1, 5, 9, 16

P: Be a rock of refuge for me,

C: **a strong fortress to save me!**

P: For You are my rock and my fortress;

C: **and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.**

P: In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

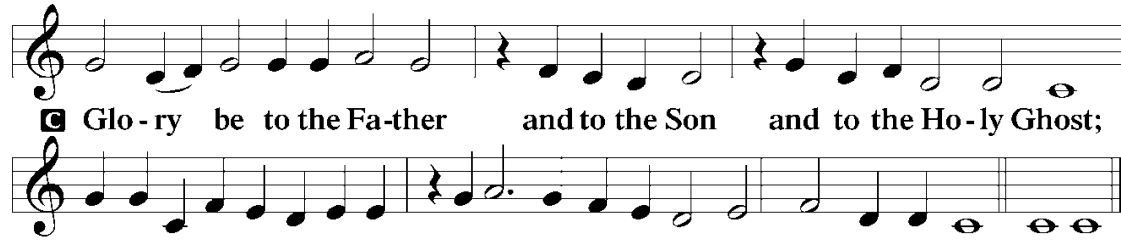
C: **in Your righteousness deliver me!**

P: Into Your hand I commit my spirit;

C: **You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

P: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
C: my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.
P: Make Your face shine on Your servant;
C: save me in Your steadfast love!

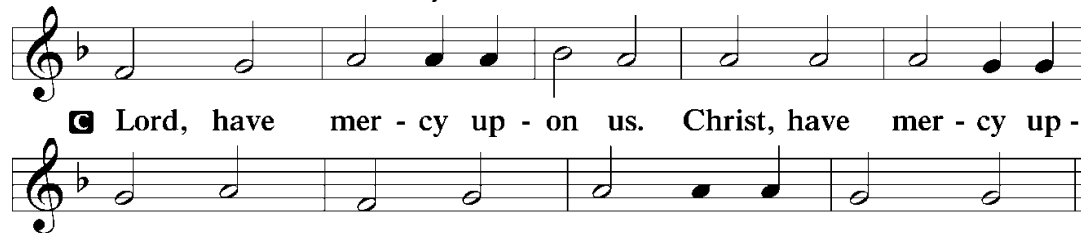
***GLORIA PATRI**



♩ 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



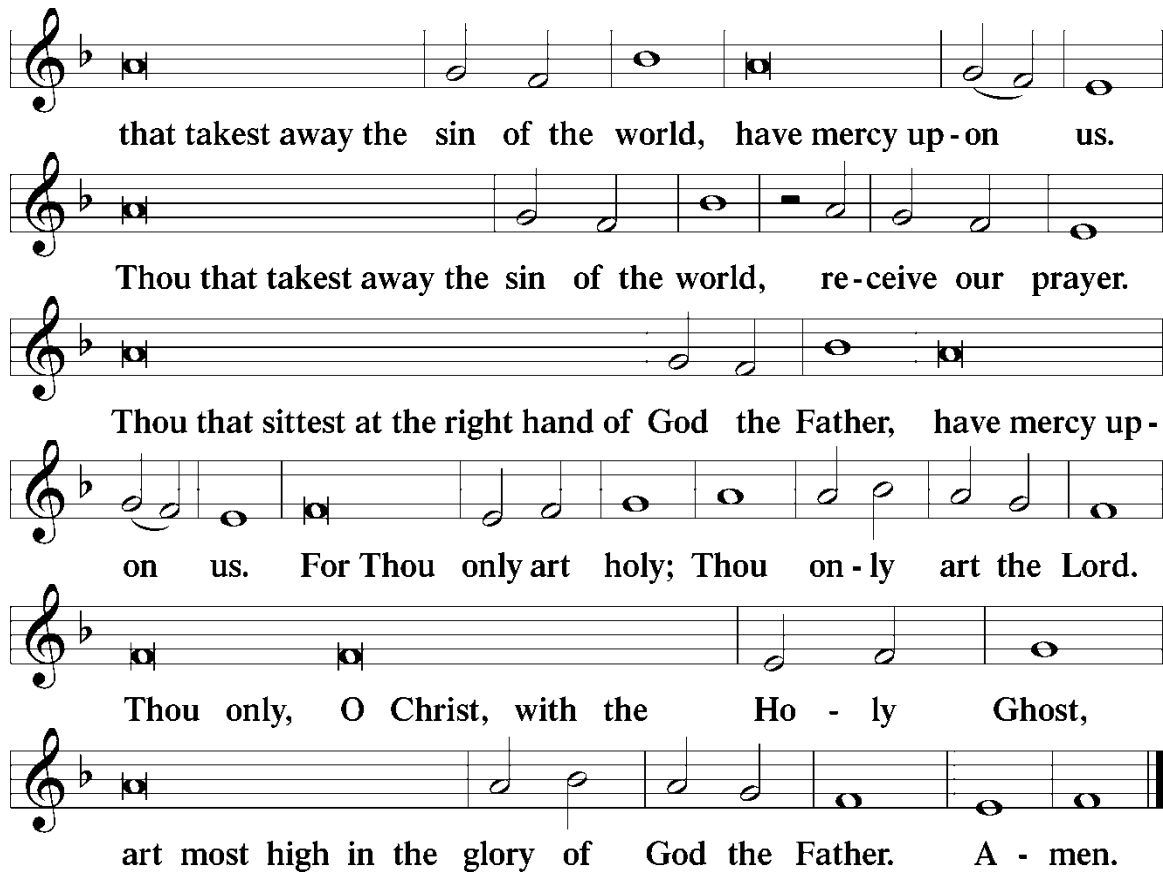
♩ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest**

