



“It is good that we are here.”

[Matthew 17:4]

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

January 21, 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 ONE

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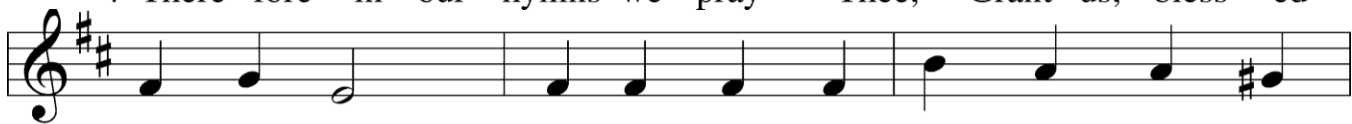
ANNOUNCEMENTS, *OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN: "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"**

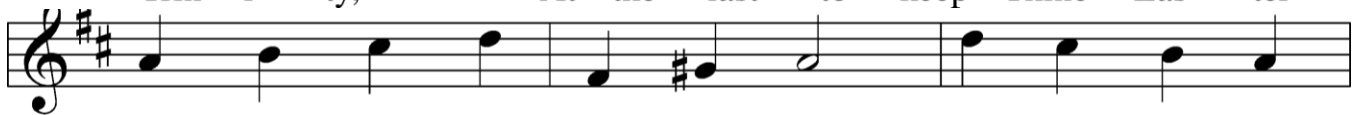
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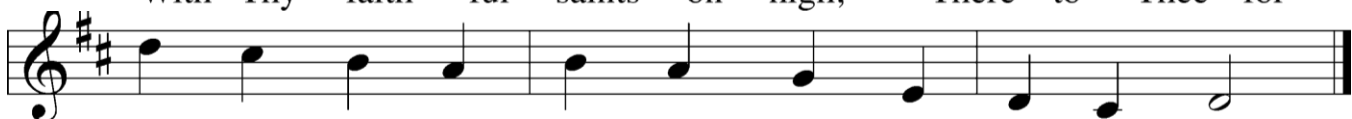
1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
 4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
 Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
 All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
 Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
 With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
 time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
 ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

C: **Amen.** *[Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)]*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *[1 John 1:8-9]*

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

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

C: **Amen.**

*INTROIT: Psalm 77:18b; 84:1–2a, 4, 10–11

P: Your lightnings lighted up the world;

C: **the earth trembled and shook.**

P: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

C: **My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD.**

P: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house,

C: **ever singing Your praise!**

P: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

C: **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

P: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

C: No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

***KYRIE** ~ *Lord Have Mercy*

[Mark 10:47]

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Gloria in Excelsis"

Luke 2:14; John 1:29


P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
 For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

***SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

[2 Timothy 4:22]

C: **And also with you.**

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

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 34:29–35

P: When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told

the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 45:2a; 110:1

P: You are the most handsome of the sons of men;

C: grace is poured upon Your lips.

P: The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand,

C: until I make Your enemies Your footstool."

EPISTLE READING: 2 Peter 1:16–21

P: For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA and VERSE**

[John 6:68]

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 17:1–9

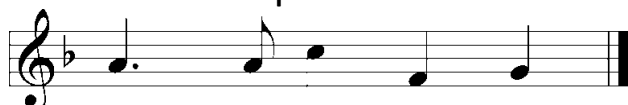
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter:



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P: After six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and John His brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If You wish, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



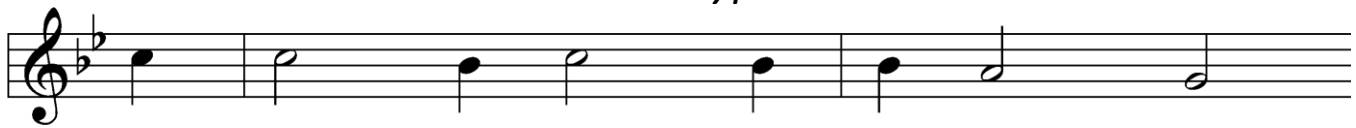
☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

***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: "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"

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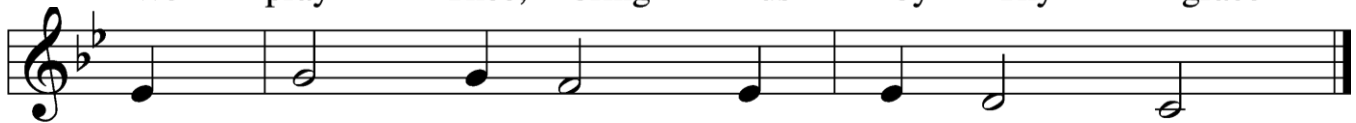
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
 The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace



Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

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SERMON: "Goodness and Glory"

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** (response "hear our prayer") [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

