

"To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God."

Luke 8:10a

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Sola Scriptura

February 4, 2024

Calvary Lutheran Church Topeka, Kansas Today at Calvary Lutheran Church, we celebrate our Lord's Supper.

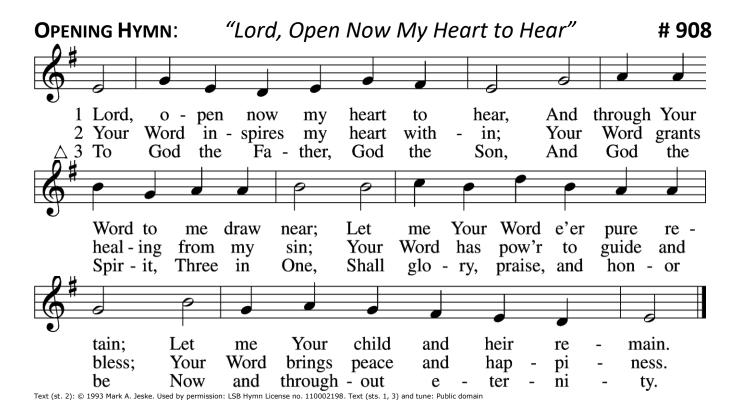
If you are a member in good standing of an LCMS congregation, we welcome you to the fellowship of our Lord's Body and Blood at this table. However, if you are a guest, whether from another LCMS congregation or elsewhere, and would like to receive the Lord's Body and Blood in this Sacrament and the forgiveness 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



*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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 44: 23, 25a, 26a, 1–2, 7–8

P: Awake! Why are You sleeping, O Lord?

C: Rouse Yourself! Do not reject us forever!

P: For our soul is bowed down to the dust.

C: Rise up; come to our help!

P: O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us,

C: what deeds You performed in their days, in the days of old:

P: You with Your own hand drove out the nations, but them You planted;

C: You afflicted the peoples, but them You set free.

P: But You have saved us from our foes

C: and have put to shame those who hate us.

P: In God we have boasted continually,

C: and we will give thanks to Your name forever.

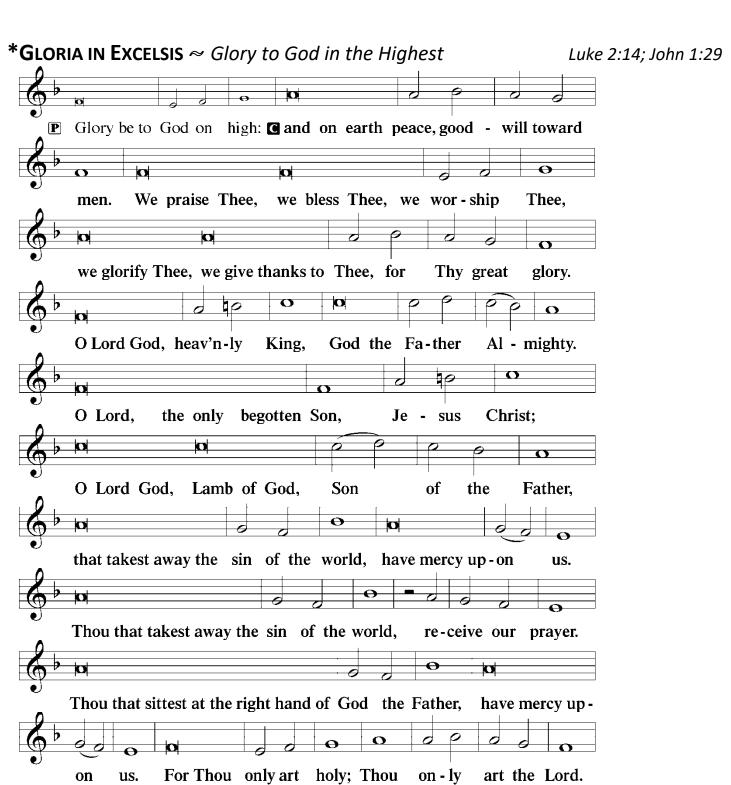
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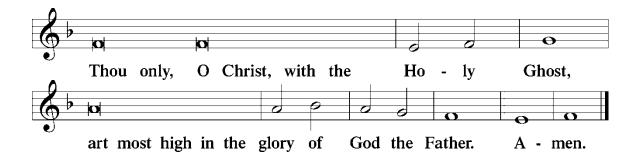


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.









*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



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



OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 55:10–13

P: "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 83:18, 13

P: Let Your enemies know that You alone, whose name is the Lord,

C: are the Most High over all the earth.

P: O my God, make them like whirling dust,

C: like chaff before the wind.

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 4:9–13

P: So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

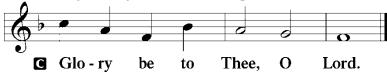
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*ALLELUIA and VERSE



*HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 8:4–15

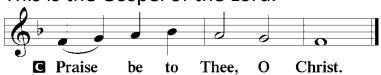
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.



P: When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to Jesus, He said in a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As He said these things, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." And when His disciples asked Him what this parable meant, He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and

in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

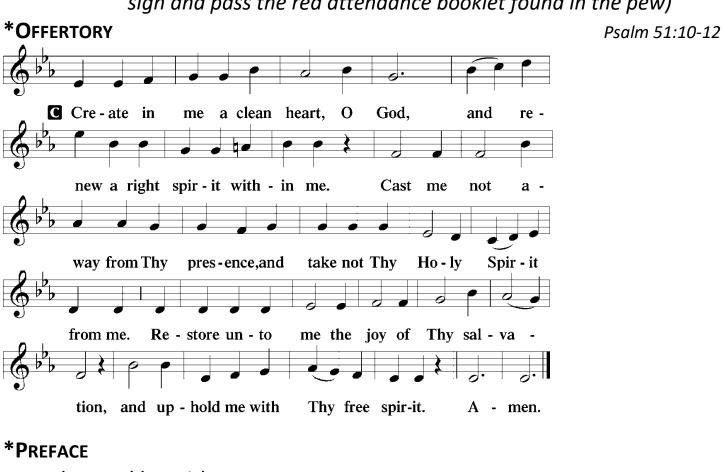




SERMON: "Scripture Alone"

*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)



P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

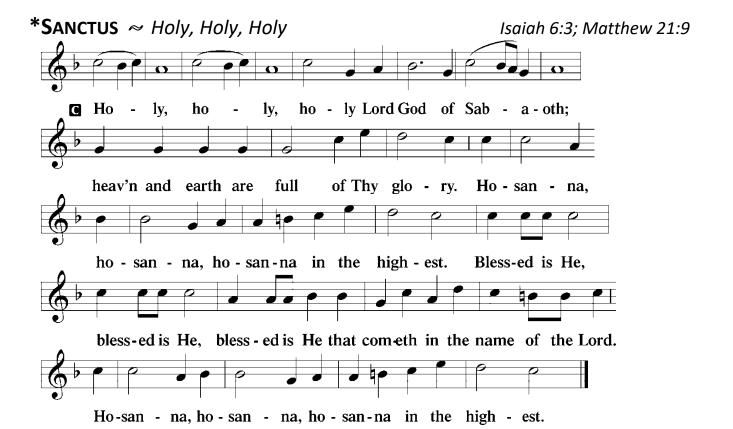
P: Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]

• 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:



*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

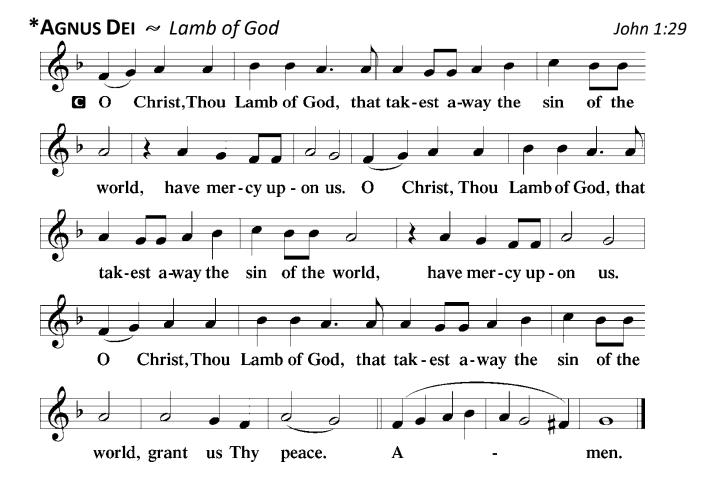
[Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11]

***Pax Domini** ≈ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

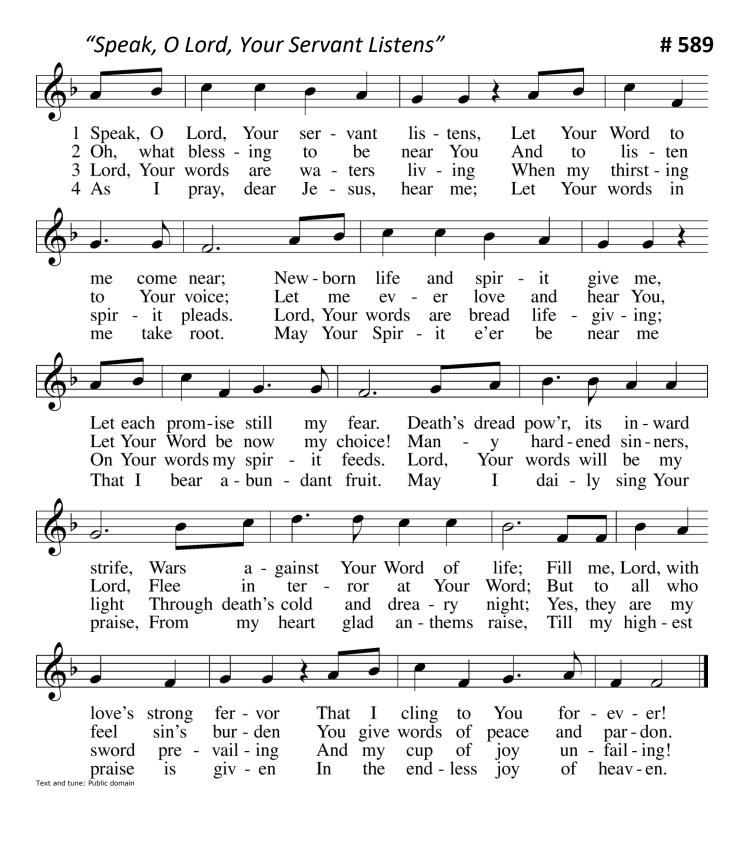
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

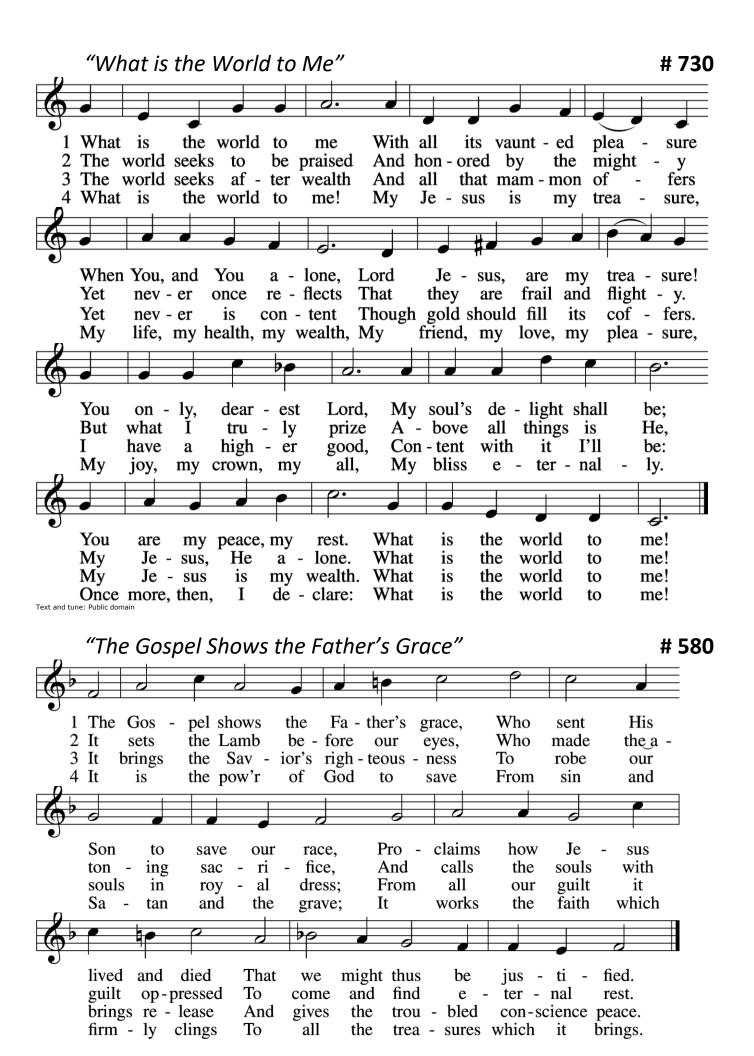




After singing "The Agnus Dei," the congregation may be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS





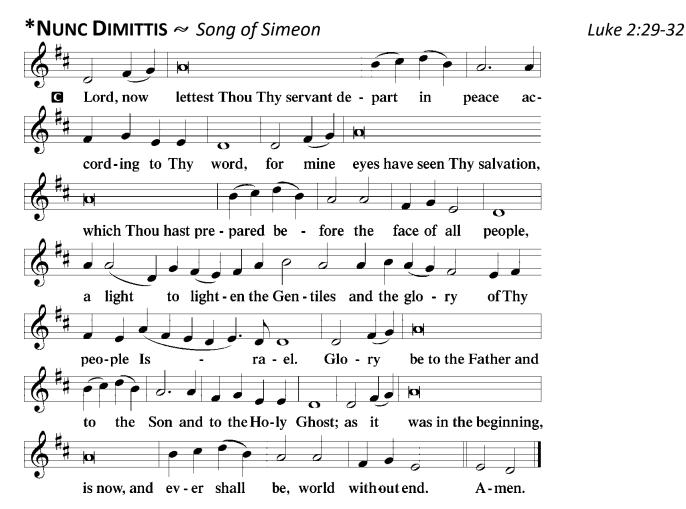
- 5 It bears to all the tidings glad And bids their hearts no more be sad; The weary, burdened souls it cheers And banishes their guilty fears.
- 6 May we in faith its message learn
 Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
 May we in faith its truth confess
 And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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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.



*THANKSGIVING Psalm 107:1

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



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



***SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



P: Bless we the Lord.

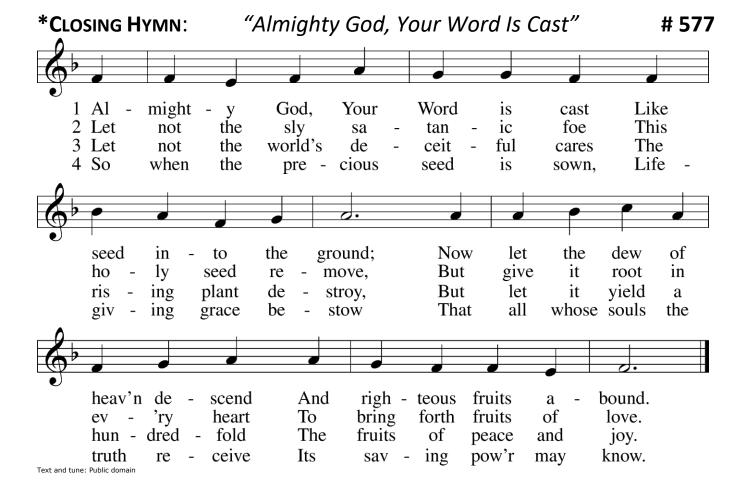
[Psalm 103:1]



*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.





SERVANTS FOR TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree **Liturgist:** Deacon Jim LaCrone

Organist: Renee Patzer
Acolyte: Jack Williams
Sexton: Levi Clausen

Elder: Tony Zimmerman Altar Guild: Marcia Coufal

Ushers: Terry Bargmann, Timothy Humphrey, T.J. Humphrey,

Gideon Humphrey

Greeters: Bill Arnold, Levi Clausen
Counters: Don & Linda Harrison

Coffee Makers: Marcia Coufal

Mug Detail: Marcia Coufal, Anna Choitz

THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

Worship Service	9:00 AM
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:15 AM
Cornerstone Musical Practice-Crume Rm.	1:30 PM
Private Graduation Reception-F. Hall	2:00 PM
Cornerstone Choir Practice-F. Hall	11:00 AM
CLLC Board Meeting-SE Classroom	5:00 PM
Chapel	10:30 AM
Homeschool Lunch-F. Hall	11:30 AM
Homeschool Classes-Upper N. Pod	Noon
Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
Bulletin Announcement Deadline	9:00 AM
Morning Break Bible Study	10:00 AM
Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting	7:00 PM
Prayers & Stitching Meeting	9:00 AM
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5:00 PM

Youth Group Meets-Youth Rm.

SERVANTS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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,

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Counters: Bill Arnold, Pastor Ockree

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Mug Detail: Bill Arnold

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.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given to the glory of God by Janis Sellers in memory of her father, Bill Sellers, on his birthday which was today.

PASTOR'S BEING CHRISTIAN CLASS begins today at 1 PM and goes to 2:30 PM. and will run for 13 weeks, 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.

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 <u>fulfilled</u> by May 31, 2025. <u>Offerings envelopes should be marked "Harvest Call."</u> If you have questions, please contact the church office, any member of the Church Council, Pastor Ockree, or Bill Arnold.

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE - Zeke Guffey graduated high school on December 15, 2023. Please come and celebrate with Zeke this afternoon, February 4 at an open house in Calvary's fellowship hall from 2-4 PM.

DEO GLORIA a choral group from Cornerstone Family Schools, will be performing a free concert this Wednesday, February 7 at 7 PM in Calvary's sanctuary. Several Calvary youth are a part of this group. There will be cookies and punch afterwards. A free-will offering will be taken at the end of the concert to help offset their competition costs.

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 FAMILY GAME NIGHT AND CHILI COOK-OFF — The bingo and chili cook off is right around the corner so mark your calendars and dust out your crockpots for Saturday, February 10th at 5:00! Please send the name of your chili to clausen_john@yahoo.com or text it to 816-674-8171 by Friday, February 9 so we can have chili name tags and voting slips ready. There will be numerous fun categories to vote on and fabulous bingo prizes to win throughout the evening. We will provide cheese, onions, sour cream and hot dogs as well as dessert. If your chili requires something extra, please make sure to let us know! There will also be a movie room for any younger children that would prefer to watch a movie. A handful of our sixth grade young ladies have offered to watch the children. We look forward to tasting all of your delicious recipes and seeing your smiling faces next Sunday, February 10.

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Ash Wednesday Worship Service – 7 PM, February 17
Lent Wednesday Worship Services – 7 PM – Feb. 24, 31 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.

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!

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, please contact Janice Sellers at 785-554-6280 or by email at <u>jsellers54@gmail.com</u>.

THE BOARD OF ELDERS HAVE BEGUN THE USE OF A SEXTON to assist with Sunday services. Sextons support the elder on duty on Sunday by helping to prepare things in the back of the church. These include helping the acolyte prepare, making sure items are ready for baptisms and other special rites, and making sure the sanctuary is clean and ready for service. Having a Sexton allows the Elder in charge be in the front welcoming members and guests, as well as assisting the ushers if needed. The Sexton will be under the supervising Elder and is always welcome to come to them or pastor for assistance. We currently have three young men who have volunteered. Sextons need to be a confirmed male willing to assist the Elder. It requires being at church roughly a half an hour before service to fulfill all duties. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve and grow in the service at Calvary. If you would like to be involved, please contact any of the elders or pastor.



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 4-10

- Make ready your heart for Lord and pray we would all be in God's Word.
- 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): Brian & Cindy Rohnke. Jake & Amanda Russell and family. Tom & Carolyn Sage. Chris Schell. Kristen Schell. Brad Schuh and family. Jeff Schuh and family.
- For the sick, those undergoing procedures, and those recovering: Sandi Blush, Jo
 Dee Brockhoff, Loren Johannes, Shiela Jones, Ralph Knehans, Joann LaCrone,
 Cindy Rohnke, Barb Wehking, Glenn Wehking, Michael Wehking.
- For those with chronic ailments: Vernon Bean, Wendy Humphrey, Ralph Knehans, Kay Foster, Connor Hurd, Shiela Jones, Phil Lawrence, Arleen Marston, Bob Ockree, Juan Alvarez, Abbie Alvarez, Ashton Alvarez, Alijah Alvarez, Teddy Schuh, Pastor Hopkins.
- For our shut-ins: Vernon Bean, Rosella Calderwood, Florence Deutsch, Grace Dienstbier, Karen Dreasher, DonnaRae Eissler, Dianne Hatesohl, Shiela Jones, Ralph Knehans, Dick LaCrone, Arleen Marston, Barbara Northcutt, Bob Ockree, Sam & Mary Randol, Sally Short, and Ron Stuewe.

- For the work of the strategic planning committee as it takes up the task of providing faithful guidance for all at Calvary.
- For 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 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 that we would be able to support and grow God's mission here at Calvary.
- For those celebrating birthdays this week: Karlene Holmberg, Sammie Guffey, Maureen Clemens.
- For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Gary & Robin Schultz, 56 yrs.

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

Sunday: Pray for worship: Pray that we would rejoice in the coming of our King. Give thanks for the blessings of Word and Sacrament. Give thanks for our fellowship and blessings in continued unity. Pray that God bless Calvary and her people both physically and spiritually. 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 St. John's, Pastors Wright & Belcher, and Kantor Bethany Johnson. For the saints of St. John, Ellinwood, and Pastors Thierfelder & Abbott.

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 our elders and the spiritual leadership and care they provide.

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

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 <u>during evening and weekend hours</u> please call Leila Schuh at 785-224-7962; <u>during week days</u> 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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