



# **CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA**

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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**January 21, 2024**

## 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.  
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

### Welcome and Announcements

#### **‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡**

**Welcome Hymn:**            **"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**            **ELW #815**

**1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.**

*Refrain:*

**In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.**

**2. I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path.  
And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain***

**3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. 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, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

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

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

God, our rock and refuge,  
**we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **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**

Almighty God,  
**by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## ‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

### First reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

### Psalm 62:5-12

Read Responsively

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.

**<sup>6</sup>God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

**<sup>8</sup>Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

**<sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.

**<sup>12</sup>Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

### Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

<sup>29</sup>I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions,

<sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

**\*Gospel Verse**

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

**\*Gospel: Mark 1:14-20**

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

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

**Kids Sermon:**

**Angie Hinze**

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Kathy**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**Hymn of the Day:**

**“Arise Your Light Has Come!”**

**ELW #314**

- 1. Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.**
- 2. Arise, your light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.**
- 3. Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.**
- 4. Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.**

**\*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:*

God of grace...**receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with:*

...Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **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)*

**“Shines the Light”**

**Choir**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Blessed are you, Holy One,

**for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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.**

**\*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**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. All is ready and all are welcome.

**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**

Tahnee Hutchinson

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**



**‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡**

**\*Benediction**

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
‡ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:**

**“On Our Way Rejoicing”**

**ELW #537**

**1. On our way rejoicing  
gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered;  
vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety;  
Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful,  
can our hope destroy?**

*Refrain:* **On our way rejoicing;  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!**

**2. Unto God the Father  
joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior  
thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit  
bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing  
now and evermore. *Refrain***

**Dismissal**

Go in peace and love to serve the Lord. And remember, you are God's beloved.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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## In Our Thoughts and Prayers†

Prayers for healing: **Ruth Harris** (recovery from a fall), **Joy Arnold** (Cancer), **Joni** (stage 4 cancer), **Aimee Roos** (colon cancer & critical kidney disease—Penny Stevens’ nephew’s wife), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **William Gibbs** (Cancer—brother of Larry Gibbs), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Catherine Rahrs** (Val Rahrs’ mother), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Marsha Bueide**

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit’s son and Jim & Sheila Miller’s grandson).



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

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



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### Lenten Meals

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

## JANUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** Cereal

**BACKPACKS:** 16oz Peanut butter

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



**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, 2024.



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



Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade. We begin with dinner (breakfast burritos/fruit/juice) 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.

The Parish Ed Committee is considering forming a fellowship aimed at "young adults." We would like the congregations' feedback to determine interest.

Please check out our Facebook page to take our survey. If you have any questions, please contact a committee member.



Priscilla Circle would like to invite you for refreshments in the fellowship hall following the installation of Pastor Kathy. Please join us at 2 p.m. on today, January 21, 2024.

**\*\*SPECIAL NOTE:** Marsha Bueide's funeral is at 10:30 a.m. Monday followed by a luncheon. If you plan on attending and have one of her beautifully made prayer shawls, please wear or bring it to honor Marsha.

## Congregational Annual Meeting

The **Annual Meeting** for Calvary Lutheran Church is scheduled for Sunday, **January 28th** following our 10:00am Worship service.

Business to be conducted at this meeting will be the election of new council members, approval of the 2024 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. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.



## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastor Kathy**

**This Sunday – January 21**

**USHERS:** Chris & Barb Jensen

**LAY READER:** Mary Jo Huelle

**HEAD COMMUNION ASST:** Jack Martin

**COMMUNION ASSTS:** Abby Newsom & Marissa Wright

**POWERPOINT:** Andi Dorn

**ACOLYTES:** Kippen & Jacey Cochran

**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

**AUDIO:** Jim Dorn

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

**ORGANIST:** Tahnee Hutchinson

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** *Please sign up!*

**Next Sunday – January 28**

**USHERS:** Vicki Howell & Deb Brown

**LAY READER:** Chris Jensen

**HEAD COMMUNION ASST:** Shari Copsey

**COMMUNION ASSTS:** Tracy Steele & Chris Thomas

**POWERPOINT:** Mary Jo Huelle

**ACOLYTES:** Jack & Max Judy

**MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten

**AUDIO:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

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

**PIANIST:** Tahnee Hutchinson

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** *Please sign up!*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, January 21**

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

2 p.m. – Installation of Pastor Kathy

**Monday, January 22**

10:30 a.m. – Marsha Bueide's Funeral

5 p.m. – Parish Ed

**Tuesday, January 23**

12 p.m. – Sarah Circle

1 p.m. – Quilting

**Wednesday, January 24**

5:30 p.m. – JAM

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7p.m. – Choir Practice

**Saturday, January 27**

5:30 p.m. – Worship

**Sunday, January 28**

10 a.m. – Worship

Annual Meeting following worship

JANUARY 21, 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY



*Repentance turns us to the power of God's mercy.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 1:14-20	Jesus calls the first disciples
Monday	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Jonah goes to Nineveh
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Live without anxiety
Wednesday	Isaiah 55:6-13	God's ways are not our ways
Thursday	Psalms 51:1-12	A prayer for forgiveness
Friday	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Paul's visions
Saturday	Psalms 62:5-12	God is powerful and kind
Sunday	Mark 1:21-28	Jesus teaches in the synagogue

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Trust in him at all times. O people, pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Psalm 62:8 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

God of steadfast love and mercy, help us to be open to the depth and breadth of your power of love that reaches others through Jesus Christ our savior and Lord. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, just as you feed us with the life-giving power of this food, feed us with your love to care for others in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the steadfast love of God give you peace.



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JANUARY 21, 2024  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*O God of Mercy,  
God of Light*

### 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:

- Do you find it hard to love certain people? Explain.
- What do you think about God showing love and mercy to people who upset you?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Jonah 3:1-5, 10 and 4:1-4.

It is easy to get caught up in debates about whether or not Jonah was swallowed by a whale. We can miss the point—and the real miracle—of the whole book. Jonah ran away from God because God directed Jonah to preach repentance to the city of Nineveh. The great miracle in the book of Jonah is that Nineveh repented! The city was known as a corrupt, violent, and ungodly place. Jonah's harsh warning that the city would be overthrown in forty days brought the people—including the king—to repentance. Jonah was displeased about this outcome. He knew the steadfast love and mercy of God and did not want it to be given to Nineveh. Jonah didn't want God to love the people that Jonah didn't love at all. The message in the book of Jonah for us is to stop despising the people God loves. God's steadfast love is great. Even though we feel some do not deserve God's love and mercy, they may receive it anyway. Our call to repentance is the same kind of turning away from a world as we want it and be open to the power of God's kingdom to make all things new.

*Discuss:* When have you been surprised to see the power of God's love in the lives of those you felt were undeserving?

*Pray:* God of abundant grace, help us to trust that your ways are not our ways and that your ways are filled with a love and mercy for all through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to extend God's love to someone you dislike?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

We read about Jesus calling the first disciples in Mark 1:16-20. They were fishermen. The fish is an important Christian symbol. Each letter in the Greek spelling of the word "fish" (ΙΧΘΥΣ) begins a Greek word that stands for "Jesus Christ Son of God Savior." During the early church, it was dangerous to be a Christian in some parts of the Roman Empire. Believers developed a code to reveal their faith to others who were Christian. One person would draw on the ground the upper half of a fish symbol. If the other person was a Christian, they would recognize this and add a second curve line to complete the drawing of a fish. Draw a simple fish design. Place it in a visible place in your home as a reminder of your faith in Jesus.



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