OFFERING: (as the offerings are being gathered to glorify our Lord, please sign and pass the red attendance booklet found in the pew)

***OFFERTORY**

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

***PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you. [2 Timothy 4:22]



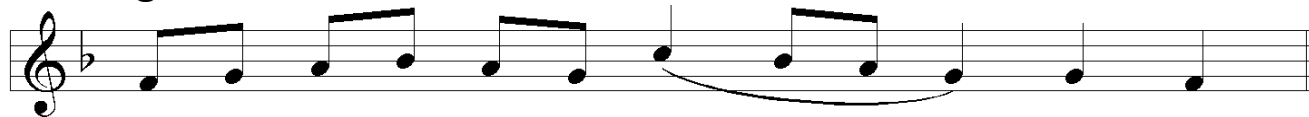
C: And al - so with you.

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



C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]



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

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising you and saying:

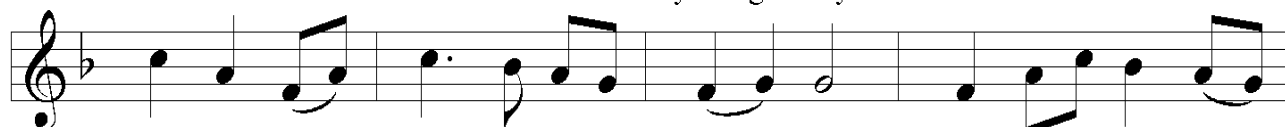
***SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy** [Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est

***LORD’S PRAYER**

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. [Matthew 6:9-13]

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

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

[John 20:19]

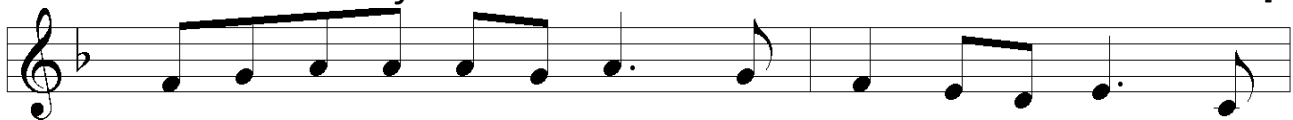
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



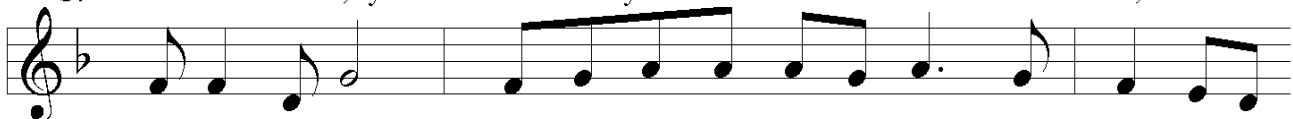
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***AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God**

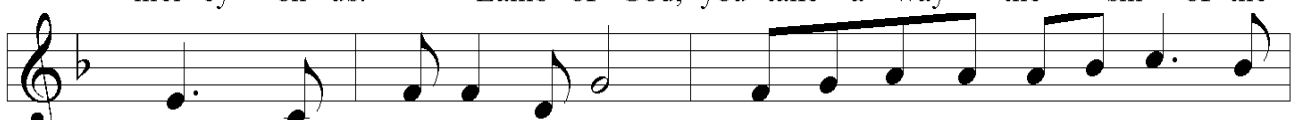
[John 1:29]



C: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

"O God of God, O Light of Light"

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1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and
 2 For deep in proph-ets' sa - cred page, And grand in po - ets'
 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in
 4 Then raise to Christ a might - y song, And shout His name, His

King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo - ry bright The song of
 wing-ed word, Slow - ly in type, from age to age The na - tions
 hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a - bove He reigns, our
 mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on

praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne,
 saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night
 King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates!
 earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!

The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry
 Rang out the song, "Good-will to men!" Sung once by first - born
 So sang that host be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your
 For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -

He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.
 sons of light, It ech - oes now, "Good - will!" A - men.
 King a - waits. We lift them up. A - men, a - men.
 throned to reign, All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

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



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



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Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget

The wormwood and the gall,

Go, spread your trophies at His feet

And crown Him Lord of all.

Go, spread your trophies at His feet

And crown Him Lord of all.

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

On this terrestrial ball

To Him all majesty ascribe

And crown Him Lord of all.

To Him all majesty ascribe

And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song

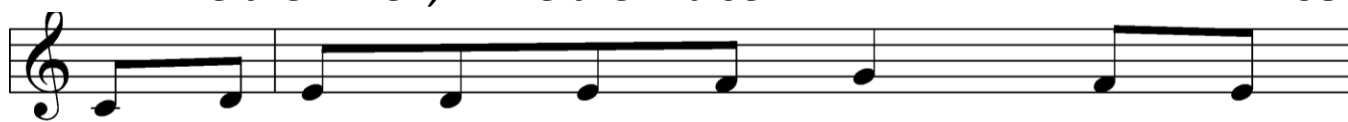
And crown Him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song

And crown Him Lord of all.

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

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



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



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



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



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

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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.

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:** *"Thank the Lord"*



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

***POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

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

C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

[Numbers 6:24-26]

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

***CLOSING HYMN:**

"Beautiful Savior"

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom-ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright-er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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SERVANTS FOR TODAY

- Preacher:** Pastor Ben Ockree
- Liturgist:** Deacon Jim LaCrone
- Organist:** Renee Patzer
- Acolyte:** Carly Simpson
- Elder:** Kirk Johnson
- Greeters:** Wanda Fay, Anna Choitz, Cindy Rohnke
- Altar Guild:** Sandi Blush
- Ushers:** Stuart Bach, Rae Zimmerman, Connor Ockree, Mike Ewing
- Counters:** Heather Williams, Tamara Ockree
- Coffee Makers:** Larry & Bonnie Winter
- Mug Detail:** Tony & Rae Zimmerman

THIS WEEK IN CALVARY

- Today:** Beacon Article Deadline
- Worship Service 9:00 AM
- Voter's Meeting 10:15 AM
- Youth Ice Skating (meet at church) 1:00 PM
- Monday:** Cornerstone Choir Practice-F. Hall 11:00 AM
- Tuesday:** J.O.Y. Potluck and Bingo 11:30 AM
- Wednesday:** CLLC & Homeschool Chapel 10:30 AM
- Homeschool Lunch-F. Hall 11:30 AM
- Homeschool Classes-Upper N. Pod Noon
- Confirmation Class 6:00 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:** Ladies Brunch 10:00 AM
- Cornerstone Music Practice-F. Hall 1:00 PM

Next Sunday: Beacon Article Deadline
Worship Service 9:00 AM
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM
Youth Dinner & Bible Study 5:00 PM

SERVANTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree
Liturgist: Deacon Jim LaCrone
Organist: Renee Patzer
Acolyte: Duval Thieme
Elder: Michael Reb
Greeters: Marcia Coufal, Gail Cox
Altar Guild: Sandi Blush
Ushers: Stuart Bach, Rae Zimmerman, Connor Ockree, Mike Ewing
Counters: Rick & Sandi Blush
Coffee Makers: Larry & Bonnie Winter
Mug Detail: Mary North, Kathy Kalinka

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.

CALVARY GAME NIGHT AND CHILI COOK-OFF – We would like to invite all of you and your friends to the first annual Calvary game night and chili cook off. We will be playing Bingo and the event will take place, Saturday, February 10 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at Calvary. Please save the date, get your chili recipes ready, and watch for more details to come!

NOTICE FOR SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING, THIS MORNING AT 10:15 AM – ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY CLASSES ARE CANCELLED THIS MORNING (*childcare is available in the upper north pod*). On December 13, the Council of Calvary received a letter from an anonymous member stating they would provide a \$30,000 gift to Calvary for a Vicar or a Deaconess Intern for the period of July 2024 to July 2025, and an additional \$20,000 gift to the Calvary operating budget. On December 29, the Church Council reviewed the proposal and decided this was a very generous offer and a wonderful opportunity for Calvary. It also is in line with our ongoing Strategic Planning, wanting to add additional staff to foster and nurture growth. It is important to note there are 2 requirements to the gift:

- A pledge drive begin before February 1, 2024.
- A total of \$20,000 be pledged by March 24, 2024, Palm Sunday.

Should these requirements not be met, the entire gift will be sent to the Lutheran Hour Ministries as per the wishes of the member. The LCMS Kansas District has estimated an annual cost of a Vicar/Deaconess Intern to total \$40,000-\$50,000. This gift, along with the \$20,000 pledged from Calvary, should be sufficient to fund either a vicar or deaconess intern for the 2024-2025 year. This gift may be repeated in subsequent years so that we may adjust our giving to continue with new staffing without the gift. While the Church Council can recommend accepting this offer, the final decision remains with the congregation. The Constitution of Calvary states: *"The right of calling pastors and other called workers shall be vested in the Congregation."*

The Council has called a special voters' meeting today at 10:15 AM to discuss and vote on acceptance of a Call for a Vicar or Deaconess intern. The Council recommends a deaconess intern be hired. The Council asks for you to give thanks for all of His blessings, including this wonderful opportunity and wisdom as we deliberate together in faith for Calvary's future.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CLLC: We encourage the congregation to show their support of the Calvary Lutheran Learning Center (CLLC) by helping supply some items the center needs. Every month we will list in the bulletin one item that the CLLC uses a lot. When you are out shopping, please think of the learning center! During the months of January/February we are asking for 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.

FED TO FEED: During the month of January Calvary is collecting **Peanut Butter** 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:

- Part-Time Teacher (to cover other teachers/float between classrooms);
- Kitchen Help - 7:30 AM–1:00 PM (serve breakfast and lunch);
- 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 jsellers54@gmail.com.

LIFELINE PREGNANCY CENTER is in need of the following items:

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

You can leave these items in the round blue tub under the mailboxes in the Narthex. Thank you!

To place announcements or prayer concerns in 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.



How would you answer the question of what it means to truly be a Christian?

Maybe you think it means that you are nicer than others, or that you go to church? Maybe it just means to do your best be a good person.

Maybe you think being a Christian is to be judgmental or a hypocrite.

This class will strive to answer what it means to be Christian by introducing the basics of the Christian faith and what they mean for our lives as taught in the Bible and expressed in Luther's Small Catechism. One goal of this class is to provide instruction for those seeking membership at Calvary, but it is open to anyone who wants to learn and grow in the Christian faith. This class will be an enriching experience if you are new to the faith or have been a Christian your entire life.

Classes start **Sunday, February 4**, and will be held every Sunday until **May 5** (13 weeks, no class on Easter Sunday). Classes begin at **1pm** and conclude around **2:30**. Mark your calendars and invite a friend who is curious about what we believe.

Snacks will be provided.

Signup forms are located on the Usher's Table in the narthex.

YOUTH GROUP AND EVENTS 2024

January 14 - Dinner and Bible Study

5 - 7:30 in the Youth Room

January 20 - Last day to sign up and pay your deposit for Higher Things. Any questions, ask Miss Wendy or Miss Tamara.

January 21 - Ice Skating in Manhattan at Wefald Pavilion in City Park.

Cost: \$3.50/child

Skate rental: \$3.50

Transportation will be provided.

Meet at the church at 1. We should be back to the church by 5.

Hot Chocolate bar in the youth room after returning.

Pick up at 6:30.

RSVP by January 14 so we can arrange transportation.

January 28 - Dinner and Bible Study

5 - 7:30 in the Youth Room

January 24 - Kansas March for Life at the Capital

We will meet at St. John's for the Kansas District Life

Conference and march to the Topeka capital to stand witness for the unborn children of Kansas.

Registration is needed. If interested, talk to Miss Tamara or Miss Wendy.

February 4 - Dinner and Bible Study
5 in the Youth Room

February 18 - Dinner and Bible Study
5 - 7:30 in the Youth Room

March 10 - Dinner and Bible Study
5 - 7:30 in the Youth Room

March 24 - Dinner and Bible Study
5 - 7:30 in the Youth Room

April 28 - *Come support our catechumens at Public Examination during Sunday school hour!*

End of Year Party

Let's Celebrate our new Confirmands and Welcome our incoming Junior High!

(6th graders welcome)

5 - 7:30 in the Youth Room

Bring a snack to share!

May 5 - *Confirmation Service*

June 24 - 28 - Higher Things Conference

Who Am I

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**Any questions? Please contact Tamara
913-674-6698 or Wendy 785-213-8873.**

Prayer Petitions for the Week of January 21-27

- Rejoice in the Transfiguration of our Lord and that His goodness is our glory.
- For our Office Manager, Joann.
- For Pastor Ockree and Deacon LaCrone as they serve us.
- 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): Connie Poort, Hunter Poort, Jerry Priem, Roger & Joy Pusch, Kacie Pusch, Kelcie Pusch, Josh Raburn.
- For the sick, those undergoing procedures, and those recovering: Sandi Blush, Deniece Detjen, Loren Johannes, Shiela Jones, 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 our deliberations as we consider calling a new staff person and at our voter's meeting that we would come together in wisdom and love.
- 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: Grace Pasley, Annie Alvarez, Sophia Humphrey, Vaughan Clausen, Karen Lietz, Samantha Wise, Phoebe Brodine.
- For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Kevin & Anna Choitz, 1 yr.

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 we would listen to Jesus in faith and life.

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 Christ, Pastor Micheel, and DCE Amanda Adams. For the saints of St. John, Tampa, and Pastor Davis.

Tuesday: Pray for our society: For our government, President Biden, governor Kelly, and local leaders. For those in need, the unemployed, the poor, the hungry, and the helpless. Pray especially for those who serve in healthcare. For help in a troubled world. For an end to the war in the Ukraine and the war between Israel and Gaza. For an end to gun violence. For those afflicted by bad weather and other disasters. For an end to abortion, exploitation, and all 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. Pray for a loving heart for those in need and for a generous heart to help as we can, that we may be a blessing to others. For the homeless, the widowed, 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 technology committee and team and all that they do.

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

**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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