



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 29, 2023

Fourth 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. Please join us again soon!*

(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

**“Let’s Go Out”
“Stand in the Congregation”**

**Dakota Road Music
W&P #131**

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

Welcome Song:

“Lead me, Guide me”

W&P #84

Chorus:

**Lead me, guide me, along the way;
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

- 1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow’r
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Chorus:***
- 2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Chorus***

**3. I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Chorus***

***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,
you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the
innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹For it is written,
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the 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: Matthew 5:1-12**

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

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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:**

"Be Thou My Vision"

**ELW #793
vv. 1,2&4**

**1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**4. Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

***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.**

Installation of Call Committee Members

I now declare that you have been installed as the Call Committee of Calvary Lutheran Church. May God bring your good work to fulfillment and grace in Christ's name.

C. 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)

Offering

Offertory: “The Potter’s Hand”

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:

“When the Poor Ones”

ELW #725

1. **When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
when the wounded offer others strength and healing:**

Refrain

**We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.**

2. **When compassion gives the suff'ring consolation;
when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
when we choose love, not the hatred all around us:** *Refrain*

3. **When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble:** *Refrain*

4. **When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;
when the nations work to change war into peace;
when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor:** *Refrain*

*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, the Very Thought of You”**

ELW #754

**1. Jesus, the very thought of you
fills us with sweet delight;
but sweeter far your face to view
and rest within your light.**

**2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than your blest name,
O Savior of us all!**

**3. O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul,
O joy of all the meek,
how kind you are to those who fall!
How good to those who seek!**

**4. O Jesus, be our joy today;
help us to prize your love;
grant us at last to hear you say:
"Come, share my home above."**

***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: **Lee Saip** (hospitalized due to an infection—Wes & Elnora’s son-in-law), **Marsha Bueide** (recovering), **Perry Crom** (health issues-nephew of Shirлие Schuldie), **Hollie** (recovering from surgery—friend of Nannie Walsh), **Willard Rusch** (injuries from a fall—Becca Pierce’s father), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from 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 safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit’s son and Jim & Sheila Miller’s grandson).



Christa Fulk, 1/29; Pam Eskam, 1/31; Theron Miller, 2/2;
Kent Halley, 2/2; Blake Nikont, 2/2; Bill Walsh, 2/2

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

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.



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.



FEBRUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Canned Meat

BACKPACKS: Granola Bars

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



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 (ham/green bean casserole/bread/dessert) 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.



CLCW FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT: Bake-less Bake Sale

Instead of spending the money to make baked items and asking people to purchase them, the women are asking for cash donations in the amount that you might normally spend to make or buy items at a bake sale. Money raised goes to our mission projects for the world, our nation, and our local community. Donations may be placed in the tan *"Designated Giving"* envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark on them CLCW Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.



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.





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 today, **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.

OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Wednesday, February 1st @ 12 p.m.

Name that couple! Calling all OWLS to bring their wedding photo to the church on or before February 1, so we can play a game to figure out who's who! We will serve ham, cheesy potatoes, green bean casserole, bread, and dessert.



EPIC on Sunday, February 5th @ 11:30 p.m.

Fast Food Frenzy/bowling party! Meet at Calvary at 11:30am. We will make a game of our lunch as we make our way to Classic Lanes to bowl a few games. Join us for a fun afternoon!! Please come and join us all 7th-12th graders!





**SUNDAY, FEB. 12 (Following Worship)
A Fundraiser for the Cat/Pup Pack Program**

If you are interested in bringing a crock pot of soup or a dessert, please talk to Angie or sign up outside the office. And don't forget to stay after worship on the 12th for some delicious

homemade soups and desserts! Riverstone Bank will be matching funds. Let's do our part to help feed the kids in the community.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Brett Vander Berg

This 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

Next Sunday – February 5

USHERS: Deb Brown & Vicki Howell

LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Shari Copsey

COMMUNION ASSTS: Tracy Steele &
Chris Thomas

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

ACOLYTES: Ayden Tompkins & Rhyan
Buckley

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Jim Dorn

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

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Elnora Sell

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 29

10 a.m. – Worship

11:15 a.m. – Annual Meeting

Tuesday, January 31

12 p.m. – Women's Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, February 1

12 p.m. – OWLS Luncheon

5:30 p.m. – JAM

5:30 p.m. – Social Ministry

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, February 4

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, February 5

10 a.m. – Worship

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

11:30 a.m. – EPIC – Fast Food
Frenzy/Bowling Party