

Calvary Lutheran Church

8:30 am Sunday worship for January 29, 2023

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Growing in compassionate relationships, faith, service, and generosity through Christ

Thank you for worshipping with us today at Calvary. We hope this time of worship will be inspiring for you and will encourage you in your life of faith. If you are a guest, please know you are welcome in our church family. If you would like more information about our life together, reach out to Pastor Debbie, Deacon Mike Holt, or fill out a Calvary Connect form (located in the Narthex) to be contacted. Join us as we seek to share the light of Christ with everyone.



“Rest in ME”

Jesus was sent to re-make the world through God’s love. In Epiphany, we see and hear what Jesus says and does to invite EVERYONE into God’s makeover. The words of Matthew 11: 28 and following capture it best. *“Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

“...Then, he began to speak, and taught them saying:”

Once we are a disciple, our lives of learning and putting Jesus’ teaching into practice begins. Like the disciples of Jesus’ day, we put on the yoke or teaching of the one that we follow. In today’s Gospel, Jesus is the new Moses and greater than the law. He gives us an unexpected understanding of how to live God’s way in our lives today.



Welcome to Worship: Thy Word

During the music, feel free to move around the sanctuary and greet those who are gathered for worship. As the music ends, please return to your seat.

AS WE GATHER

1) Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away

Chorus: Hosanna, hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, hosanna

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

2) Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom

Broken lives are made new
You make us new

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away *Chorus*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF PREPARATION

Jesus said that where two or three are gathered in my name, there I will be. Let's take a moment to turn aside distractions and open our hearts to God in this time of worship.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☑ Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P As God's beloved daughters and sons, let us call to mind our need for reconciliation with God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P God of the nations,

C In baptism you anoint us to be your holy people in the world, yet we have not been faithful to you. We have not loved one another. We have not reached out to those who are poor, hungry, or lost. Forgive us, and fill us with your light, That we may delight in your goodness and serve you with joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P In Christ the grace and mercy of God are revealed; in Christ your sins are forgiven. Walk then, as children of the light.

C Amen.

SONG TO OPEN OUR HEARTS

Here I Am to Worship

AWG 48

SCRIPTURE READINGS

L 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 (NRSV)

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P Gospel According to Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

The teaching of Christ: Beatitudes

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P The Gospel of our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

SONG OF DISCIPLESHIP

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

AWG 8

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Silence for reflection

After each petition-

A: Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

The prayers conclude

A: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING

The offering is an act of worship where we respond to God's goodness in our lives by returning to God a portion of what he has first entrusted to us. Thank you for your worship of God through sharing your time, talents, and finances. If you would like to share a financial offering by credit card, you may do so by scanning the QR code.



Online giving

OFFERING SONG

Give Thanks

AWG 40

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

A Let us pray:

C **Gracious God, thank you hardly seems like enough. Receive now these gifts of time, talent, and finances. They point to our heart. We love you and want to be your disciples in every moment. As we offer back to you what you have given us, fill us with faith in your constant provision and give us generosity for others that we may extend your kindness to all people, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

JESUS' WORDS AT THE TABLE

P: Arise shine, for your light has come!

C: The glory of the Lord has arisen upon us in Jesus Christ.

P: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

C: In sharing the bread and the wine, we find forgiveness of our sins and are given new life through Christ.

P: God gives us this gift to share.

C: We come to eat and drink and to be changed.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: In your baptism, God speaks these words to you: "You are my beloved; With you, I am well pleased." Go and live as the beloved sons and daughters of God. And in your going, may God bless and keep you, and may his face shine upon you with grace and peace.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

All the People Said Amen

AWG 5

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.



-The family of Shelby Varnadore at her death on January 25th
-Cathy Cruse (upcoming surgery on knee)

-Harold Smith (healing)

-Lynnette Novobilski (recovering from surgery)

-Gary Fritz (recovery from surgery)

-Barb Flynn (healing)

-Sympathy to the Family of Amanda Markley at her death and prayers for her husband Aaron, (brother of Eric Markley and Kelly Rouse) and her son, Logan.

-Birgit Sorensen- health challenges (Per's mother)

-Ronnie Moretz- glioblastoma (Phyllis Remkus' cousin)

-Jackie Rhodes (cousin of Mary Milikin-cancer)

-Jane Faust

-Barbara Black (recovering from surgery)

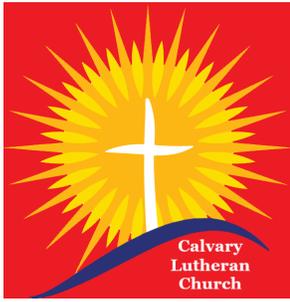
-Charlie Blackwelder (Shelia Camp's father)

-Don and Peggy Wagstaff

-Bette Blume (prayers for renewed strength)

(Please note that with the beginning of the new year, we have restarted our prayer list. If there are loved ones that you would like to add, please resubmit a request for prayer, so that our prayer list stays updated. Thank you.)

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



After scanning, open the PDF to view the entire E-News.

8:30 am Assisting in Worship			
	January 29	February 5	
Worship Asst	Rosie Schieber	Susan Norris	
CPOM	Richard Secoolish	Cecilia Maxwell	
Ushers			
Lector	Rosie Schieber	Pattie Ellis	
Altar Guild	Rosie Schieber	Mario Mandujano	
	Gary Norris	Kathy Schiele	
	Vivian Howard	Pat Rediehs	
Tellers	Nancy Haney	Nancy Haney	

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

We, the people of Calvary Lutheran Church, believe that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Within this communion of faith, we hold these guiding principles:

Everyone is invited, welcomed, and included.

Everyone is supported in times of personal need.

Everyone is spiritually fed and grows in discipleship.

Everyone is given opportunities to generously offer their God-given gifts (time, talent, and treasure) in worship and ministry.

Everyone is given opportunities to generously serve others, both within the community of faith and in the community at large.

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