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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
January 23, 2022

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Prayer Before Worship: Almighty Lord, in your mercy and grace you allow us to be a part of carrying the Good News of Christ into all the world. Give us the courage, Lord, to proclaim your Word boldly and to worship you freely. In Christ we pray. Amen.

(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.

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 in person or online today, we are glad to have you with us.*

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

*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)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

***Glory to God:**

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. 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.

***Prayer of the Day**

Blessed Lord God,

you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**¹²Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be?

²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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: Luke 4:14-21**

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

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

Kids Sermon

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡

***Hymn of the Day:**

“Hark, the Glad Sound!”

**ELW #239
vv. 1-3**

- 1. Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
and ev'ry voice a song.**
- 2. He comes the pris'ners to release,
in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.**
- 3. He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.**

***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:

Patient God....hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with:

...in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Exchange of Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

“He Is My Peace”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Thank you for continuing to support the work of Christ through Calvary Lutheran. The act of offering is an act of worship, wherever and whenever it is done. Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, 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 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 to God's table.
There is a place for you and enough for all.

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 Music:

Rhonda Boettcher

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Post-Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

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.

Amen.

Sending Hymn:

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

**ELW #886
vv. 1-4**

- 1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**
- 2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.**
- 3. The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace.**
- 4. He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y

Rick Margheim, 1/23; Abby Newsom, 1/27;
Kaetlyn Todd, 1/27; Christa Fulk, 1/29

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

Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)

✝In Our Thoughts and Prayers✝

Prayers for healing: **Jude Walker** (injuries from a fall), **Andrew Miller**, **Juanita Gibbs**, **Mary Jo Huelle**, **Jean Collins** (hip replacement surgery), **Kathy Pickett** (cancer—Virginia Pickett's niece), **Kathy Johnson** (back issues), **Maeve Singer** (medical issues—Nick & Lindsey Singer's 6 month old daughter), **Alice Braaten** (rehab), **Kathy Rahrs** (recovering from back surgery—Val Rahrs' mother), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **Liam** (diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy—Jude Walker's great grandson), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for: those dealing with the grief & destruction caused by the Colorado Wildfires and the December Tornadoes, **Austin & Teighlor** (facing hard decision in regard to son Liam—Jude Walker's granddaughter & husband).



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JANUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Cereal

BACKPACKS: 16oz Peanut butter

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



Fighting Malaria



WOMEN OF THE ELCA JANUARY MISSION PROJECT:

The WELCA mission project for January will be the ELCA Malaria Campaign. \$10 can purchase a treated mosquito net, \$50 provides medicine for 25 people, and \$100 trains a village health team. Donations may be made. Be sure to designate WELCA on the envelope.



Coffee and Fellowship

Coffee and fellowship has started back up. 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.

Sound System Operator Needed!!

We are in need of 1 or 2 people who would be willing to run the sound system during worship services, especially on Praise Team Sundays. If interested, please talk to Pastors Chris or Sheryl or Jim Dorn.

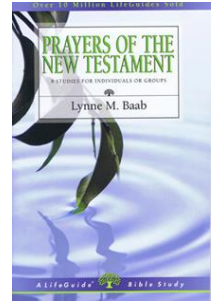


JAM Pajama Party/Movie Night

Come join us for a fun evening and wear your pajamas. We will be having hot ham/cheese sandwiches & be watching a movie.



NEW Tuesday Evening Study @ 7 p.m.
Prayers of the New Testament
(8-week study)



Join us as we explore eight different prayers contained in the New Testament. Author Lynne Baab writes *"I wrote this study guide because the prayers in the Bible have shaped and nurtured my own prayer life so profoundly."* Join Pastors Sheryl and Chris as we study eight different prayers in the New Testament. We'll begin by looking at the prayers of Mary and Simeon and Anna, then explore three of Jesus' prayers followed by prayers spoken by Peter and Paul and then ending our study with a prayer from the Book of Revelation. The language of these prayers is beautiful and deep, speaking to us of God's character and plan for all the world; but also helpful in deepening our own prayer life. Everyone is welcome.



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 April 16th. 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 offices.

Congregational Annual Meeting

The **Annual Meeting** for Calvary Lutheran Church is scheduled for Sunday, **January 30th** following our 10:00am Worship service.

Business to be conducted at this meeting will be the election of new council members, approval of the 2022 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. 22nd & 23rd.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – January 23

USHERS: Dennis & Barb Gorr

LAY READER: Marissa Wright

COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

ACOLYTE: Allie Baer

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

AUDIO: Val Rahrs

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

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign Up!!

Next Sunday – January 30

USHERS: Deb Brown & LaDonna Schmidt

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

COMMUNION ASST: Shari Copsey

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

ACOLYTE: DaKota Newsom

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

AUDIO: Trea Hess

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

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign Up!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 23

9 a.m. – Celebrate Generosity Event

10 a.m. – Worship

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

Monday, January 24

7 p.m. – Parish Ed

Tuesday, January 25

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study @ Calvary

12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary

1 p.m. – Quilting

7 p.m. – Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 26

5:30 p.m. – JAM Pajama Party/Movie Night

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, January 29

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, January 30

10 a.m. – Worship

11:15 a.m. – Annual Meeting

JANUARY 23, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY



Jesus sets us free.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth
Monday	Nehemiah 8:1-10	Ezra reads God's law to the people
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	One body, many parts
Wednesday	Isaiah 61:1-7	The good news of deliverance
Thursday	Leviticus 25:1-17	The year of jubilee
Friday	Galatians 5:13-15	Christian freedom
Saturday	Psalms 19	God's glory in creation and the law
Sunday	Luke 4:21-30	The prophet Jesus is rejected

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, for your message of freedom that is more desired than gold and sweeter than honey, we praise you through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 19:10)

Mealtime Prayer:

For this food that strengthens the body and your word that strengthens our souls, we thank you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Spirit of Christ Jesus bless you and release you from all your burdens.



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JANUARY 23, 2022
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Soli Deo Gloria



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:

- What is something that bothers you and makes you feel weighed down?
- How do you think Jesus can help you when you have a problem?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 4:14-21.

Short and sweet, this is Jesus' first sermon recorded in Luke: *"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."* What Luke wants us to know about the good news of Jesus is found in the words of Isaiah 61:1-2. The Spirit of God rests on Jesus; Jesus has good news for the poor, the captive, the blind, the oppressed. The *"year of the Lord's favor"* is the year of jubilee announced in Leviticus 25. It keeps society from unraveling into unlimited wealth for some and perpetual poverty for others. Every fifty years slaves and prisoners would be freed, debts would be forgiven and lands lost to debts would be returned to ancestral owners. In recognition of the use and abuse of power and wealth, the year of jubilee allowed for fresh starts. That is what Jesus brings to us, a fresh start that releases us from poverty, from whatever bondage limits our life, whatever blinds us, whatever weighs us down. As we continue to read Luke, this opening sermon will clarify who Jesus is and what he is doing for all. Discuss: How can Jesus give you a fresh start if something has been bothering you? *Pray:* Almighty and merciful God, we thank you for freeing us to serve you with thanksgiving and our neighbor in love, through Christ Jesus who preaches good news for all. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme this week, how does knowing Jesus free and encourage you to serve others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The *"year of the Lord's favor,"* mentioned in Luke 4:19 is a community experience of forgiving debts mentioned in Leviticus 25 and known as the Year of Jubilee. Create a *Jubilee Jar* this week and place things you and others worry about into it. At the end of the week, read what you wrote and then pray: *"Dear God, I thank you for being with me and giving me and others a fresh start each day through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen."*



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