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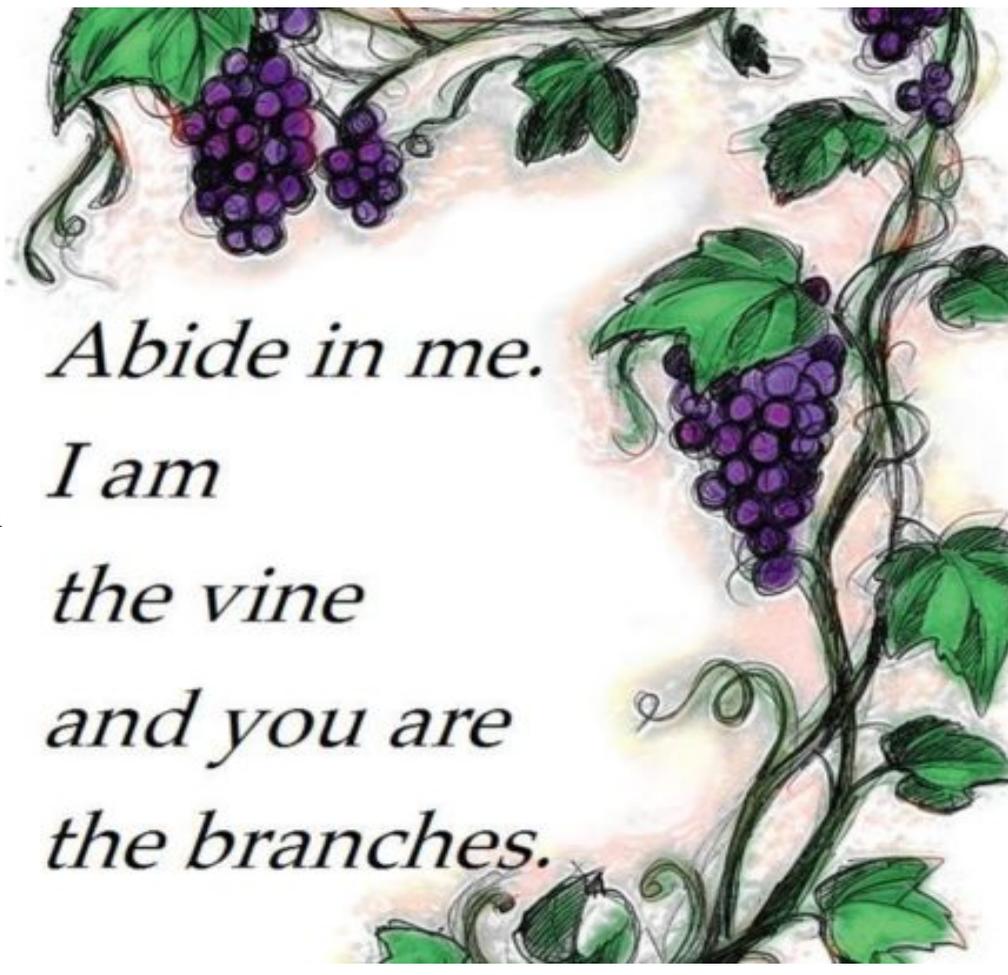
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Pastor

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

Sunday School
8:45 a.m.

Bible Study
8:45 a.m.



*Abide in me.
I am
the vine
and you are
the branches.*

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Forward in Faith and Mission”

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 a.m.

May 2, 2021

HOLY COMMUNION AT CALVARY

“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him” (Psalm 34:8).



God’s Word teaches the real presence of Christ’s body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27–29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the Sacrament will have to first speak with the pastor before communing.

CALVARY CONNECTION: Please register your presence at worship using the clip boards located at the center aisle end of each pew. If we already have your current address, phone, email, etc., then, just enter your name, communion and or Pastoral call check-offs. Thank you.

