



“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.

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 by our “Welcome Desk” in the Narthex and pick up more information about our many ministries.

If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Ken Nelson or anyone wearing a Deacon, Council Member or Usher nametag.

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).

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE DURING WORSHIP.

December 14 & 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (green) WOV: With One Voice (blue)
*The worship service is projected on the screen. *Please stand as you are able.*

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 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” - J. C. Kittel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

***OPENING HYMN** “Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn” WOV #633

SALUTATION & ADVENT PRAYER

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE WOV #630 (vss 1 –3)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, may your Spirit kindle in us patience and strength and endurance in the face of suffering, as well as love and mercy toward our neighbors that reflects your own. We pray in Jesus’ name, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146

Second Lesson: James 5:7-11

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-15

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(Sunday Only)

SERMON

Pastor Ken Nelson

***SERMON HYMN** “Prepare the Royal Highway”

LBW #26

*APOSTLES CREED	LBW pg. 65
*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH	
*SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE	
OFFERING “Comfort, Comfort”	- John Ferguson (<i>Sunday: Alleluia Choir</i>)
*OFFERTORY “What Shall I Render”	LBW pg. 67
*GREAT THANKSGIVING	
*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY	
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION	
*THE LORD’S PRAYER	LBW pg. 71
LAMB OF GOD	LBW pg. 72
COMMUNION	
COMMUNION ANTHEM: “Prepare Him Room”	COFFEE at the Cross (<i>Sunday</i>)
*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord”	LBW pg. 72
*POST COMMUNION PRAYER	
*BENEDICTION	
*CLOSING HYMN “Hark, the Glad Sound”	LBW #35
*DISMISSAL	
*POSTLUDE “Hard, the Glad Sound”	- Healey Willan

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 will 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.

Worship Bags for Children

Updated Worship Bags (previously called Blessing Bags) are in the Narthex. Each bag has coloring books, crayons, and a tactile activity or toy for children to play with. We have also included something new to help children engage in the service. Each Worship Bag has a laminated Order of Service card in it to help children engage in the service. We hope these bags will continue to be a blessing to the children as we worship together.

Flowers for the Altar - The 2020 Chart is Up!

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 for 2020.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

If you have requested prayers for someone on the prayer list below who no longer needs our prayers, please notify the office or the prayer coordinators, Darlene Louison or Audrey McGarvie. Those individuals that have been on the prayer list for more than 30 days have been moved to the Long Term Prayer List, which can be found on the "It's About our Family" page in the Crossroads.

New prayer requests this week: Ed Marshall, Al Powers (father of Matt Powers), Tom Kestly (husband of Judy Kestly) and Jill Woytal (friend of Sue Rowe).

Ongoing short-term prayer requests: Reggie Becker, Bill Graffin, Linda Blankenheim (sister of Rick Kegel); John Nielsen (brother of Judy Kestly); and Paul (son of Jane Taufner).

Serving in the Military: Dan Berger (serving in the U.S. Marines); Nicole Wahlgren (serving in the U.S. Army National Guard); Kyle Pierce (son of Karen and Keith Pierce, serving in the U.S. Army); Alex Olson (U.S. Air Force, grandchild of Ardath Olson); Karmen Thomas (friend of Tony and Krista Dentice serving in the U.S. Army); 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.

MISSION & OUTREACH

MISSION OF THE MONTH - SEMINARY FUNDS

In December we raise up a vital Mission of the Month supporting the training of pastors for service in the North American Lutheran Churches. With great enthusiasm we have significant news! For the first time in decades (since the mid 1980's) we have an intern coming to train at Calvary! Council has approved Lynnae Douglas to intern at Calvary in 2020. Why is this important? The NALC is growing and the need for pastors trained for our Synod is crucial to us and congregations like ours in the NALC. The NALC's commitment is to the authority of the Bible as the inspired Word of God and to be Christ Centered and Mission driven. Forming of the NALC also created a need to train people to pastor those churches. Current pastors in other Synod traditions received training in preparation for serving in NALC congregations. Many of those pastors are heading towards retirement now. The NALC has grown from 17 congregations to over 400! Initially there was only the Seminary in Amhearst, PA, however now the Lutheran Institute of Technology in Brookings, South Dakota also trains pastors for the NALC. In past years we were hoping to have seminarians to sponsor... now there are many - over 20!

The NALC is now in Phase 2 of development and in urgent need of Calvary's support. We are one of the largest and most blessed congregations. We have supported the Seminary in Pennsylvania with \$5,000 in giving annually. With a second Seminary and many seminarians we would like our giving to rise to at least \$7,500 this year. Prayerfully consider an end of the year gift in support of these vital seminarians, including our new intern! ***Please make your donations payable to Calvary Lutheran Church and reference "Mission of the Month".***

THE MITTEN TREE IS UP!

Our mittens-gloves-hat-scarf (socks too!) tree will be in the Narthex **until December 16**. Please help to decorate the tree with warm items **for all ages** (think keeping warm in Wisconsin). Your donations will be delivered to B.A.S.I.C.S. (Brothers and Sisters In Christ Serving) for distribution in Milwaukee. Let's all help keep our Milwaukee neighbors warm!

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

WORSHIP CHANGE - “Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place” - 2 Chronicles 7:15.

A change to the worship service was implemented this weekend. The words will not be projected on the screen while Pastor Ken reads the Gospel each week, enabling us to truly listen to God’s message for us. However, you are always welcome to follow along in your pew Bible. The scripture readings are listed in the Order of Service.

