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Last Sunday of the Church Year Nov. 26, 2023 10:30 a.m.

WORSHIP 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 SONG: *As We Gather/The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

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INVOCATION:

P: We make our beginning in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

PRAYER

R: Heavenly Father, we are so grateful to be called Your children. You are mighty in all of Your ways. Thank You for Your faithfulness even when we have not been faithful to You. Thank You for giving us the gift of salvation through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to counsel and guide us in the way of righteousness. Your goodness and mercy overflows and we are eternally grateful. In Your name we pray. **Amen.**

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

(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.

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SONG OF PRAISE: *Ancient of Days*

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter. (Matthew 25:31-46)

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON HYMN:

Jesus Shall Reign

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MESSAGE:

Judgement is a Fact of Life

PRAISE SONG:

Give Thanks

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OFFERTORY:

Create in Me

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PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN:

For the Fruits of His Creation

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Budget 2024

On November 19th, the Budget Committee met and prepared the 2024 Budget. Copies are available in the Narthex. The Budget was prepared assuming that our permanent pastor has been called and that the Shared Ministry with St. John's, Bloomfield will be in effect for the entire year. Please direct any questions to Andy Wolcott, John Ricca or Anne Daly. Following the service on Sunday, December 10th, a vote will be taken to approve the 2024 budget.

DON'T FORGET TO BUY SCRIP! Contact Anne Daly or Joanne Arroyo.



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.



The Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board! If you cannot get to the calendar, call the church office and leave a message with the dates you would like to mark. 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 per bouquet if you share the cost with another person).

Midweek Advent Services will start next Wed. Dec. 6, and continue on Dec. 13 and 20, Soup Supper at 6:15, followed by our Worship services at 7:30 p.m. in Kavasch Hall.

Annual Live Nativity – Sun., Dec. 17 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Many people are needed to continue this successful outreach. Please reserve this date so that you can 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: ***tuna, jelly, peanut butter, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, canned fruit, rice in small bags, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, detergent, cleaning products, pasta sauce, canned meat, 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. If you are willing and able to help someone in need, please bring your offering to church on the last Sunday of each month.

CALENDAR:

Thursday: 7:00 pm Praise Team practice
Sunday: 8:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Communion Service

THOSE WHO SERVE US:

Altar Guild: Jaya Lakra
Contemporary Music Director/Organist: Ruth Bolger
Live Stream Producer: Christopher Bolger
Projectionist: Christopher Bolger
Reader: Bill Keltner
The Praise Team
Usher: Gordon Wickham

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CALVARY'S MISSION

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



PRAYER LIST

Pray for:

Al Arroyo, Joanne's husband, that God will continue to heal him after suffering a small stroke.

Shirley, Debbie's friend, who is struggling with paralysis.

Janine Montgomery, a relative of Edith Conte, who is recovering from several bone surgeries.

Wanda, a friend of Rich Akers, who has Leukemia and is on chemo therapy. Pray for strength and endurance as she continues her treatment.

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.



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.

Notes:


