

"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 racks 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) The worship service is projected on the screen. *Please stand as you are able.

PREPARATORY PRAYER

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only begotten Son, so that by his advent we may be enabled to serve you with purified minds; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRELUDE: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" Johann Gottfried Walther

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*OPENING HYMN: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" LBW #29

SALUTATION AND ADVENT PRAYER

*LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1-2)

LBW #34

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: God of righteousness, refine and purify our lives through the power of your Holy Spirit so that we might boldly and faithfully prepare the way for the coming of your Son, Jesus, our Savior and Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-7 Psalm 66: 1-12

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:2-11 Gospel: Luke 3:1-14

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Sunday only)

SERMON Pastor Ken Nelson

*SERMON HYMN: "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" LBW #36

(vss. 1-3, 5)

*APOSTLES CREED LBW pg. 65

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

OFFERING: "Keep Your Lamps" arr. Andre Thomas

*OFFERTORY: "What Shall I Render" LBW pg. 67

*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: "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" T. Gieschen

*BLESSING LBW pg. 74

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN: "Prepare the Royal Highway" LBW #26

*DISMISSAL

*Postlude" V. Engel

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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

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

Blessing Bags for Children

Blessing bags with books and crayons for the smaller children are on the "tree" near the coat closet in the Narthex. Please help yourself and return the bags to the tree after service.

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.

Sunday Hospitality Treats

Please 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.

Altar Flowers

The 2019 chart is up for the altar flowers. 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.

Next Week's Lessons

First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20 Psalm 85

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7 Gospel: Luke 7:18-28

Prayers of the People

Healing, comfort & strength for: Ginny Cox, Ron Foster, Jeanette Ketelsen, Bob Simonson, Eleanore Hahn; Gloria Strei, Barb Branston, Pastor Jerry Wittmus; Reggie Becker; Pat Treutelaar; Eilleen Fielbach (friend of Jonni Roush); Sue (friend of Sue Meyer); Grandma Dentice (grandmother of Tony and Krista Dentice); Mary Morris (mother of Chris Morris); Jill Woytal (friend of Sue Rowe); Brandon Krause (grandson of Don and JoAnne Krause/nephew of Kim Krause); Jeff Kelly (son of Sandi Harrison); Paul (son of Shirley Mahn); Debby Skoglund (sister-in-law of Ken and Marcella Nelson); Tom Flanary (friend of Rick Kegel and Nancy Graffenius); Kendall Roehling (friend of Erica Zipp); Mckayla Harder (sister of Malorie Harder); Ron Osowski (brother of Juanita Osowski); Karie (friend of Chuck and Norene Giuliani); Kim Heyen (daughter-in-law of Don and Fay Heyen); Sharon Ponyio (cousin of Mark and Lydia Trudell); Janice Tackes (friend of Sandie Rupnick); Sue Bellin (friend of Terry Bzdusek); Brad Gabriel (cousin of Jenni Swanson)

Serving in the Military: Dan Berger (son of Linda and Dale Berger) serving in the U.S. Marines; Nicole Wahlgren (daughter of Kevin and Cathy Wahlgren) serving in the U.S. Army National Guard stationed in the Middle East; Kyle Pierce (son of Karen and Keith Pierce, serving in the U.S. Army); Carmen Thomas (friend of Tony and Krista Dentice serving in the U.S. Army and deployed to Afghanistan); Mike Rath (brother of Jill Voss, serving in the U.S. Marines); Alex Olson (U.S. 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 and First Responders.

Serving in the mission field: Our NALC missionaries and missionaries everywhere bringing the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Please see the *Crossroads* for our long-term and shut-in prayer lists. As a general guideline, we will place people on the weekly prayer list for 2-3 weeks, but will keep them on longer as needed.

