

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Calvary Lutheran Church.

We're glad you're here to worship with us today. If there is anything we can do to help you in your worship, please speak with an usher. Please fill in the Friendship Booklet indicating your attendance today and please come again!

HEADSETS are available for the hearing impaired. Please notify a greeter or usher if you need one.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ~ (Communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays)

As Lutherans, we believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine when we receive the Sacrament. We do not believe that the bread and wine somehow mystically “change” into something other than bread and wine, nor do we believe that the bread and wine merely “represent” Christ’s Body and Blood; rather we are bound by the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ when He said, **“Take, eat, this is My body” and “Take, drink, this is My blood”**. We believe and teach that when we receive the bread and wine, we are truly receiving the Body and Blood of Christ (because of His divine words). We, therefore also believe the Sacrament of Holy Communion is more than just a memorial, we believe it is Christ truly coming to us and offering His Body and His Blood in an outward sign of His love for us and as an outward assurance of the forgiveness He won for us by His death on the Cross. If you believe this and are baptized, and are repentant of your sins, we would welcome you to commune with us. If you are in doubt, please do not take communion until you have spoken to the Pastor or an Elder. (White grape juice is offered for those who are unable to partake of the red wine. For identification, the cups are placed in the center of the tray. Gluten Free wafer are also in the individual cups of the tray)

GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS is an act of worship that has been part of Christian worship for decades. It is the Christian’s response to the generosity of God and a commitment made between them and Him. At Calvary we have two ways to respond, by using the boxes at the entrances to the sanctuary- or by placing it in the plates as they are passed along the pew.

Flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Maren Gianinni

Spirit, Send Your Holy Fire Upon Us!

AS WE GATHER

The world is filled with chaotic voices crying for rights, privileges, social justice, economic equalization, and political balance. However, today, we hear the Holy Spirit who enables us to discern the will of God, in accordance with His Word and Sacraments. On Pentecost Day we ask God to enable us to realize that God's Word is effective for all peoples in every land and tongue.

WORD OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord “

Isb 497

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

He is Here for He Was Promised!

The Gospel of John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-11

²⁶ “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{4b} “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’

⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:

⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy Spirit, who on the great day of Pentecost descended on the apostles and set their hearts on fire with Your blessings; we ask that you would continually enter our hearts through Your very Word. Enable us to testify to the living hope that You have planted in our hearts and give us courage and boldness to speak Your Word with power, so that people everywhere may know Christ and Him crucified.

C: Amen.

The Flame of His Love Arrives! *Please be seated**The Account of Pentecost as recorded in Acts 2:1-21*

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

VIDEO**SONG***"Holy, Holy"**osb 74*

We Pray together...

O Lord, I confess my life is anything but “spirit-filled.” I am filled up with fear and doubt, filled up with schedules that run me ragged, filled up with concerns about living day to day; and yes, filled up with my own selfishness that keeps me silent in my witness of You and busy with my own needs. Forgive me for closing the door on the fresh winds of Your Holy Spirit. Today I pray that You would fall afresh on me again. Renew me from within and empower me with Your mighty gifts that I may witness of Your love and have a life filled with Your most precious peace. It is by that same Spirit’s power I have to pray and believe, Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE (continued)

Spirit Of The Living God

osb -- 195

Listen to This Good News!

P: You have been led by the Spirit in the conviction of your sin to confess and ask forgiveness and God has heard your prayers. As Paul recorded in Romans 8: 14-17, we have this assurance that:

“all who are guided by God's Spirit are God's children. You haven't received the spirit of slaves that leads you into fear again. Instead, you have received the spirit of God's adopted children by which we call out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. If we are his children, we are also God's heirs. If we share in Christ's suffering in order to share his glory, we are heirs together with him.”

We are His adopted children, set free from sin by His death on the cross and blessed with eternal life through His resurrection from death. We live in His grace, we rejoice in His love, we are empowered by His Spirit to be the People of God. In Christ your sins are forgiven -- go in peace. Amen!

We Declare This Belief As We Together Proclaim:

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me and the whole Christian church on earth through the Gospel, enlightened us with His gifts, and sanctified and kept us united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. This I believe in my heart and confess with my mouth because it is most certainly true!

P: When our Lord left His disciples to return to His Father, He promised to send His Holy Spirit to all His disciples. Through Word and Sacraments, Christ today gives us the promised Holy Spirit. In the penitent sinner, through this holy meal, God increases faith. May our hearts be opened to receive the blessing of His body and blood. The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

† SACRAMENT †

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In these last days, You have poured out Your Holy Spirit on Your Church, that Your sons and daughters might proclaim the wonders of Your salvation accomplished by the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth that, faithfully eating and drinking the body and blood of Your Son we thereby remember Him and proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth.

LORD'S PRAYER *Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

Isb 768

"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

Isb 498

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: We thank You, O God, for having given us this faith-strengthening meal of forgiveness. We ask that You would continue to send Your Holy Spirit to us and all Your children so that, refreshed and equipped, we might take this forgiveness into our world, speaking Your Word to those imprisoned in confusion and darkness.

C: Amen.

HYMN *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Isb 805

GREETING OF PEACE

OFFERING -- *We Praise God With Our Gifts*

OFFERTORY & HYMN OF THE DAY *"Holy Spirit Light Divine"*

Isb 496

SERMON – *"Jesus' Promise Fulfilled"*

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH -- *We Pray for Each Other and for the Church*

THE BLESSING

P: And now we go—knowing that we are led by the Spirit of God because we are indeed the children of God! We are no longer slaves to our fears and sins, but set free and empowered by the Holy Spirit to witness the love and grace of our God to others and live with one another in unity and peace. To that end, may we be true, O Lord, that we may rejoice in sharing in Your glory here and to eternity, Amen!

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

Isb 917

POSTLUDE

Thank you for worshipping with us. Please join us for refreshments in the Narthex and accept our invitation to come again next Sunday. If you do not have a church home, please consider making Good Shepherd your church home.

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We Pray For . . .

PEACE IN THE WORLD

President Trump and our Country, State, and City Leaders; - For our Calvary Family serving in the Armed Forces: Thomas Caspersen U.S. Navy, Shelby McKemy, U.S.M.C, Jonathan Ellis U.S.M.C., Talitha Benz U.S.M.C. Jordan Jendersee, U.S. Army; Steven Derrick Arndt U.S. Navy, USS Coronado, Colter King U.S.A.F. Wesley Lynn

CANCER WARRIORS

Dan Diaz; Sandy Hrdlicka; Karen Dunphy; Sue Perez; Gene Curler; Charlotte Morgan; Marjorie Britts-kidney cancer; Ralph Foskett; Pat Brown; Evelyn Asker; Ellen Wong-Chin; Bob Kruger; (friends of Toni Troya), Carmen Caspersen

HEALING

Conrad Skjong; Kevin Dorr; Frank Mitchell Sr; Isabel Albright; Mary Tomczyk; Christine Dunphy; Michael Silveira; Deeann Christensen; Kathy Hertlien; Liz Fosdahl; Jan Curler; George Britts; Carole Adams; Doug & Ann Olds; Melody Moore; Sandy Silva, Norma Blank

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Birthdays: Pastor Gary Morh 23rd Anniversaries: none

Did You Know.....?

Directory Update: We would like to update our church direcotry. Please take a look at the printout names on the Guest Book podium and make any corrections that you may have. If you don't see your name in there, please add it in. Please include your email. Thank you.

"Shipwrecked--Where Jesus Rescues Us" VBS August 6-10, 9am -12pm. Open to Preschool thru 6th grade. Volunteers can be 7th grade to infinity. We need volunteers in all areas. Volunteer meeting on May 20th at 11:00-11:15, (after Sunday School). Please come to get information about the program and about our needs to make it an awesome adventure for the children.

Thank You Calvary Family for the wonderful cards and your prayers. I am so appreciative for all the love shown to me. God bless you all, Carmen Caspersen.

Special Guest Pastor on June 2: The Rev. Paul Short will share personal witness about Food For The Poor mission, specifically direct relief to the poor throughout Latin American and the Caribbean. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Short.

Friday Gardeners: We are still in need of volunteers on Fridays from 9 a.m. until you get tired ;) Please bring bring your own shovel, rake, trimmers, garbage bag for weeds, hat, water, sun protection. Thank you. Blessings, Barbara Adams.

SCRIP (gift cards) purchase gift cards and a percentage is given to Calvary. We have a small inventory but 100s of vendors available for order. Special orders take 2 weeks but for \$5 extra you can receive it in a week. Some cards can be refilled. Available in office Tuesday - Thursday 9a.m. - 2p.m. Sunday after church at the information booth. Cash or checks accepted.

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Office Depot 5% given back. Use ID number 70014535 on every purchase.

Choice dollars Assign to Calvary from qualifying Thrivent products.

Scheduled Ministry this Week at Calvary

Today	9:00 a.m. 10:15	Communion Worship Service Bible Classes & Sunday School
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Quilt Ministry
Sunday, May 27	9:00 a.m. 10:15	Worship Service Bible Classes & Sunday School

Attendance Last Week

2018 9:00 a.m.—61
2017 9:00 a.m.—75

Giving Report Last Week

\$1,865.00
\$1,891.50

Service Participants

Preacher: Pastor Gary Mohr
Organist: Carmen Caspersen
Ushers: Philip Caspersen
Greeters: Beverly Green
Gatherers: Phil Glock & Steve Arionus
Reader/Children's Message: Gerry Luehrs

Elder Board

Hank Blank
Gerry Luehrs
Dave Mueller
Dave Schultz