

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ March 19, 2023 ~ 10:30 a.m.

COMMUNION SERVICE

We welcome you in the name of Jesus, our Savior. *Please take a moment to sign the Record of Fellowship pad in your pew, and silence your cell phone.* May God bless you as you worship with us today.

PRELUDE:

WELCOME

P: Good morning, Priests.

(1 Peter 2:9)

C: Good morning, Pastor.

OPENING HYMN: *Thy Strong Word* (v.1,4,5,6)

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION:

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

(We now pause for a moment of silent confession.)

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.

ABSOLUTION

C: Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 27:4–6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15

A: My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

C: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

A: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

C: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

A: I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

C: 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.

A: My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

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SONG OF PRAISE:

Grace Flows Down

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns

with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 42:14–21*
R: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: *Ephesians 5:8–14*
R: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: *John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39*
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th chapter
C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN: *In Adam We Have All Been One* 569

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HYMN: *Not What These Hands Have Done* 567

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OFFERING

PRAYERS

SERVICE OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your Holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

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DISTRIBUTION SONG: *Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)*

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NUNC DIMITTIS:

Song of Simeon

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *Draw Me Close*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Altar flowers are given today by the Martin family to the glory of God. In honor of their loving parents and grandparents Bill and Billie Martin

LCMS Presidential Election - Confirmation of Lay Voter

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod will be holding its presidential election on June 17, 2023. As a member congregation, Calvary is eligible to cast one pastoral vote and one lay vote. Because Calvary does not have a called pastor at present, it will only be able to cast its lay vote in that election. Following the service TODAY, a vote will be taken to confirm Joanne Arroyo as the lay voter for Calvary Lutheran. The vote will be by a show of hands, with a simple majority required for confirmation.



Easter lily order forms are on the table in the Narthex. The cost is \$9.50 per plant. Completed order forms must be returned by April 2. For those who are not attending church in person, please call your order in to the church office.

CALENDAR:

Today: 7:00 pm Bible Study
Wednesday: 6:15 pm Soup Supper
7:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship service
Thursday: 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice
Sunday: 8:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
7:00 pm Bible Study

THOSE WHO SERVE US:

Altar Guild: Lauren Molinari
Communion Assistant: John Ricca
Contemporary Music Director/Organist: Ruth Bolger
Live Stream Producer/Projectionist: Christopher Bolger
Reader: Joanne Arroyo
The Praise Team
Ushers: Stephen Molinari, Gordon Wickham

BIRTHDAYS: Mar. 19 Joy Varnay
Mar. 22 David Eucker
Mar. 25 Nancy Keltner



PRAYER LIST

Pray for:

Emma Pendegrass, Matt Minucci's niece, who is experiencing complications from a recent surgery that she might heal completely and fully.

Benga Adesokan, who is having a difficult time in his life.

Dominic Cappello, Edith Conte's neighbor, a young Elementary school boy, who has a cancerous brain tumor.

Nathan Kuder, may the Lord bring His healing upon him.

Don and Lucille Wernes, for healing and strength.

Luise Wetter, still suffering with back and leg pain.

Ken and Edith Meyer, who need strength and encouragement while dealing with various medical issues.

Ellie, that God will continue to heal her.

Kenneth Meyer Jr. and his mission work in Vienna.

Continue to pray for members and friends of Calvary experiencing long-term problems:

LaVerne Sieglen and Lois Tiedemann.



Connect.



Grow.



Serve.