



“Sharing the life-changing message of Jesus Christ”

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Welcome

We welcome you in Christ’s name and thank you for sharing this worship moment with us. May this time of praise both honor God and inspire you.

We invite you to join us following worship for a time of fellowship with coffee & treats in our Fellowship Hall (through the glass doors in the gathering area).

If you are looking for a church home, come and explore all that Calvary has to offer. Please fill out a blue “Communion Participation & Visitor Registration” card, located in the pew pockets, so that we may get to know you better. You may drop it in the offering basket or hand it to an usher. Then feel free to stop in at our “Welcome Desk” and pick up more information about our many ministries.

If you have any questions, please speak with the Pastor or any of our staff or volunteers wearing a grey nametag.

Please silence cell phones during worship.

Order of Worship

LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (green) RPB: Red Pew Bible
WOV: With One Voice (blue) HS: Hymnal Supplement (maroon)

*please stand as able
The entire worship service is projected on the screen.

PREPARATORY PRAYER

Lord, we beseech you, give ear to our prayers, and enlighten the darkness of our hearts by your gracious visitation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE: “Old Hundredth” Henry Purcell

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS** LBW pg. 56

***OPENING HYMN:** “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” LBW 245

*SALUTATION AND ADVENT PRAYER

*LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” (Vss. 1-3) WOVS 630

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: **Heavenly Father, give us such ecstatic joy that we follow the shepherds’ example and make known all that you have done until that day when we join the angel hosts and sing around your throne in heaven. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Micah 5:1-4, RPB pg. 1,445
Psalm 100, RPB pg. 937
Romans 5:1-5, RPB pg. 1,752
Luke 2:8-14, RPB pg. 1,591

CHILDREN’S SERMON (Sunday Only)

SERMON: Pastor Ken Nelson

*SERMON HYMN: “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”	LBW 31
*APOSTLES’ CREED	LBW pg. 65
*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
*SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE	
OFFERING: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”	Michael Praetorius (Sunday: Alleluia Choir)
*OFFERTORY: “Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord”	LBW pg. 66
*GREAT THANKSGIVING	LBW pg. 68
*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY	LBW pg. 69
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION	
*THE LORD’S PRAYER	LBW pg. 71
LAMB OF GOD	LBW pg. 72
COMMUNION: “Prepare Him Room”	R. Elliott and D. Fournier (Contemporary Musicians)
*POST COMMUNION BLESSING	LBW pg. 72
*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: “Thank the Lord”	LBW pg. 72
*POST COMMUNION PRAYER	LBW pg. 74
*BENEDICTION	
*CLOSING HYMN: “Angels From the Realms of Glory”	LBW 50
DISMISSAL	
POSTLUDE: “Angels From the Realms of Glory”	Improvisation

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Notes on Worship

Thank you for worshipping with us. Large print bulletins are available from an usher. The right half of the Sanctuary as you face the altar is equipped with a hearing loop system for use with hearing aides or upon request, a headset.



Worship Books

Though the entire service is projected on the screen, if you'd like to refer to the music for a hymn, you will find our hymn books in the pew-back in front of you. "Page" numbers are in the front, "Hymn" numbers are the larger numbers on the top corners of the page.

Communion

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is present in this meal are welcome to receive communion with us.

When directed by an Usher, please come forward using the center aisle and kneel or stand at the altar rail. You will receive the bread then the wine. Grape juice & gluten free wafers are available upon request. Children who do not yet commune receive a blessing. Once you have been served, please return to your pew by the side aisles.

If you are unable to come forward but wish to receive communion, let an Usher know and communion will be brought to you.

Flowers for the Altar

Thank you for your gracious gestures of assisting in beautifying the altar with flowers. The cost is \$35. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Sunday Hospitality Treats

Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to provide treats (donuts, bagels, etc.) for Sunday hospitality time following worship. You may bring the treats (3-4 dozen) or simply add a "P" behind your name and pay \$30 to the church office and the treats will be purchased for you.

Next Week's Lesson

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm 53

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Prayers of the People

Sympathy for: Norm & Audrey McGarvie on the passing of Norm's brother, Douglas McGarvie, on December 12; Rich Baumgartner and family on the passing of his mother, Lorraine, on December 7.