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



♩ Glory be to God on high: **♩** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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

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

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

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

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

***SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



☐ And with thy spir - it.

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



☐ A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 16:1–13

P: The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for Me him whom I declare to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to

Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 77:14–15

P: You are the God who works wonders;

C: You have made known Your might among the peoples.

P: You with Your arm redeemed Your people,

C: the children of Jacob and Joseph.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1–13

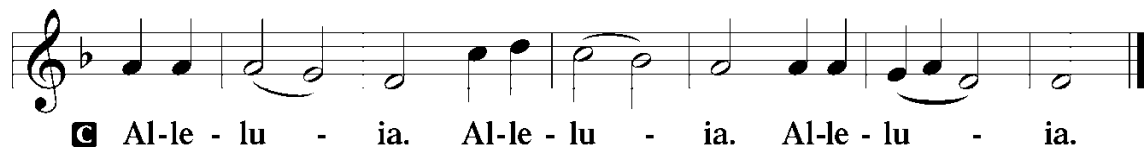
P: If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and

understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not Irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

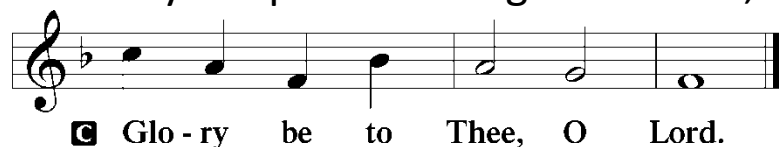
C: **Thanks be to God.**

***ALLELUIA and VERSE**



***HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 18:31–43**

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



P: Taking the twelve, Jesus said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For He will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging Him, they will kill Him, and on the third day He will rise.” But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. As He drew near to Jericho, a blind

man was sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he came near, He asked him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

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1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
 All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.
 From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
 To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;
 The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
 And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A kingdom with - out end.
 His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

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SERMON: "Faith Alone"

*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.

***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.



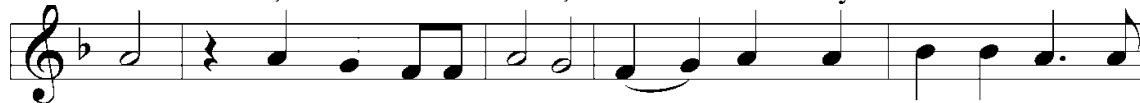
☐ A - men.

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

John 1:29



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



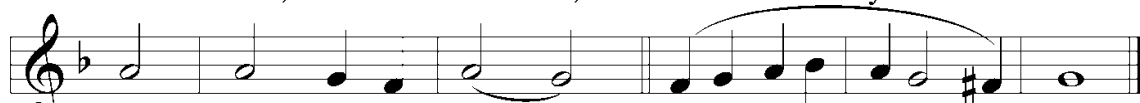
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



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

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

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1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



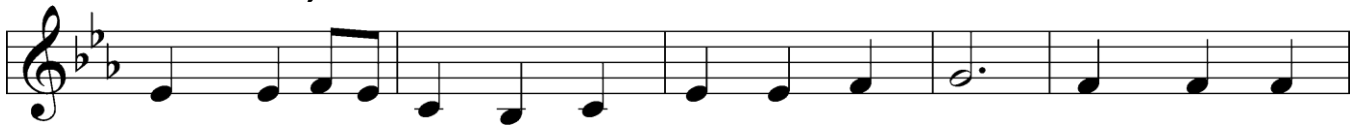
hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

"Christ Be My Leader"

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1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

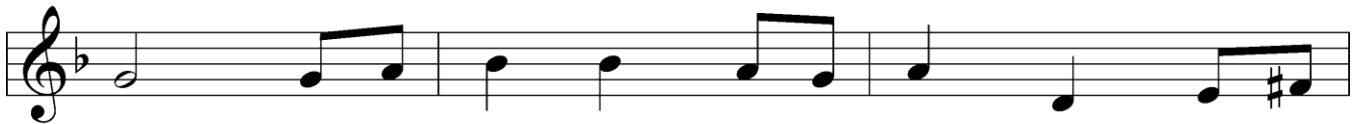
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"Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels"

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1 Not for tongues of heav - en's an - gels, Not for wis - dom to dis -
2 Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, Love is ten - der, true, and
3 Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, Love will not re - joice in
4 In the day this world is fad - ing Faith and hope will play their



cern, Not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains, For this
kind; Love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, Gen - er -
wrong; Nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, Love be -
part; But when Christ is seen in glo - ry Love shall



bet - ter gift we yearn: May love be ours, O Lord.
ous of heart and mind: May love be ours, O Lord.
lieves and suf - fers long: May love be ours, O Lord.
reign in ev - 'ry heart: May love be ours, O Lord.

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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

Psalms 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: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" # 849**



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

SERVANTS FOR TODAY

Preacher:	Pastor Ben Ockree
Liturgist:	Deacon Jim LaCrone
Organist:	Renee Patzer
Acolyte:	Brody Boyd
Elder:	Larry Winter
Greeters:	John & Sarah Guffey
Altar Guild:	Kathy Kalinka
Ushers:	Terry Bargmann, Timothy Humphrey, T.J. Humphrey, Gideon Humphrey
Counters:	Bill Arnold, Pastor Ockree
Coffee Makers:	Mary North
Mug Detail:	Bill Arnold

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
	Youth Group Meets-Youth Rm.	3:00 PM
Monday:	Cornerstone Choir Practice-F. Hall	11:00 AM
	CLLC Board Meeting-SE Classroom	5:00 PM
Tuesday:	Pastor's Circuit Winkle	9:00 AM
Wednesday:	Ash Wednesday	
	Chapel	10:30 AM
	Homeschool Lunch-F. Hall	11:30 AM
	Homeschool Classes-Upper N. Pod	Noon
	Ash Wednesday Worship Service	7:00 PM
Thursday:	Bulletin Announcement Deadline	9:00 AM
	Morning Break Bible Study	10:00 AM
	Church Council Meeting	6:30 PM
Friday	Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting	7:00 PM
Saturday:	Cornerstone Musical Practice-F. Hall	1:00 PM
Next Sunday:	Beacon Article Deadline for March	
	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
	Cornerstone Musical Practice-Crume Rm.	1:30 PM

SERVANTS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree
Liturgist: Deacon Jim LaCrone
Organist: Renee Patzer
Acolyte: Barrett Riener
Elder: Don Harrison
Altar Guild: Sandi Bush

SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree
Liturgist: Deacon Jim LaCrone
Organist: Renee Patzer
Acolyte: Laithen Paulsen
Elder: Kirk Johnson
Greeters: Gideon Humphrey, T.J. Humphrey
Altar Guild: Kathy Kalinka
Ushers: Terry Bargmann, Timothy Humphrey, T.J. Humphrey,
Gideon Humphrey
Counters: Grace Pasley, Sharon Dooley
Coffee Makers: Marcia Coufal
Mug Detail: Larry & Bonnie Winter

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.

PASTOR'S BEING CHRISTIAN CLASS has started. Sundays from 1:00 to 2:30 PM at Calvary, concluding May 5. One goal of the class is to provide instruction for those seeking membership at Calvary, but it is open to anyone who wants to learn more. Registration forms are on the Usher's Table in the Narthex.