✚ Means please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” #474 st. 1-3



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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✠ THE INVOCATION/CALLING

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

† THE CONFESSION/ADMISSION OF SINS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **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)

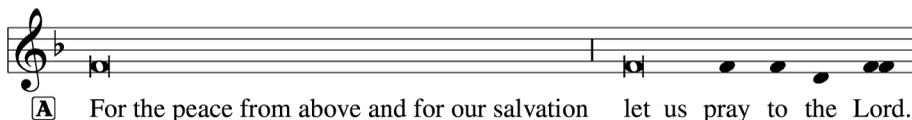
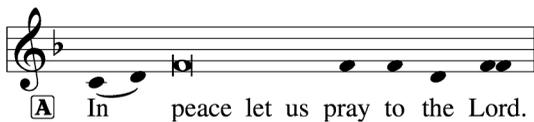
P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

† THE FORGIVENESS/PARDON

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE KYRIE





C Lord, have mer - cy.



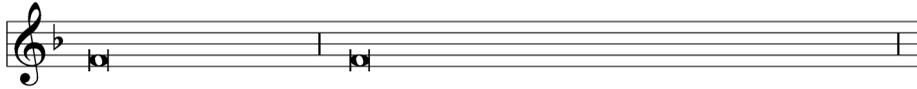
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



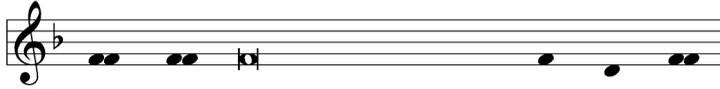
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

† HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the Feast”



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PSALM 150 (read in unison)

Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!^[a]

² Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his excellent greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with loud sounding cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

O God, You give us Your Son as the vine, apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in His resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of Your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 8:26–40

(Philip explains the scriptures to an Ethiopian man and baptizes him.)

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And

he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:1-21

(True prophets acknowledge Jesus is from God; God loves us and we are to love one another.)

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is

love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

†THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

(Stay connected to Jesus, the vine, and glorify Him through your works.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Jesus said: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”* #611 1-3, 5



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Rev. Kevin Barron

†THE APOSTLES' CREED/PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

THE GATHERING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

(The offerings should be placed in the plate near the entrance of the worship area.)

† THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

† WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER/ BLESSING OF BREAD AND WINE

† THE INVITATION

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI *"Lamb of God"*



☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Abide in Me”

P. Weber

REFRAIN

A - bide in me as I a - bide in you, a - bide in me as

TO VERSES FINAL REFRAIN

I a - bide in you. you, as I a - bide in you.

VERSES

1 I am the vine, you are the branch - es;
2 A - part from me you can do no - thing,
3 As I love you, love one an - oth - er;

TO REFRAIN

Those who a - bide in me bear much fruit. _____
Keep my com - mands, a - bide in my love. _____
My joy in you, your joy made com - plete. _____

Text: John15 adapt.
Tune: Paul D. Weber, 1999

ABIDE IN ME

“God Loved the World”

#571 st. 1-4



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Thank the Lord”



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN “*Go Ye into the World*” (sing twice) N. Sleeth
Refrain

*Go ye, go ye into the world and make disciples of all the nations,
Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!*

I am the vine, you are the branches, ever the fruit to bear;
I am the light, you, the reflection ev'ry where. *Refrain*

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Proclaimer:	Rev. Kevin Barron
Liturgist:	Mike Bell
Pianist:	Kristen Sabatino
Cantor:	Bridget Jones
Communion:	Andrew Sitter
Lector:	Betty Hucke
IT Assistants:	Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, May 2, 2021****

WELCOME IN JESUS CHRIST!

Prayers for comfort: the family of Rosa White on the passing of her husband, James Robinson. Prayers for healing: Kenzie, Wilma Muir, Barb Sommer, Georgeanne Sherman, Rachel Negley, Robert Luscher (nephew of Joan Colliflower), Bill Traube (friend of Ron & Nancie Seymour), Barri Hernandez (friend of Alison Baptiste), Sharon Koogle, Herb Grueninger, Claire McDerby, Fred (brother-in-law of Russ Davis), Jessica and Reid, Wilma Taylor, Mike Mister, Pat Christie, Linda Davis, Sarah & Patrick, Alison Baptiste, Janet Winneberger, Latonya Endres and Lavenia White, (Rosa White's daughters), Carolyn Underwood, Frances Dunker, Jean Plitt, prayers for all those impacted by COVID-19, all the victims of severe weather, families impacted by gun violence, the health and safety of our city of Baltimore, and senseless acts of terror in our world. We also pray for members and relatives of Calvary Lutheran Church whose families are serving in the Armed Forces and First Responders.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE: Some of the names on the prayer list have been on the list for some time. Originally, when a name was placed on the list it would stay for 4 weeks and then be removed unless otherwise specified. We are returning to this method in an attempt to keep the prayer list manageable. Names that have been on the prayer list will begin to be removed starting next week. If you would like a name to continue to be on the prayer list, for any reason, please let Gina know.