Healing, comfort & strength for: Lee Hermann; Ruby Hauch; Gabrielle Hanke; Ed Marshall; Jerry Wittmus; Lydia Trudell; Kris Lewandowski; Thao Family and Friends; Marc (friend of the Taufner family); Jeff Kelly (son of Sandi Harrison); Joe Frank (cousin of Mary Ellen Thiede); Pastor Joel Diemer (former interim Pastor at Calvary); Delores Seel (Keith Pierce's mother); Brett (grandson of Bruce & Ruth Steffens); Sonya Fried (friend of the Nelsons); Stan Strzykalski (friend of Ernie & Laurie Kretschmann); Dave Turnquist (brother-in-law of Jan Lukasik); Beverly Lawson (mother of Julie Matthes); Mary Lou (friend of Judy Kestly); Linda (sister of Bonnie Johnson); Stan Strzykalski (friend of Ernie & Laurie Kretschmann); Brad Gabriel (friend of Swanson-Rian family); Jacob Smith (friend of the Nelsons); Bonnie (sister of Roberta Stepp); Tom (friend of Mark & Lydia Trudell); Casey Clark (grandson of Judy Kestly); Darryl Olson (brother of Leah Morris); and former Calvary organist, Bill Bravener.

Serving in the Military: Nicole Wahlgren (daughter of Kevin and Cathy Wahlgren, serving in the Army National Guard); Mike (friend of the Voss family); Samantha Bland (daughter of Kim Nyka); Kyle Pierce (son of Karen & Keith Pierce, serving in the US Army); Alex Olson (Air Force, grandchild of Ardath Olson); all military chaplains; and all veterans suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

For All Men and Women Serving: Police Officers, Firefighters, & First Responders.

Serving in the mission field: Our NALC missionaries and missionaries everywhere, who take the Gospel of Christ Jesus to those who are perishing.

Please inform the church office of any births, illnesses, hospitalizations, deaths or any prayer requests, as well as changes in contact information or family status.

Mission & Outreach

Mission of the Month NALC Seminary Fund



This month Calvary's mission focus is on education with the support of seminaries and seminarians. Donations will be used to support the two components of one NALC Seminary system: the Seminary Center at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pa., and Houses of Studies located within NALC Mission Districts.

The primary purpose of the Seminary is to educate and produce orthodox, confessing, evangelical Lutheran Pastors for our NALC churches. Financial support enables us to continue to train such Pastors and send them out to do the work of our Lord. The NALC recently sent five graduates out to begin their work. Financial support is also required to support students with funds for scholarships to help them in their quest for such an education without being burdened by excessive debt.

Please join us in sending our Christmas gift to the NALC Seminary as our response to the blessings we have received. Use your weekly offering envelopes or a white pew envelope to contribute and note "Mission of the Month" on your check and/or envelope.

News & Opportunities

"Blue Christmas" Prayer Service **4 p.m. Sunday, December 17**

While Advent is a season of hope and Christmas is a season of joy, not everyone feels hopeful or in the mood for celebrating during this time of the year. There are many things that can contribute to feelings of emptiness at a time when calendars are often full and the ground beneath the Christmas tree is beginning to fill with gifts. Grief over a death of a loved one is a primary reason for this, but illness, advancing years, or the loss of a job can likewise contribute to a nagging sense of sadness when all around we're presented with images of smiling faces and happy homes. Come join us at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 17th for a "Blue Christmas" prayer service. We'll spend time in readings from Scripture,

prayer, space for silence, and song to help center us on the love of God for us all. John 1:5 says of Jesus, “the light shines in the darkness, and darkness did not overcome it.” Our intent is not to “create” sadness, but to acknowledge it exists in many hearts, and to seek God’s solace and reaffirm his eternal message of hope.

Calvary Christmas Poinsettias for Sale—final call!

Red and white Poinsettias are available for purchase, to be placed at the altar for Christmas services. The plants are top quality with three plants per pot, wrapped in colored foil.

We invite you to purchase one or more by filling out the form included in your bulletin and returning it to the church office, along with your check (made out to Calvary Lutheran Church) **by Monday, December 18**. Please note, “Poinsettia” in the memo line of your check.

Advent and Christmas Services

Invite family and friends to join you for Advent and Christmas services:

Fourth Sunday of Advent: 5 p.m., Saturday, December 23
9 a.m., Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Family Service: 4 p.m., Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 10 p.m., Sunday, December 24

Christmas Day Service: 10 a.m., Monday, December 25

First Sunday after Christmas: 5 p.m., Saturday, December 30
9 a.m., Sunday, December 31

St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program

Calvary will not be supplying the food or serving for the Christmas Day meal program on Monday, December 25. Thank you for your service in 2017. We will resume this ministry on Monday, January 22, 2018. Have a very blessed Christmas.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare is cancelled until spring. Call the church office with any questions.

