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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**January 22, 2023**

## Third Sunday After Epiphany

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

*Visitors, if you are worshipping with us today,  
we are glad to have you with us.*

*(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)*

**KEY:** ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),  
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

\* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

### Prelude Music

### Welcome and Announcements

#### **†WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS†**

**Welcome Song:**

**“I Love to Tell the Story”**

**ELW #661**

**1. I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.**

*Refrain:* **I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.**

**2. I love to tell the story:  
how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy word. *Refrain***

**3. I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. *Refrain***

### **\*Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

*(All may make the sign of the cross ✠ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence 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.**

## **\*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.**

## **\*This is the Feast of Victory**

**Page 140 vv. 1, 3**

*Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain.***

**3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain.***

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

Lord God,

**your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **†GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US†**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 27:1,4-9**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the  
beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing  
and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”  
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

### **Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation:**

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\*Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

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

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles —

<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned."

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

‡**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**‡

**\*Hymn of the Day:**

**“Will You Come and Follow Me”**

**ELW #798**

**vv. 1,3&5**

**1. "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?**

**Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?**

**3. "Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?**

**Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?**

**Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?**

**5. Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.**

**Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.**

**In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.**

**\*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:**

*Each petition ends with:*

Merciful God...**receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

...In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**\*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)*

**Offering**

**\*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 Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....and join their unending hymn:

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy.....**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Words of Institution**

**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.)*

**"Lamb of God"**

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.**

**Distribution Music:**

**Rhonda Boettcher**

**\*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:**

**"Jesus Call Us; o'er the Tumult"**

**ELW #696**

**vv. 1,4&5**

**1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, "Christian, follow me":**

**4. In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."**

**5. Jesus calls us! By your mercy,  
Savior, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.**

### **\*Dismissal**

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

### **Postlude**

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## **In Our Thoughts and Prayers†**

Prayers for healing: **Marsha Bueide** (cardioversion), **Jan Van Newkirk** (healing), **Perry Crom** (health issues-nephew of Shirlie Schuldies), **Hollie** (recovering from surgery—friend of Nannie Walsh), **Willard Rusch** (injuries from a fall—Becca Pierce's father), **Neal Blomenkamp** (heart surgery), **Kaitlyn Carr** (shoulder surgery—Dee Brady's daughter), **Catherine Rahrs** (blood clots—Val Rahrs' mother), **Joy Arnold** (cancer—friend of Deb Brown), **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).

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rick Margheim, 1/23; Abby Newsom, 1/27; Kaetlyn Todd, 1/27

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



## YOUR GIVING ONLINE

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## 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.

## JANUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** Cereal

**BACKPACKS:** 16 oz jars of Peanut Butter  
Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.  
Thanks for your generosity.



## **JAM Pajama Party/Movie Night**

**Wednesday, January 25 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Come join us for a fun evening and wear your pajamas. We will be having PB & J sandwiches, chips & movie snacks & be watching a movie.

## 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.



## New Members Class– TODAY!

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.

## Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.



## **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 22**

**USHERS:** Monty & Shari Copsey

**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:** Joan Smith

**Next Sunday – January 29**

**USHERS:** Rick & Lynn Margheim

**LAY READER:** Shari Copsey

**HEAD COMMUNION ASST:** Vicki Howell

**COMMUNION ASSTS:** Deb Brown, Marlene Downer

**POWERPOINT:** Mary Jo Huelle

**ACOLYTES:** DaKota Newsom & Rhyan Buckley

**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

**AUDIO:** Jack Martin

**ALTAR GUILD:** Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

**PIANIST:** Dee Brady

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** Joan Smith

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, January 22**

10 a.m. – Worship

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

11 a.m. – New Member Class

**Monday, January 23**

5 p.m. – Parish Ed

**Tuesday, January 24**

12 p.m. – Women's Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

**Wednesday, January 25**

5:30 p.m. – JAM Pajama/Movie Night

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

**Saturday, January 28**

5:30 p.m. – Worship

**Sunday, January 29**

10 a.m. – Worship

11:15 a.m. – Annual Meeting

JANUARY 22, 2023  
THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY



*The power of God changes and heals lives.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday:

|           |                       |                                 |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Matthew 4:12-23       | Jesus calls his first disciples |
| Monday    | Isaiah 9:1-4          | A new day is coming             |
| Tuesday   | 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 | Divisions in the church         |
| Wednesday | 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 | Bringing people to God          |
| Thursday  | Lamentations 3:19-32  | God's love endures              |
| Friday    | James 1:12-18         | Trial and temptation            |
| Saturday  | Psalms 27:1, 4-9      | Trust in God                    |
| Sunday    | Matthew 5:1-12        | Sermon on the Mount             |

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Matthew 4:17 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear Lord, may the light of your goodness and mercy be brought to all corners of the earth, heal lives, and restore hope through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, may we see in this meal your light that shines brightly in the world; strengthen our lives and give all people hope through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the power and mercy of God protect you in times of trouble. (Psalm 27:5)



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JANUARY 22, 2023  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*Jesus Call Us; o'er the  
Tumult*



### **WEEKLY MILESTONES:**

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When is a time you have seen or been involved in a protest? Describe the protest.
- What kind of protest do you think Jesus would be part of in our world today?

### **DEVOTIONS**

*Read: Matthew 4:12-23.*

In February, 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine. Thousands of Russian protestors were arrested. Kings and rulers past and present do not take kindly to dissenters. John the Baptist was a dissenter and disrupter of the status quo. He challenged Herod Antipas and eventually paid the ultimate price. Jesus, too, was a disrupter. His call to follow led Peter, Andrew, James, and John to leave their jobs, their families, and their families' economic stability to follow him. Jesus disrupted the daily lives of his followers. Jesus' call to repent is more than a moral change of heart. Repentance is a changed way of seeing and thinking about life. Jesus calls us to the kingdom standards of the rule and power of God, not to our own accepted standards. Jesus leads his followers into a world in need of good news preached and where lives need to be healed. In today's world, it may sound like foolishness, but it is the very power of God at work in the world (1 Corinthians 1:18).

*Discuss:* How have you been called to tell good news and bring healing to others in the name of Christ?

*Pray:* Almighty God, help us to see you at work in the world and to follow you above all else so that mercy and healing may touch lives through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### **SERVICE**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you help others in need of healing and hope?

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Epiphany is a season during the church year that emphasizes the light of Christ in the world. The psalmist in Psalm 27 reminds us that God is present in times of danger and when we feel afraid. Write a list of fears you may have for yourself or for others. Think or talk about those fears. Each day this week, read the list you have made. Add to the list if needed. Then light a candle and pray: Lord, you are my light and my salvation. When I cry aloud, be gracious and answer me; I ask this in the name of Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.



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