

# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## COMMUNION SERVICE

If you are visiting Calvary, we hope you feel welcome. Please read our Holy Communion statement on page 8 of this bulletin. And please take a moment to fill out one of our Visitor Cards located in the slot of the pew in front of you. We will keep you updated on all the fun activities we have planned! After the service, be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Anthony.

**PRELUDE:** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

KOCHER

## WELCOME

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

*Please rise*

**OPENING HYMN:** *Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle* 454

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**C: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

**C: Amen**

**SONG OF PRAISE:**     *Ancient of Days*

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

R: Let us pray:

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:**

*2 Samuel 23:1-7*

R: Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, the son of Jesse, the oracle of the man who was raised on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the sweet psalmist of Israel: "The Spirit of the Lord speaks by me; his word is on my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken; the Rock of Israel has said to me: When one rules justly over men, ruling in the fear of God, he dawns on them like the morning light, like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning, like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth. "For does not my house stand so with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. For will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But worthless men are all like thorns that are thrown away, for they cannot be taken with the hand; but the man who touches them arms himself with iron and the shaft of a spear, and they are utterly consumed with fire."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING:***Revelation 1:4b–8*

R: John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise*

**C:** 🎵 *Alleluia* 🎵 *Alleluia* 🎵 *Alleluia*

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**GOSPEL READING:***John 18:33–37*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** 🎵 *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

P: So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: 🎵 *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

**HYMN:**                    *O Savior, Precious Savior*

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**SERMON**

*Please rise*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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**C: 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.**

**OFFERTORY:**                    *Create in Me*

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**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

P: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us  
pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence*

P: Revive our congregations, district, and synod to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people.  
Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

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P: The Lord be with you

**C: 🎵 And with thy spirit**

P: Lift up your hearts

**C: 🎵 We lift them up unto the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God

**C: 🎵 It is meet and right so to do**

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and

given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** 

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**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that  
cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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."

### **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.**

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

**C:  Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** 🎵

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**C: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**SONG:**        *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Words & Music: Tomlin, Newton & Giglio © 2006 Rising Springs Music/Vamos Publishing

**PRAYER**

**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.**

**THANK THE LORD** 🎵

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**C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise;  
tell everyone what He has done.  
Let everyone who seeks the Lord  
rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises  
and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**BENEDICTION**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with His favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG:**    *You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

P: Jesus said, "I have come that you may have LIFE and have it abundantly." Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



*Flowers are placed at the altar today by Al and Joanne Arroyo as they celebrate their 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and also in thankfulness for the many blessings their family has received.*

### Holy Communion

We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ are present in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. Holy Communion is offered at all of our services and is for all baptized Christians who share our belief that Christ, himself, is truly present. The individual cups are filled with wine (red) or grape juice (amber color).

**Thanksgiving food drive. Turkeys are due today!**

<b>REMINDER TO BUY GIFT CARDS (SCRIP) TODAY</b>
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### Annual Live Nativity – Sun., Dec. 8 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Many volunteers are needed to continue this successful outreach. Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex and help support Calvary's tradition. Besides the actors in costume, we need publicity workers, greeters, snack servers, singers, musicians and people to help behind the scenes

### THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Holy Spirit Food Pantry is in need of: ***toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, cleaning products, pasta sauce, coffee, tea, cookies, crackers, canned beans, cereal, oatmeal, dog and cat food.*** Need list is in order of importance. **NO LARGE RESTAURANT SIZED ITEMS** please.



## **The Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board!**

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God, in honor or memory of your loved ones. Special occasion such as an anniversary, a baptism, a birthday, a graduation or in thanksgiving for family and friends, can also be celebrated by placing flowers at the altar. Flowers are \$60.00 (\$30.00 each, if shared).



**Remember Naomi** in your prayers, she is our sponsored child from Watoto Child Care Ministries in Uganda. If you are able, and with God's leading, please give a few dollars in her contribution box on the wall in the Narthex. Your donations will make a difference in her life.

### **CALENDAR:**

**TODAY: After the service, stay for Budget meeting and Christmas decorating party**

Wednesday: 7:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service  
at St. John's, Bloomfield

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

Sunday: 8:45 am Sunday School  
10:10-10:30 am Prayer Meeting in Kavasch Hall  
10:30 am Communion Service

## **IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER**

*Midweek Advent Service:* Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm  
(soup supper 6:15)

*Live Nativity:* Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm

*Midweek Advent Service:* Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm  
(soup supper 6:15)

*Breakfast with Santa:* Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> 10am

*Midweek Gathering at Parsonage:* Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm

*Blue Christmas:* Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm

*Christmas Eve at St. John's:* Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> 1pm

*Christmas Eve:* Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm

*Christmas Day:* Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> 10am

**THOSE WHO SERVE US:**

Altar Guild: Anne Daly

Communion Assistant: John Ricca

Contemporary Music Director/Organist: Ruth Bolger

Live Stream/Projectionist: Chris Bolger, Vincent Cooper

Reader: John Ricca

The Praise Team

Usher: Gordon Wickham

**BIRTHDAY:** November 25 - Esther Dulkpado



## PRAY FOR:

*Virginia Messina*

*Irmgard Taenzer*

*Mackenzie Keltner*

*Doris Beall*

*Karl and Luise Wetter*

*Lucille Wernes*

*LaVerne Sieglen*

*John Wickham*

*Pastor Anthony Iovine*

*Fran Kriebel*

*Nathan Kuder*

*Lois Tiedemann*

*Fred Lausten*

*Al Arroyo*

*Edith Meyer*

*Kenneth Meyer Jr. and his mission work in Vienna.*



**Connect.**



**Grow.**



**Serve.**

## CALVARY'S MISSION

As God's Children, our mission is to  
*Know His Word, Share His Word and Live His Word*

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