

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Service Schedule
(Communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays)

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 ~ 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.

AS WE GATHER

As we come closer to the goal of our Lenten journey, this Fifth Sunday has us pause and consider the basis of our hope. It has everything to do with our identity---who we are. Of ourselves, of course, we are hopeless. For as much as we try to cover up or make changes for the better, sin holds us captive. The only true hope comes from the new identity given to us by our baptism into Christ. As He identified with us so completely, even to the point of dying our death, so now our identity is completely awash in the grace of Christ who came not to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. This, then, is how others should identify us, as servants of Christ (1 Corinthians 4:1) and of one another?

A WORD OF WELCOME**OPENING HYMN***"Christ, the Life of All the Living"*

LSB 420, sta 1,2,4,5

INVOCATION AND OPENING VERSICLES

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

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: who made heaven and earth. *Psalms 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalms 32:5***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION***(We take a moment to call to mind our sins.)*

P: O almighty God,

C: we confess to You that we have sinned against You, that we have been more interested in our own desires and wishes, and less responsive to Your Word and will. We look for greatness and avoid humble service. Forgive our pride and self-serving ways and give us Your own heart of love and compassion.P: "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all." (*Matthew 20:26*) Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.**C: Amen.****PRAYER OF THE DAY**P: *Let us pray.* Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**C: Amen.****+ WORD +****OLD TESTAMENT***(New fellowship with God.)*

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.

³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING (*Jesus, our true high priest.*)

Hebrews 5:1-10

5 For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³ Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶ as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:32-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³² And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴ And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.” ³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ Jesus said to them, “You do not

know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"³⁹ And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized,⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *"What Wondrous Love Is This"* LSB 543

SERMON "Be Careful What You Ask For" Mark 10:32-40

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Nicene Creed (as found in the hymnal)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"* LSB 781, sta 1 & 2

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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LORD'S PRAYER

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P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven....

WORDS OF OUR LORD *(Words of Institution)*

PAX DOMINI *(The Peace of the Lord)*

P: The peace of the + Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"By Grace I'm Saved"

LSB 566

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

LSB 570

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: For the new covenant of God's love that works mercy in our hearts,

C: we give thanks to the Lord.

P: For Christ our great high priest and only sacrifice,

C: we give thanks to the Lord.

P: For our new identity in Christ as humble servants,

C: we give thanks to the Lord. 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 look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB 575 , Sta 1&4

Thanks for worshipping with us today. Please join us again next Sunday.

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; Linda Wong-Farenbaugh; Ellen Wong-Chin; Bob Kruger; (friends of Toni Troya)

HEALING

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Birthdays: none Anniversaries: none



Flowers on the Altar today are given
to the Glory of God by Jane Arndt in
memory of husband Gene and celebrating her great
grandson.



Did You Know.....?

- **Prayer Gathering:** Please join us on Wednesdays from 11:30a.m. – Noon to join in prayer. If you have any questions, speak to Virginia Oliver.

- **Amazon Smile:** Thank you to everyone that has been using Amazon Smile. As you know we get donation checks from Amazon whenever you make purchases on Amazon Smile and link it to Calvary Lutheran. This is another of our third Source funding, aka Free Money.
- **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.
 - **e scrip at lucky** (was shares) sign up at Lucky and a percentage of your purchase is given to Calvary.
 - **Office Depot** 5% given back. Use ID number 70014535 on every purchase.
 - **Choice dollars** Assign to Calvary from qualifying Thrivent products.
- **CONCORDIA SEMINARY CHOIR LAUDAMUS** will be performing:
 - Saturday, March 24, 7 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, CA
 - Sunday, March 25, 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. at West Portal Lutheran Church, San Francisco

Scheduled Ministry this Week at Calvary

Today	9:00 a.m.	Communion Worship Service
	10:15	Bible Classes & Sunday School
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Quilt Ministry
	11:30	Prayer Gathering in conference room
	6:00 p.m.	Potluck Supper
	7:00	Lent Worship Service Choir rehearsal following service
Sunday, March 25	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15	Bible Classes & Sunday School

Attendance Last Week

2018 9:00 a.m.—50
2017 9:00 a.m.—71

Giving Report Last Week

\$2,150.00
\$2,920.00

Service Participants

Preacher: Pastor Gary Mohr
Organist: Carmen Caspersen
Ushers: Phil Caspersen
Greeters: Maren Giannini & Diane Salo
Gatherers: Phil Glock & Steve Arionus
Reader/Children's Message: Gerry Luehrs

Elder Board

Hank Blank
Gerry Luehrs
Dave Mueller
Dave Schultz