LENT BEGINS THIS WED., FEB. 14, WITH ASH WEDNESDAY. The Lenten worship schedule is as follows:

Ash Wednesday Worship Service – 7 PM – February 14

Wednesday Worship Services – 7 PM – Feb. 21, 28 and March 6, 13, 20

Lenten Suppers will be held prior to all 5 Lenten services (*except Ash Wed*) at 6 PM. Confirmation students may get food at 5:45 to take to class.

CONFIRMATION CLASS WILL NOT BE HELD this coming Wednesday, February 14. Please attend the Ash Wednesday Worship Service. Classes will be held during the other Wednesday evenings in Lent.

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

YOUTH GROUP DONATIONS NEEDED – We are so excited that our youth group is growing! A bigger group means more hungry kids. The youth group could use shelf stable snacks and drinks such as those listed below, or funds to purchase. If you can help with this please contact Tamara Ockree or Wendy Humphrey.

Chips, Crackers, Cookies, Candy, Bottled Water, Sparkling Water,
K-pod Hot Chocolate, K-pod Coffee, Coke, Root Beer.

NO PEANUTS PLEASE!

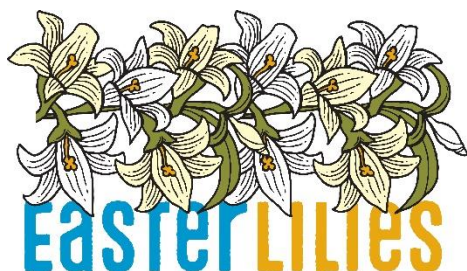
NEW PLEDGE CAMPAIGN – On January 21, a special congregational voters' meeting was held to decide whether to move forward with increasing our staffing. The overwhelming majority voted to seek the placement of a Deaconess Intern. With this vote, the Board of Stewardship and Finance has begun a pledge campaign called *Answering the Harvest Call*, fulfilling the requirement of the pledge drive beginning by February 1. Blue pledge cards are available for you to make your pledge. The Church Council would ask that each of you prayerfully consider making a pledge for the placement for a Deaconess Intern. Pledges will need to be made between now and March 24, 2024, Palm Sunday. If we do not receive pledges totaling \$20,000, we will not ask for a placement of the Deaconess Intern. All pledges need to be fulfilled by May 31, 2025. Offerings envelopes should be marked "Harvest Call." If you have questions, please contact the church office, any member of the Church Council, Pastor Ockree, or Bill Arnold

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CLLC: During the months of February we are asking for donations of Kleenex type tissues. It is cold season, and this is something that is used a great deal. There is a tub under the mailboxes for the CLLC donations.

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 celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, Calvary is offering you the opportunity to purchase these lovely flowers to grace our Sanctuary on Easter morning!

Please note the following points involved in ordering your lily:

- The cost of each lily is \$10.00 (*make checks payable to 'Calvary'*).
- The lilies have 4+ blooms and are in a 6.5-inch foil wrapped pot.
- You may indicate a memorial or dedication on the order form.
- Please return this form, along with your payment to Joann in the church office by no later than Sunday, February 25.

(Please do not place orders in the collection plate.)

ORDER FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE USHER'S TABLE

Prayer Petitions for the Week of February 11-17

- Make ready your heart for Lord and pray we would all grow in faith together.
- For our Office Manager, Joann.
- 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.
- For the CLLC: For the teachers and staff there. Pray for a new director.
- For our members (one every day): Kent Schuh. Leila Schuh. Nathan Schuh. Gary & Robin Schultz. Kyle Schumann and family. Caleb Schwant. Haley Schwant and family.
- For the sick, those undergoing procedures, and those recovering: Sandi Blush, JoDee Brockhoff, Wanda Fay, Loren Johannes, Shiela Jones, Ralph Knehans, Joann LaCrone, Cindy Rohnke, Barb Wehking, Glenn 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: Cindy Rohnke, Dawson Podlena, Larry Miller, Alijah Alvarez.

- For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Larry & Bonnie Winter, 54 yrs.

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

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

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 Immanuel and Pastor Wehling. For the saints of St. John, Lincoln, and Pastor Haselhuhn.

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. Pray for a blessed Ash Wednesday and Lent.

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 church council and their leadership.

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.

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.

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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