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

Mission & Outreach

December Mission of the Month - NALC Seminary Fund

Samaritan's Purse is an evangelical Christian humanitarian aid organization that provides aid to people in physical need as a key part of Christian missionary work. Support to Samaritan's Purse most needed areas include personnel, materials, supporting services, buildings, and equipment—to fulfill their mission of relief and evangelism worldwide. Please use your weekly offering envelopes or a white pew envelope to contribute and note "Mission of the Month" on your check and/or envelope.

Right to Write pen/pencil collection — Thank you to everyone who donated new and used pens and pencils to the Right to Write organization. We collected 462 pens and 165 pencils in October. Wow! Because of this outpouring of love, we will continue to gather used or new pens and pencils in the plastic bin in the Narthex through the end of the year. For more info: https://right-to-write.org

Mittens, Gloves, Scarves and Hats, oh my!

The Mission & Outreach team will again be collecting mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for **B.A.S.I.C.S. Milwaukee**. Items will be distributed to children and families in the Milwaukee area. Keep an eye out for these items when you're shopping and grab a few to place on the tree that will be <u>in the Narthex until</u> <u>December 16th</u>. Any and all items are greatly appreciated!

News & Opportunities

Monday Morning Movie

Here's a film for everyone!! On **Monday, December 10 at 9 a.m.** in Room 110 (Media Room), all of Calvary is invited to a screening of "A Christmas Carol" starring George C. Scott as Ebenezer Scrooge. You may recall watching this version on TV in 1984. Yes, it was that long ago! The film has aged well, and you'll be uplifted and filled with the true meaning of Christmas, to say nothing of a few Christmas cookies to boot. Please come – and bring a friend!

Endowment Fund Posters

Take a minute to look at some of the posters that were created with testimonials from recipients of Calvary's Endowment Fund grants. They are on the bulletin board outside the office, as well as the glass doors of the Narthex. Each one tells a different story of how their gift from the Endowment Fund has enriched their life or the lives of others.

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Year-end is Quickly Approaching!

As we approach the end of 2018, we ask you to please look carefully and prayerfully at your financial giving for the year. The financial books close on Monday, December 31, 2018. To ensure proper credit for 2018 tax purposes, please have your contributions in the church office by noon on the 31st. Contributions received after the 31st will <u>not</u> be credited to your 2018 giving. Thank you for your continued support of the many ministries of Calvary.

Directory Update

We are in the process of updating the Church Directory. Please notify the office *by Friday, December 14* if you've had any change to your address, phone number or e-mail.

Christian Education

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

Pastor's Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Coming during your lunch hour? Feel free to bring your lunch. Light snacks and coffee are always available. All are welcome!

Sunday School & Christian Education Schedule

Regular Sunday Christian Education classes are from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

PreK - Kindergarten	Room 103
1st, 2nd & 3rd	Room 104
4th & 5th	Room 106
Confirmation	Sanctuary
High School	Youth Room
Tackling Today's Topics	Room 102

In-Depth Scripture Study Media Room 110

Youth & Family Ministry

High School & Middle School Winter Retreat!

The 2019 Winter Retreat is fast approaching! Here's what you need to know:

January 4-6th – WinterXtreme at Camp Timber-lee

Depart Calvary, Friday @ 5:30 p.m. Return, Sunday between noon - 2:00 p.m. \$146 per person (scholarships are available)

WinterXtreme is Timber-lee's winter retreat program for youth. Our junior and senior high students will enjoy fellowship, food, speakers, worship bands, community-building activities and an outdoor fire to warm up at the end of the day. winterXtreme allows them to strengthen their relationships with each other and with God.

If your middle school or high school students would like to go, please RSVP to Kyle in person or via email (youthdirector@calvarylc.com.) A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by Sunday December 16th, and the remaining balance will be due upon departure.

CHRISTmas Story Live Sunday, December 23 during 9:00 a.m. worship

In the past, we've held our children's Christmas program during the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service. This year, the children of Calvary will lead us in worship on the 4th Sunday in Advent (12/23/18) as they read Scripture, lead us in singing hymns, and act out the events surrounding Jesus' birth.

