



“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness
to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
February 18, 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.

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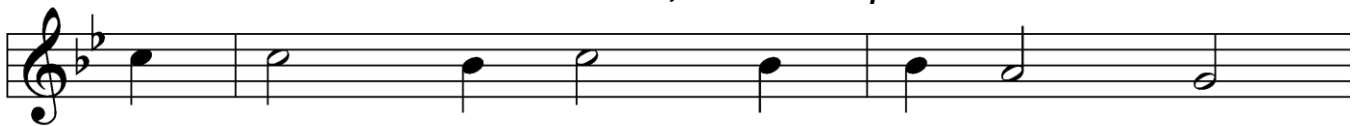
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ANNOUNCEMENT and *OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN:

"O Love, How Deep"

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1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
 Of high - er or of low - er place,
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
 For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



That God, the Son of God, should take
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 And to this world Him - self He came.
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.

△7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

6 For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

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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. *Psalms 124:8*

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

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalms 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 91:15a, c, 16, 1-2, 9-10, 13

P: When he calls to Me, I will answer him;

C: I will rescue him and honor him.

P: With long life I will satisfy him

C: and show him My salvation.

P: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

C: will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

P: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,

C: my God, in whom I trust."

P: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

C: the Most High, who is my refuge—

P: no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

C: no plague come near your tent.

P: You will tread on the lion and the adder;

C: the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

***GLORIA PATRI**



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



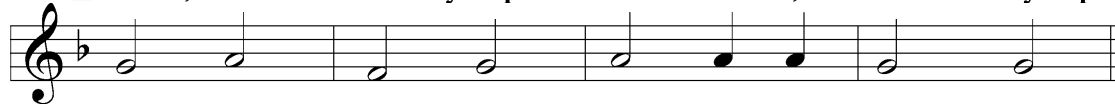
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

***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**

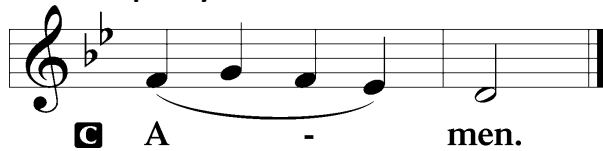
P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



☐ And with thy spir - it.

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



OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 17:40–51

P: Then David took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd’s pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine. And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he despised him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. And the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field.” Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD’s, and He will give you into our hand.” When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David. Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 91:11–12

P: He will command His angels concerning you

C: to guard you in all your ways.

P: On their hands they will bear You up,

C: lest You strike Your foot against a stone.

EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1–10

P: Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 4:1–11

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P: Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But He answered, “It is written, ““Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”” Then the devil took Him to the holy city

and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written, ““He will command His angels concerning You,’ and ““On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.”” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ““You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.”” Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

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:

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat-'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
 - ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
 - your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
 - fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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SERMON: "Enduring Faith"

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[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.

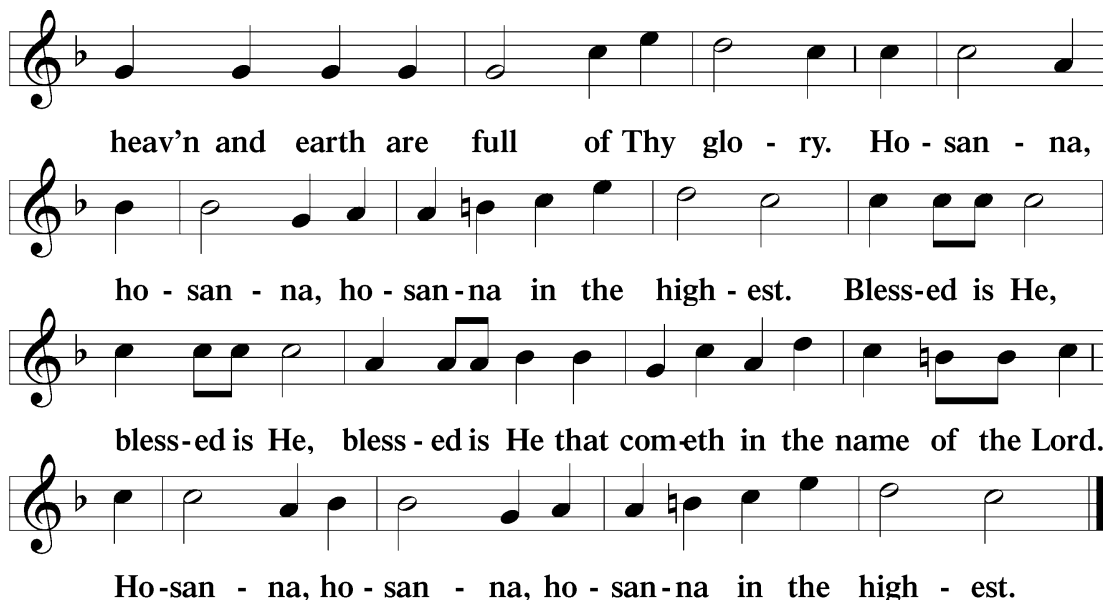
P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary. . . evermore praising You and saying:

***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]*

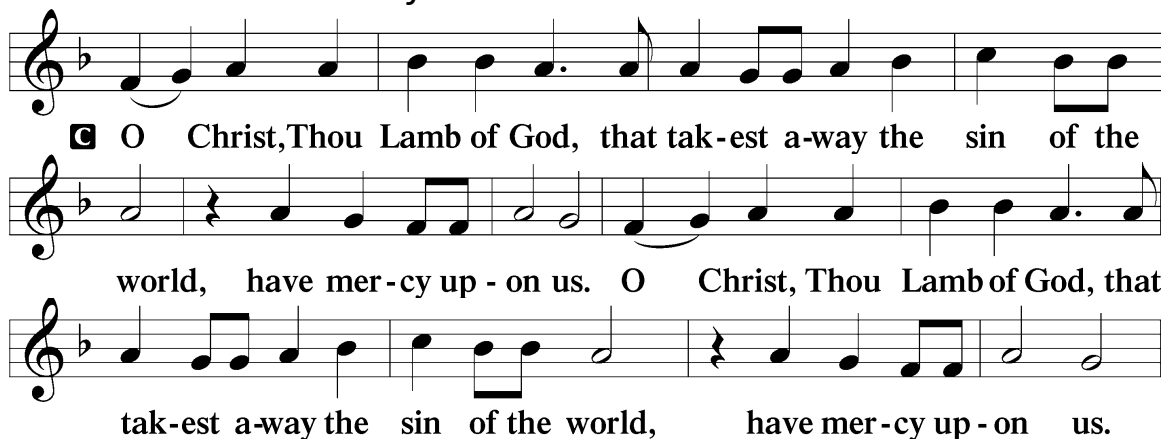
***PAX DOMINI** *~ The Peace of the Lord* *John 20:19*

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

"O God, Forsake Me Not"

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1 O God, for-sake me not! Your gra-cious pres-ence lend me;
2 O God, for-sake me not! Take not Your Spir - it from me;
3 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion!
4 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, I am Yours for - ev - er.

Lord, lead Your help-less child; Your Ho - ly Spir - it send me
Do not per - mit the might Of sin to o - ver-come me.
In ev - 'ry e - vil hour Help me re - sist temp - ta - tion;
O keep me strong in faith That I may leave You nev - er.

That I my course may run. O be my light, my lot,
In - crease my fee - ble faith, Which You a - lone have wrought.
And when the prince of hell My con - science seeks to blot,
Grant me a bless - ed end When my good fight is fought;

My staff, my rock, my shield— O God, for-sake me not!
O be my strength and pow'r— O God, for-sake me not!
Be then not far from me— O God, for-sake me not!
Help me in life and death— O God, for-sake me not!

"All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"

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1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon
2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the
dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our
deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the
sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our



curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.
in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.
dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.
light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

- 5 As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.
- 6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.
This grace our ev'ry way attend
Until we reach our journey's end.

"O Christ, You Walked the Road"

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1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
 2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
 3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
 4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
 Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
 Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.
 Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
 Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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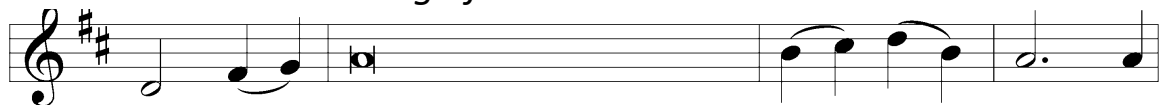
***COMMUNION DISMISSAL**

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:** "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

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1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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SERVANTS FOR TODAY

- Preacher:** Pastor Ben Ockree
Liturgist: Deacon Jim LaCrone
Organist: Renee Patzer
Acolyte: Sophia Humphrey
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

THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

Today:	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
Monday:	Cornerstone Choir Practice-F. Hall	11:00 AM
	Cornerstone Parent Meeting-Sanctuary	11:30 AM
Wednesday:	CLLC Chapel	10:30 AM
	Homeschool Chapel	11:00 AM
	Homeschool Lunch-F. Hall	11:30 AM
	Homeschool Classes-Upper N. Pod	Noon
	Confirmation Class	6:00 PM
	Lenten Supper (5:45 for confirmation students)	6:00 PM
	Lenten Worship Service	7:00 PM
Thursday:	Bulletin Announcement Deadline	9:00 AM
	Morning Break Bible Study	10:00 AM
Friday	Hunter's Ridge AA Meeting	7:00 PM
Saturday:	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 & Meeting	5:00 PM

SERVANTS FOR LENT WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Preacher:	Deacon Jim LaCrone
Organist:	Renee Patzer
Acolyte:	Carly Simpson
Elder:	Michael Reb
Altar Guild:	Sandi Bush, Joann LaCrone

SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Preacher:	Pastor Ben Ockree
Liturgist:	Deacon Jim LaCrone
Organist:	Renee Patzer
Acolyte:	Lily Ketchum
Elder:	Tony Zimmerman
Greeters:	Phil & Barb Lawrence
Altar Guild:	Kathy Kalinka
Ushers:	Terry Bargmann, Timothy Humphrey, T.J. Humphrey, Gideon Humphrey
Counters:	Heather Williams, Tamara Ockree
Coffee Makers:	Marcia Coufal
Mug Detail:	Clausen Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND MEMBERS: A Nursery and a Cry Room are located in the upper north pod if a need arises. Children's Activity Boards are provided in a bin next to the south Sanctuary doors. Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Devices are available – ask one of the ushers for assistance. Please sign the red Attendance Book found in the pew so we can have a record of your attendance with us. Those needing to sit instead of stand should feel free to do so at any time. If you would like to know more about Calvary or are interested in becoming a member, please talk to the pastor or call the church office.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Wednesday Worship Services – 7 PM – Feb. 21, 28 and March 6, 13, 20. The Lenten series, preached by Deacon Jim LaCrone, is titled “Walk In.” Lenten Suppers will be held prior to all Wednesday evening Lenten services at 6 PM. Confirmation students may get food at 5:45 to take to class.

THE LENTEN SUPPER THIS WEDNESDAY, February 21 will be served by Prayers & Stitching. The menu will consist of Chili Dogs, Chips, Relishes, Desert, and Drinks. A free-will offering will be taken. Profits will be used for their ministry supplies.

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. We apologize for any confusion.

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 Sunday, March 3. A collection bin is under the mailboxes.

TOPEKA NORTH OUTREACH PIZZA HUT FUNDRAISER – Tuesday, February 20 at the North Topeka Pizza Hut. Pizza Hut will donate 20% of their proceeds that day for orders that use coupon code "RS". You can order in store, on line, or on the phone, but must use the "RS" coupon code when ordering. TNO must have at least \$200 in sales to get the donation. Proceeds go to TNO's Operation Backpack program.

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!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CLLC: During February we are asking for donations of Kleenex type tissues. There is a blue tub under the mailboxes for the CLLC donations.

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 2022. Go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 1-800-847-4836 to learn more and to direct your dollars. 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.

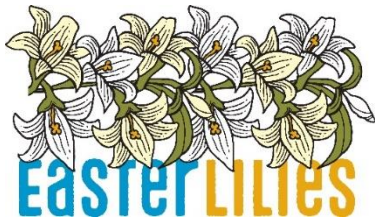
Chips, Crackers, Cookies, Candy, Bottled Water, Sparkling Water, K-pod Hot Chocolate, K-pod Coffee, Coke, Root Beer. ***NO PEANUTS PLEASE!***

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.



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 18-24

- Pray for a penitent heart and living faith to grow throughout Lent.
- 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.
- Pray for our Janitor, Sarah.
- For the CLLC: For the teachers and staff there. Pray for a new director.
- For our members (one every day): Jeff Schwant. Wilbur & Roddy Schwant. Tegan Schwant. Tal & Beth Seaman. Janice Sellers. Lucas Shenk. Sally Short.
- For the sick, those undergoing procedures, and those recovering: Sandi Blush, JoDee Brockhoff, Wanda Fay, Loren Johannes, Shiela Jones, 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: Loren Johannes, Carter Russell, Tal Seaman, Terry Bargmann, Don Harrison, Bill Patterson, Chris Brodine, Gail Cox, Abriella Guenther, Rachael Hegemann.

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 enduring faith to resist temptation.

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, Lincolnville, and Pastor Stahlecker.

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 the victims of the shooting in Kansas City. 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 trustees 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 singers and musicians.

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

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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