CHRISTMAS STORY LIVE! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 9:00 AM

During the 9:00 a.m. worship, the children of Calvary will lead us in worship on the 4th Sunday in Advent (December 22nd) as they read Scripture, lead us in singing hymns, and act out the events surrounding Jesus’ birth. Song rehearsals will take place December 8 and 15. *A full walkthrough and dress rehearsal will take place Friday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided.*

HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR COMMITMENT CARD?

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,” -Colossians 3:23

If you haven’t already turned in your commitment card for 2020 giving, please drop it off in the office or in the offering basket at your earliest opportunity. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR SALE

Three varieties of poinsettia plants are available this year to decorate our altar for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The plants are top quality with three plants per pot, wrapped in colored foil. The cost is \$25. If you’d like to purchase a plant or two, order forms are on the glass doors in the Narthex. Order forms are due to the office **no later than this Monday, December 16th**. Questions? Please call the office at 262.786.4010.

S.A.L.T. CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join the Senior Adults Living Triumphantly (S.A.L.T.) for their annual Christmas party on **Thursday, December 19 from 1–2:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. This year Tom Kurtz will be playing holiday tunes on his musical saw, accompanied by his wife Pat on the piano for a Christmas sing-along. Cookies and beverages will be served. Attendees are invited to bring a dozen cookies of their choice. All are invited - bring a friend! Please contact Grace Gunnlaugsson at gracemg@mac.com with any questions.

JOIN US FOR ADVENT VESPERS Wednesday December 18th at 6:30 p.m. Vespers, also known as “*Evening Prayer*”, is a service of darkness and light, contemplation, readings and prayer. It’s emphasis is on Christ, described in John 1:5 as “the light (that) shines in the darkness.” Vespers is one of the “daily offices” of the church – one of five appointed times for prayer and contemplation in the monastic tradition. Each service will be adorned by readings and songs appropriate to the season of Advent, punctuated with times of silence, and will last about 35 minutes. Following each Vespers, you are invited to remain in the sanctuary for personal prayer or come to Fellowship Hall for seasonal refreshments.

OBERRAMMERGAU, GERMANY TOUR PLANNED FOR 2020! Pastor Ken Nelson and the Calvary Lutheran Church Executive Committee are pleased to announce a very special and unique travel opportunity for members and friends of Calvary Lutheran Church. In partnership with Country Travel Discoveries of Elm Grove, Pastor Ken will host a tour to the famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, from **September 19 – 29, 2020**. Nearly 400 years ago, the villagers of the tiny Bavarian village promised God to perform a play about the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ, if God would save the village from the plague. The petition was divinely answered, and since then the villagers have staged the Passion Play every 10 years. Next year will mark the 42nd time the elaborate play has been performed, now seen by thousands of the faithful from the world over. Consider joining Pastor Ken on this exciting tour to Germany and Austria on this once-in-a-lifetime experience! Informational brochures are available in the Narthex. Our allotted spots are filling up fast!

FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Regular Sunday Christian Education classes are held from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade will begin in the Sanctuary with song before proceeding to their classrooms.

Pre-Kindergarten	Room 103
Kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd	Room 104
3rd, 4th & 5th	Room 106
Confirmation	Room 107
High School	Youth Room
“This is Most Certainly True”	Room 113
1 Timothy Study	Media Room 110

CONTACT INFORMATION

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



MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 A.M. - NOON



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SEVEN DAYS AT A GLANCE

Monday December 16, 2019

Tuesday December 17, 2019 CROSSROADS Deadline

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

Wednesday December 18, 2019

- 7:00a Men's Breakfast
- 10:30a Al Anon
- 12:30p Pastor Ken's Bible Study
- 6:30p Advent Vespers
- 7:15p Alleluia Choir

Thursday December 19, 2019

- 9:00a Calvary Quilters
- 1:00p SALT Christmas Gathering
- 4:00p Amazing Grace Adult Study
- 6:15p DivorceCare

Friday December 20, 2019

- 12:00p Al Anon
- 6:30p "CHRISTmas Story Live" dress rehearsal and party

Saturday December 21, 2019

- 5:00p Worship

Sunday, December 22, 2019

- 9:00a Worship - CHRISTmas Story Live!
- 10:30a COFFEE at the Cross

THIS WEEKEND AT CALVARY

Saturday December 14, 2019

5:00p Worship

Sunday, December 15, 2019 FOOD SUNDAY

9:00a Worship

10:30a COFFEE at the Cross

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

5:00p Middle School/High School Christmas Party

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Presiding Minister: Pastor Ken Nelson

Organist: Gene Traas

Assisting Minister: Larry Bonier

Lector: Lenna Graffin

Acolytes: Sam and Ellie Sayas

Altar Guild: Norene Giuliani and Jan Lukasik

Children's Message: Larry Bonier

Deacons: Saturday - Ed Ramthun

Sunday - Rhonda Rodriguez, Al Rodriguez, Sheila Kershek

Greeters: Saturday - Ron and Jean Holman

Sunday - Jonni Roush, Marilyn Hermann, Bob and Mary Smith

PowerPoint Tech: Saturday - Lydia Trudell

Sunday - Sue Rowe

Ushers: Keith and Karen Pierce, Tom and Mary Ellen Thiede

Mug'Bearer: Marcella Nelson

Hospitality: Larry and Susie Bonier

Special Music: Alleluia Choir and COFFEE at the Cross