



***“Sharing the life-changing message of Jesus Christ”***

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## Welcome

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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.*



<b>SERMON:</b>	Pastor Ken Nelson
<b>*SERMON HYMN:</b> “Christ, Whose glory fills the Skies”	LBW 265
<b>*APOSTLES’ CREED</b>	LBW pg. 65
<b>*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b>	
<b>*SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE</b>	
<b>OFFERING:</b> “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”	Georg Boehm
<b>*OFFERTORY:</b> “Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord”	LBW pg. 66
<b>*GREAT THANKSGIVING</b>	LBW pg. 68
<b>*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY</b>	LBW pg. 69
<b>*WORDS OF INSTITUTION</b>	
<b>*THE LORD’S PRAYER</b>	LBW pg. 71
<b>LAMB OF GOD</b>	LBW pg. 72
<b>COMMUNION:</b> “Savior of the Nations, Come”	J. S. Bach
<b>*POST COMMUNION BLESSING</b>	LBW pg. 72
<b>*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE:</b> “Thank the Lord”	LBW pg. 72
<b>*POST COMMUNION PRAYER</b>	LBW pg. 74
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>	
<b>*CLOSING HYMN:</b> “Savior of the Nations, Come”	(vss. 1-2, 5-7) LBW 28
<b>DISMISSAL</b>	
<b>POSTLUDE:</b> “Savior of the Nations, Come”	Paul Manz

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# Notes on Worship

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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: 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Psalm 138

Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel: Luke 1:46-56

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# Prayers of the People

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**Healing, comfort & strength for:** Carol Rooney; Ed Marshall; Jerry Wittmus; Lydia Trudell; Kris Lewandowski; Kris Larsen; Thao Family and Friends; Jaren Berg (friend of the Nelson family); 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); Adrienne Michael (friend of Meyer family); Jacob Smith (friend of the Nelsons); Bonnie (sister of Roberta Stepp); Mary Andrae (friend of Grace Gunnlaugsson); Tom (friend of Mark & Lydia Trudell); Tina (friend of Andy Schatz); Paul Z. (friend of Andy Schatz); Casey Clark (grandson of Judy Kestly); Darryl Olson (brother of Leah Morris); and former Calvary organist, Bill Bravener.

**Joy & thanksgiving for:** Reggie & Sue Becker on the birth of their new great-grandson, Theodore, on November 25; Scott & Peggy Langelin on the birth of their healthy, new granddaughter, Brooklyn Grace Langelin, on November 18.

**Serving in the Military:** Nicole Wahlgren (daughter of Kevin and Cathy Wahlgren, serving in the Army National Guard); Mike (friend of the Voss family); Zachery Becker (grandson of Reg & Sue Becker, serving in US Army); 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.

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## Mission & Outreach

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### 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.

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## News & Opportunities

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### Council Bullet Points - November 22 Meeting

- Council approved the formation of a Stephan Ministry at Calvary.
- The Employee Handbook is being rewritten (not updated since 2001).
- The Evangelism Committee will repeat the Bible Study, "Just Walk Across the Room" pointing people to faith. Bob Branston will conduct the classes.
- Thank you letters will be sent to the congregation for pledges made.
- The church roof is in need of a total replacement and estimates are being sought.

### Call Committee Survey Results

We received a total of 128 surveys returned in November. In ranking

“roles you feel a candidate for a potential Youth and Family position”

Here is the average order of priority:

1. Youth Ministry
2. Christian Education
3. Family Ministry
4. Young Adult Ministry
5. Associate Pastor Duties
6. Children’s Music Ministry
7. Intergenerational Ministry

What type of position should Calvary hire for: 34% for Ordained Youth and Family Pastor, 18% for Lay Leader, and 48% no preference.

If Calvary should hire a lay person, their denomination should be: 11% Christian, 46% Lutheran, and 43% NALC

The Call committee would like to thank all of you for your time, thoughts and feedback on this important ministry area.

### **Lessons & Carols—Sunday, December 3, 4 p.m.**

Lessons and Carols service is a ceremony performed around the world with its roots in the United Kingdom. Ours will have a flavor reflecting Calvary’s heritage. Readings will be offered up by many Calvary members; hymns of the season will be led for the congregation to sing; and carols as well as other Advent and Christmas music will be presented by Calvary’s Contemporary Musicians, the Celebration Ringers, and the Alleluia Choir. The Lessons and Carols concert is free to the public, with a reception held afterward. The reception will feature a variety of Nativity Scene displays from around the world. Please sign up to bring cookies or bars. Spread the word to family, friends and neighbors!

### **Decorate the Mitten Tree**

Please help decorate the mitten tree with warm items for all ages (think keeping warm in Wisconsin). Our mitten-gloves-hat-scarf tree will be in the Narthex until December 11. New and used winter coats of all sizes are also welcomed and can be put in the bin next to the tree. Your donations will be delivered to B.A.S.I.C.S. (Brothers and Sisters in Christ Serving) for distribution in Milwaukee. Help keep our neighbors warm!

### **Intergenerational Advent Activity - Sunday, December 3**

All are welcome to join our Sunday School students at 10:30 a.m. to

learn about Advent and to make a family Advent candle log. This activity will be led by Marcella Nelson with the assistance of parents, Sunday School teachers and other adults.

## **SALT Advent/Christmas Gathering**

Senior Adults Living Triumphantly welcomes everyone age 60 or over (and even guests who haven't reach 60 yet!) to get together to celebrate the season of Advent along with a look ahead to Christmas at **1:00 pm on Thursday, December 14 in Fellowship Hall**. We'll have refreshments, carol singing, a Christmas quiz, a "tour" of the nativity sets displayed in Fellowship Hall, sharing of other nativity sets the folks may bring, and a special program by Pastor Ken and Marcella sharing the history of nativity sets. There's a sign-up sheet on the Narthex window.

## **"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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.



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# Christian Education and Youth

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## 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 next few weeks is:

<b>Dec. 3</b>	Advent Log Project	10:30 – 11:15	Fellowship Hall
	Pageant Music	11:15 - 11:30	Sanctuary

<b>Dec. 10 &amp; 17</b>	Large Group Sunday School & Pageant Practice	10:30 – 11:30	Fellowship Hall

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

On December 6, 13 and 20<sup>th</sup> will be an 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. There are participant materials available. Contact Pastor Ken Nelson if you want to purchase the materials.

We meet in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

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## Upcoming Activities

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HS Youth Event “Escape the Room”	December 9
SALT Advent/Christmas Gathering	December 14, 1 p.m.
Food Sunday	December 16/17
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.



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# This Week at Calvary

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## Monday, December 4, 2017

## Tuesday, December 5, 2017

- 9:30a Staff Meeting
- 6:00p Celebration Ringers
- 7:00p Families Anon
- 7:30p Non Smoking AA

Office Hours Mon-Fri 8 a.m. –noon
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## Wednesday, December 6, 2017

- 7:00a Men's Breakfast
- 12:30p Pastor's Bible Study
- 5:00p Amazing Grace Bible Study
- 7:00p Alleluia Choir

## Thursday, December 7, 2017

- 9:00a Quilters

## Friday, December 8, 2017

- 12:00p Al Anon

## Saturday, December 9, 2017

- 5:00p Worship

## Sunday, December 10, 2017

- 9:00a Worship
- 10:20a Contemporary Musicians
- 10:30a Adult, HS, Confirmation & Sunday School Christian Education
- 10:30a Church Life Committee
- 12:00p DivorceCare

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## This Weekend at Calvary

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**Saturday, December 2, 2017** *Name Tag Weekend*

5:00p    Worship

**Sunday, December 3, 2017** *Name Tag Weekend*

8:00a    Youth & Family Committee

9:00a    Worship

10:20a    Contemporary Musicians

10:30a    Adult, High School

10:30a    Intergenerational Advent Activity

12:00p    DivorceCare

4:00p    Lessons & Carols

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## Serving at Worship

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**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Ken Nelson

**Organist:** Gene Traas

**Assisting Minister:** Scott Langelin

**Lector:** Marcella Nelson

**Acolytes:** Preston Meyer, Scott Anderson

**Altar Guild:** Jan Tschetter, Jonni Roush

**Children's Sermon:** Angie Schatz

**Deacons:** Saturday - Cindy Rooks

Sunday - Larry Bonier, Sue Rowe, Rich Baumgartner

**Greeters:** Saturday - Scott & Peggy Langelin

Sunday - Judy DeBruine, Marilyn Hermann

**PowerPoint Tech:** Saturday - Mark Trudell

Sunday - Sallie Schulz

**Ushers:** Tom & Mary Ellen Thiede, Ed Ramthun, Jr.

**Mug'bearer:** Chuck Lukasik

**Flowers:** Kalupa Family in memory of Gabriele Muth

**Hospitality:** Meyer Family