- * If your child(ren), pre-K to 5th grade, would like to help lead worship as an actor, reader, and song leader, please speak with Kyle Jones or email him at youthdirector@calvarylc.com.
- * If your middle school or high school student(s) would like to help as student leaders directing children in standing, sitting and singing, please speak with Kyle Jones or email him at youthdirector@calvarylc.com.
- * Song rehearsals will take place December 2nd, 9th, & 16th at 11:15 a.m.
- * A full walkthrough and dress rehearsal will take place Sunday, December 16th from 4-6 p.m. Dinner will be provided!

Christmas Eve Family Worship Monday, December 24, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

This year, because the children of Calvary will lead us through the Christmas story on Sunday, December 23rd, the Christmas Eve Family Worship Service at 4:00 p.m. will have a more traditional structure.

It will feature a three-part message for children and adults. Children will be invited forward to hear the Christmas story, which will be read with three messages given on their level for all to hear. All are welcome!

Upcoming Activities

December 10, 9am	Monday Morning Movie
December 23, 9am	CHRISTmas Story Live!
December 24, 4pm	Christmas Eve Family Worship
December 24, 10pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25, 10am	Christmas Day Worship

Attendance & Offering

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Attendance at worship last weekend:	Sat: 33 Sun: 143
Received in December:	
General Fund-Pledged	\$ 3,430.00
General Fund-Unpledged	\$ 1,304.00
MOM	\$ 135.00
Building Fund	\$ 60.00

Contact Information

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

Office Hours Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – Noon

Please Check In. If you will be in the church during the week (during regular office hours of 8am to noon), please stop by the office and let the staff know when you arrive as well as when you leave the building.





This Week at Calvary

Monday, December 10, 2018

9:00a Monday Morning Movie

7:00p Christian Clowns

Serenity Inn Meal Program

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

9:30a Staff Meeting

6:00p Celebration Ringers

7:00p Families Anon

7:30p Non-Smoking AA

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 COUNCIL REPORTS DUE

7:00a Men's Breakfast

8:30a Executive Committee Meeting

12:30p Bible Study

7:00p Alleluia Choir

Thursday, December 13, 2018

9:30a Calvary Knitting Group

4:00p POTS Support Group

2:00p Foster Small Group

5:45p DivorceCare

6:30p Financial Peace University

Friday, December 14, 2018

12:00p Al Anon

Saturday, December 15, 2018

5:00p Worship

Sunday, December 16, 2018 FOOD SUNDAY

9:00a Worship

10:00a Sunday School Choir

10:30a Contemporary Musicians

10:30a Sunday School, Confirmation, HS & Adult Education

4:00p Dress Rehearsal/Walk through - CHRISTmas Story Live

This Weekend at Calvary

Saturday, December 8, 2018

5:00p Worship

Sunday, December 9, 2018

9:00a Worship

10:00a Sunday School Choir10:30a Contemporary Musicians

10:30a Sunday School, Confirmation, HS & Adult Education

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Ken Nelson **Assisting Minister:** Scott Langelin

Organist: Gene Traas **Lector:** Ruth Brostowitz

Acolytes: Scott Anderson & Sam Sayas Altar Guild: Tom & Sue Sadowsky Children's Sermon: Megan Schatz Deacons: Saturday – Cindy Rooks

Sunday - Mary Ellen Thiede, Sheila Kershek, Judy Sayas

Greeters: Saturday – Tom & Sue Sadowsky

Sunday - Lennie and Bill Graffin, Carol Roe

PowerPoint Tech: Saturday - Sue Rowe

Sunday - Chuck Lukasik

Ushers: Marty Altmin, Chet Elliott, Ed Ramthun, Erik Zipp

Mug 'Bearer: Keith Pierce Flowers: Don & JoAnne Krause