If pastoral assistance is needed, please email Pastor Kevin @ pastorkbarron@gmail.com.

Please be mindful that the service is being recorded. Recording begins when the Prelude starts. Please try to avoid unnecessary talking and movement during this time.

Pastor Barron's Sunday Bible Study @ 8:45 a.m. in Room 113.

Ron & Nancie Seymour's Bible Study @ 8:45 a.m. in the Library/Music Room.

New Class/Book starting "*Tipping Point*" by Pastor Jimmy Evans. (Biblical prophecies about end times)

- ❖ Making sense of what is shaking and shaping our world today.
- ❖ Living in peace, not fear.

Sunday School @ 8:45 a.m. in Room 104. Children ages 3-11 are welcome.

Pastor Barron's Tuesday Bible Study @ 11 a.m. in the Library/Music Room.

"What a lovely time is spring, when all the trees are budding." Calvary is looking for EIGHT + GARDENERS or donations to hire a gardener to keep the grounds around the church as beautiful as the spring. The weeds sneak in, the trash flies by, the plants multiply and get crowded, and no longer are we proud as we walk by, wanting to soak in its beauty and peacefulness. One or two persons will be assigned to their own garden, weeding and watering as needed during the growing season, once a week or every two weeks on your own time schedule. Please volunteer to be the eagle- eye so all can enjoy the property and gardens with which we are blessed. Calvary is seen by many, members and neighbors, as they pass, and beauty and orderliness show we care, not just about ourselves, but for everyone else. Call Barb Sommer if you can help.

GRACE PLACE is Calvary's base for outreach to the community. During this period of suspension because of Covid, we have still been working on programs. We have prepared the old school computer room to fit for our new ***Career Planning and Mentoring Program***. Through this we will teach basic computer skills, and direct adults in obtaining their GED and IT certifications to help them reach their employment goals. Members and friends are also welcome to take part in learning and teaching. We still are looking for funds to outfit the lab and have some money for a part time Director's salary. Use the little house envelopes in the pew to do your part in making this outreach happen.

CALVARY HANDBELL MINISTRY: Many thanks to those who have supported Calvary's Handbell groups over the last number of months, including the generous donations towards their refurbishment. We're pleased the bells are back and gracing the service with their music. We were able to refurbish the entire set; provide some much needed in-depth repair (and replacement) to a number of the bells; additional needed maintenance (over and above the refurbishment) to the entire set; and replacement of the old, heavy and broken cases, with new lighter ones on wheels, thanks to your generosity! You can still contribute toward this ministry, details of which can be found on flyers in the back of the church - we hope you will consider supporting this ministry. See Amy Crumb or Christina Dojan for more information. We are truly grateful for the following gifts which have been received for this ministry:

Sunnie Bell
Amy Crumb
Joan Colliflower
Niccole Dingus
Christina Dojan
Linda & Randy Gast
Dave Kluge
Jim & Anne McWilliams
Paul Thompson in memory of Bobby Chapman
Deb Krauch in honor of Sunnie Bell

Steve & Linda Shaffer, Sr.
Debra Slaughter
Carole & Richard Nolet
Barb Sommer
Myong & Jim Struder
Deb Kamplain
Mark & Karen Dojan
Bridget Jones in honor of Sunnie Bell
Ron & Nancie Seymour in honor of Barb Sommer
Deb Kamplain in memory of Lily Jo Seven Kelley
& Shirley Woodruff

Calvary is continuing to follow **the guidelines of the State and the CDC** as we live our restricted schedules—Masks and Social Distancing, even in the church; we offer hand sanitizer, gloves and check temperatures. Thank you for following these simple measures, to keep yourself and others safe until we don't have to worry about the unseen virus.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 4th
Saturday, May 8th

Pastor Barron's Bible Study, 11 a.m.
Hamilton Hills Community Spring Fling/Flea Market at the
Harbel Center on Harford Road