



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love."

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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
January 15, 2023

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

***Confession of Sins and Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Time for reflection and self-examination)

Holy One, source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Song of Praise:

"Thy Word"

W&P #144

Chorus

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.**

1. When I feel afraid,
And I think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me,
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. *Chorus*

2. I will not forget
Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide
And hold me to Your side,
I will love You to the end. *Chorus*

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Holy God,
our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength —

⁶he says,

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,

"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 40:1-11

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust in the LORD!**

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;**

you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸**'I love to do your will, O my God;**

your law is deep within me.'"

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;**

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

"Emmanuel"

W&P #36

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,

His name is called Emmanuel;

God with us, revealed in us;

His name is called Emmanuel. Repeat

***Gospel: John 1:29-42**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Brett

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

*Song of the Day:

“Here I Am, Lord”

ELW #574

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Prayers of the Church:**

W&P #27

(Sung Prayer Response)

**I cast all my cares upon you;
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

“Everything Within Me Worships You” with “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts, let us pray... Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

***Words of Institution**

(The Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor, ending with... “now and forever. Amen.” The congregation responds by singing the refrain from “In the Singing”)

“In the Singing”

ELW #466

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace;
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.**

***The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever, and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Come and taste the joy of God!

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Song:

“Now the Silence”

ELW #460

Now the silence

Now the peace

Now the empty hands uplifted

Now the kneeling

Now the plea

Now the Father's arms in welcome

Now the hearing

Now the pow'r

Now the vessel brimmed for pouring

Now the body

Now the blood

Now the joyful celebration

Now the wedding

Now the songs

Now the heart forgiven leaping

Now the Spirit's visitation

Now the Son's epiphany

Now the Father's blessing

Now

Now

Now

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.

Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

*Benediction

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
‡ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.
Amen.

*Sending Song:

“O Day Full of Grace”

**ELW #627
vv. 1 & alt 2**

**1. O day full of grace that now we see
appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be
abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
your name on our hearts emblazon.**

**2. How blest was that gracious midnight hour,
when God in our flesh was given.
then brightened the sawn with light and pow'r
then spread o'er the darkened heaven;
then rose o'er the world that Sun divine,
which gloom, from our hearts has driven.**

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers†

Prayers for healing: **Neal Blomenkamp** (heart surgery), **Catherine Rahrs** (blood clots—Val Rahrs’ mother), **Bonnie** (hematoma in her leg—Susan Martin’s friend), **Jo Heidingsfelder**, **Joy Arnold** (cancer— friend of Deb Brown), **Marsha Bueide** (stroke), **Marti Wegelin**, **Mary Jane Brown** (stroke—Deb Brown’s mother-in-law), **Paul Bueide** (recovering), **Kevin Feil** (sepsis & cancer—Lindsey Singer & Melissa Guerrero’s father), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin’s mother).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit’s son and Jim & Sheila Miller’s grandson), **B.J. Carr** (deployed to Poland—Dee Brady’s son-in-law).



Duane Aschenbrenner, 1/17; Barb Jensen, 1/18;
Jan Van Newkirk, 1/19; Penny Stevens, 1/19

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



YOUR GIVING ONLINE

Scan the **QR code** to the right, go to our website: www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org and click on the **Give Online** button OR download the **Vanco Now App** on your smartphone. It’s safe and secure.



JANUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Cereal

BACKPACKS: 16 oz jars of Peanut Butter

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



Drivers Needed for Ruth Harris

Ruth Harris is in need of a few people to drive her to/from Sunday service from Emerald Court once a month. If interested in volunteering your time, please contact the church office for more information.

JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (ravioli bake) at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie at the church.



Fighting Malaria



CLCW JANUARY MISSION PROJECT: ELCA Malaria Campaign

Malaria is a leading cause of death in Africa. It is preventable, treatable, and perpetuates poverty. Just \$10 can purchase a treated mosquito net, \$50 feeds a refugee family for 1 week, \$20 feeds 10 people at the soup kitchen, and \$100 aids in scholarship support to train an international women's leader. Donations may be made. Be sure to designate CLCW on the envelope.

Endowment Fund application forms are now available in the office. These funds may be used for outreach: Churchwide, Nebraska Synod, and local. The deadline is January 31, 2022.



Laundry Love

Calvary has partnered with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a

monthly Laundry Love Event in our community. Calvary will host Laundry Love every 3rd month; our next event is January 21st. In preparation for that day, we will need quarters as well as dryer sheets or softener. Laundry detergent has already been donated. So, save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastor's office.



First Communion Class—TODAY, January 15th

Pastor Brett will be offering a "First Communion Class" on January 15 after our morning worship service. If your children have not been receiving communion but are interested in doing so -- this is for you! We will meet from about 11:00 - 11:30 in the sanctuary after worship. There is no cost and no preparation work, just come and learn as a family.

New Members Class— January 22nd

Pastor Brett will be offering a "New Members Class" on January 22 after our morning worship service. If you have attended Calvary Lutheran for some time and wondered about taking some next steps -- this is for you! We will talk about what makes Calvary a "Lutheran" church, how we function as a congregation, and where we are headed as a congregation. The class is free and there won't be any homework. We would love to have you join us!



Lenten Meals

Lent is fast approaching if you would be interested in providing a Wednesday Lenten meal, please contact the church office or Bill Huelle.

Congregational Annual Meeting

The **Annual Meeting** for Calvary Lutheran Church is scheduled for Sunday, **January 29th** following our 10:00am Worship service.

Business to be conducted at this meeting will be the election of new council members, approval of the 2023 Budget, and receiving of reports from the



Boards and Committees of the church.

Only voting members present may vote at a congregational meeting. A voting member is defined in Calvary's Constitution as a confirmed member who has communed and made a contribution of record to Calvary in the current or preceding calendar year.

In preparation for the Annual Meeting, the Annual Meeting Booklet will be available the weekend before the Annual Meeting, Jan. 21st & 22nd.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Brett Vander Berg

This Sunday – January 15

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey

LAY READER: Chris Jensen

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

COMMUNION ASSTS: Rick & Lynn
Margheim

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

ACOLYTES: Brynlee Payne

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Trea Hess

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette
Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie
Walsh

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Carolyn Jensen

Next Sunday – January 22

USHERS: Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Jack Martin

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle

COMMUNION ASSTS: Abby Newsom &
Marissa Wright

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

ACOLYTES: Max Judy & Micaela Hess

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

AUDIO: Jim Dorn

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell,
Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 15

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in
Fellowship Hall

11 a.m. – First Communion Class

Monday, January 16

5 p.m. – Elders

6 p.m. – Stewards

6 p.m. – Worship & Music

Tuesday, January 17

12 p.m. – Women's Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, January 18

5:30 p.m. – JAM

6 p.m. – Outreach

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, January 21

9 a.m. – Trustees

12-2 p.m. – Laundry Love

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, January 22

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in
Fellowship Hall

11 a.m. – New Member Class