Women's Bible Study - Entrusted, A Study of 2 Timothy

Winter in Wisconsin can be long and dreary sometimes. Calvary's women are invited to use these cold months to grow in their understanding of God's purpose for us. Beth Moore leads this 6-session DVD-led Bible study of Paul's second letter to Timothy, his dear son in the faith. As Paul encourages Timothy to fulfill God's call on his life, so too, Beth Moore encourages us to do the same. God is calling each of us to be His mighty servant. He has entrusted us with the gospel and gives us direction as we carry the Good News to others. Pretty exciting stuff for a chilly Wisconsin winter! The schedule for our study is:

Monday evenings from 7-8:30 pm

Jan. 8 and 22, Feb. 12 and 26, March 12 and 26

Tuesday mornings from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Jan. 9 and 23, Feb. 13 and 27, March 13 and 27

Sign up on the narthex window for evenings or mornings, but feel free to come to either one on a given week. Bring a friend!

Family Ski Outing - Saturday, January 6

Whether you are an experienced or novice skier, plan now to join your Calvary family and friends for a ski outing on Saturday, January 6.

Watch for more information on location, timing and cost. Save the date!

Friends are welcome!

Christmas Un-decorating - Sunday, January 7

All hands are welcome to help take down the Christmas decorations after worship on Sunday, January 7. Please plan to help.

Staffed Nursery

Child care is available during Worship in the staffed nursery on Sunday mornings. Erica Zipp is coordinating the staffing. Please let her know if you are available to help.

Worship Service / Event Cancellation Due to Weather

As we move into winter, worship services and other events will proceed as scheduled unless notice is given otherwise. As always, if you feel you

cannot safely proceed to worship or an event, please make the best decision for you and your family. When worship services or other church events are cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be announced on TODAY'S TMJ4. As soon as possible, it will also be sent via Constant Contact email. On week days, the church office may open late or close early due to inclement weather.

Christian Education and Youth

Christian Education & Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Christian education for pre-K through 5th grade will incorporate the important story Advent and the of birth of Jesus. Confirmation and High School classes will meet as usual. The schedule for the this week is:

Dec. 17 Large Group Sunday School & Pageant Practice
10:30 – 11:30 Fellowship Hall

Pastor's Bible Study - Wednesdays at 12:30p

On December 20th we will conclude our Advent Study entitled "Hark the Glad Sound" based on four great Biblical Hymns of the Christmas Season – The Song of Zechariah in Luke 1:68-75, The Song (Magnificat) of Mary in Luke 1:46-56, The Song of the Angels in Luke 2:8-14 and the Song of the Church, in Matthew 1:18-23. We meet in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Upcoming Activities

Blue Christmas Worship	December 17, 4 p.m.
Christmas Family Service	December 24, 4 p.m.
Christmas Candlelight Service	December 24, 10 p.m.
Christmas Day Service	December 25, 10 a.m.
Family Ski Outing	January 6, 2018
Christmas Un-decorating	January 7, 10 a.m.
Soup & Chili Cook-off	January 27, 6 p.m.
Youth Winter Retreat	March 2-4, 2018

Attendance & Offering

Attendance at worship last weekend: Sat: 24
 Sun: 120

Received in December to date:

General Fund	\$ 17,444.00
Mission of Month	\$ 355.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00

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All staff can be reached by calling the **Church Office at 262-786-4010.**

This Week at Calvary

Monday, December 18, 2017

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

9:30a Staff Meeting
1:00p Rebekah Circle
6:00p Celebration Ringers
6:30p Council Meeting
7:00p Families Anon
7:30p Non Smoking AA

Office Hours Mon-Fri 8 a.m. –noon

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

7:00a Men's Breakfast
12:30p Pastor's Bible Study
6:30p Evangelism Committee
7:00p Alleluia Choir

Thursday, December 21, 2017

9:00a Quilters

Friday, December 22, 2017

12:00p Al Anon

Saturday, December 23, 2017

5:00p Worship

Sunday, December 24, 2017

9:00a Worship
4:00p Christmas Eve Family Service
10:00p Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

This Weekend at Calvary

Saturday, December 16, 2017

5:00p Worship

Sunday, December 17, 2017 *Food Sunday*

9:00a Worship

10:20a Contemporary Musicians

10:30a Adult, High School, Confirmation, & Sunday School
Christian Education

4:00p “Blue Christmas” Prayer Service

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Ken Nelson

Organist: Gene Traas

Assisting Minister: Lee Tyne

Lector: Scott Langelin

Acolytes: Bobby Vollmar, Jacklyn Warber

Altar Guild: RoJean Holler

Children’s Sermon: Mary Baumgartner

Deacons: Saturday - Jeanette Kalupa

Sunday - Rich Baumgartner, Mary Ellen Thiede, Carol Roe

Greeters: Saturday - Bruce & Ruth Steffens

Sunday - Maxine Wiesbrodt, Carol Roe

PowerPoint Tech: Saturday - Cindy Rooks

Sunday - Sue Rowe

Ushers: Keith & Karen Pierce, George & Carol Rooney

Mug’bearer: Bonnie Johnson

Flowers: The Lukasik/Pfeiffer family in memory of Bob Pfeiffer

Hospitality: