



**CALVARY  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

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*Sunday Worship*  
10:00 a.m.

*Sunday School*  
8:45 a.m.

*Bible Study*  
8:45 a.m.

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Love

*May you have  
the gift of Faith,  
the blessing of Hope,  
and the peace of His Love  
at Christmas and always*

# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*“Forward in Faith and Mission”*

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FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

10 a.m.

December 27, 2020

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## 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 want 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.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Let All Together Praise Our God" #389 st. 1-4



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -  
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
in - fant small; And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The  
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.  
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

†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 HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Joy to the World”*

#387



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

## **THE PSALM 111 (read responsively)**

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**<sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.**

**<sup>3</sup> Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.**

**<sup>4</sup> He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

**<sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.**

**<sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

**<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy;**

**<sup>8</sup> they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

**<sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name!**

**<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!**

**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:

**Almighty God, You wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In Your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE ANTHEM**

*“Angels’ Carol”*

J. Rutter

Trio

## THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

*(God's salvation will come to pass; Jerusalem will be a shining light, and righteousness and praise will spring up.)*

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 4:4-7

*(God sent His Son Jesus to keep the law perfectly for us, that we could be called His beloved children.)*

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia!* Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. *Alleluia!*

### ✠THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

*(Young Jesus was dedicated to the Lord in the temple, and blessed by aged Simeon and Anna.)*

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph] brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *“In His Temple Now Behold Him”*    #519



1 In His tem - ple now be - hold Him, See the long - ex -  
 2 In the arms of her who bore Him, Vir - gin pure, be -  
 3 Je - sus, by Your pre - sen - ta - tion, When they blessed You,



pect - ed Lord; An - cient proph - ets had fore - told Him,  
 hold Him lie While His a - ged saints a - dore Him  
 weak and poor, Make us see Your great sal - va - tion,



God has now ful - filled His word. Now to praise Him,  
 Ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Seal us with Your prom - ise sure; And pre - sent us



His re - deem - ed Shall break forth with one ac - cord.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!  
 in Your glo - ry To Your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.

**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 HYMN**            "*O Little Town of Bethlehem*"        #361 St. 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!

# † THE INVITATION

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always  
C: And also with you.

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Trio

*“Before the Paling of the Stars”*

J. Boda

*“On Christmas Night”*

Traditional English

## COMMUNION DISMISSAL

### POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

*“Nunc Dimittis”*



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ✠THE BLESSING AND 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      *“A Great and Mighty Wonder”*

A great and mighty wonder,  
A full and holy cure!  
The Virgin bears the Infant  
with virgin-honor pure.

### *Refrain*

*Repeat the hymn again:  
'To God on high be glory,  
and peace on earth to men.'*

The Word becomes incarnate,  
and yet remains on high;  
And cherubim sing anthems  
to shepherds from the sky. **Refrain**

While thus they sing your Monarch,  
those bright angelic bands,  
Rejoice, O vales and mountains,  
And oceans, clap your hands. **Refrain**

Since all he comes to ransom,  
by all he is adored,  
The Infant born in Beth'lem,  
The Savior and the Lord. **Refrain**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**      *“O How Joyfully”*

M. Burkhardt

## **TODAY’S SERVANTS**

<b>Proclaimer:</b>	Rev. Kevin Barron
<b>Organist:</b>	Barbara Sommer
<b>Cantor:</b>	Cindy Hoerl
<b>Trio:</b>	Laura Higgins, Bridget Jones, Cindy Hoerl
<b>Communion:</b>	Gus McMillan
<b>Reader:</b>	Cara Lucas
<b>IT Assistants:</b>	Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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**\*\*OUR LIFE WITH GOD, December 27, 2020\*\***

***WELCOME IN JESUS CHRIST!***

*Prayer for comfort: The Gast family of the passing of Randy's mother. Prayers for healing: Joann Applestine, Sharon Koogle, Herb Grueninger, Matt Kretzschmar, Claire McDerby, Bob Enzor (friend of Joe Sabatino), Fred (brother-in-law of Russ Davis), Jessica and Reid, Wilma Taylor, Mike Mister, Pat Christie, Linda Davis, Sarah & Patrick, Bill Romberger (father of Cara Lucas), Mary Richter (Amanda's sister-in-law), Alison Baptiste, Janet Winneberger, Kathy Young, Kevin Burns, Pastor Bob Kretzschmar, Rachel Negley, Paul Schildwachter, Lavenia White (Rosa White's daughter), Dale & Chris Amendt, Carolyn Underwood, Frances Dunker, Jean Plitt, Drew Wallace (Olive Abt's cousin), Thelma Lucas (Ameous Lucas' mother), Ed Seufert, Alasaro Lucas, prayers for healing for those with COVID- 19 and their families, all the victims of severe weather and fires, families impacted by gun violence, 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.*

If pastoral assistance is needed, please email Pastor Kevin @ [pastorkbarron@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkbarron@gmail.com).

**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.**

**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.**

**The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Scott and Mark Ruhl in memory of and in honor of Betty Ruhl on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her birth on December 26, 1920 to Rev. H. W. Melching and Pauline Melching (nee Lampe) of St. Peters Lutheran Church, Dunkirk, New York.**

**MANY THANKS!!**

So many people took part in the Christmas Celebrations at Calvary that it is almost impossible to mention all the individuals that gave of their time, talents and treasures. First of all, the staff would like to thank all who contributed to the **Christmas remembrance** each received. You were most generous!

**Groups who served so faithfully are:** members and friends of Calvary who attended in person or on- line during these months of COVID-19 precautions; the ladies on the Altar Guild who frequently had to change the altar paraments, Advent and Christmas candles, flowers, and banners as the seasons of the church year progressed so quickly; the Liturgists and Communion Assistants who helped lead the worship services and assisted with communion distribution; the Ushers who welcomed people, kept the Bulletins moving, lit the candles, and helped with communion; the Director and bell ringers whose joyous music made each song reach new beauty; the weekly Scripture Readers, and special volunteers for Lessons and Carols who presented God's messages to us; the Cantors for their beautiful musical leadership. **As special individuals** we thank: Pastor Barron for his well thought-out and meaningful sermons; Jim McWilliams and Bridget Jones whose recordings and on-line work bring the message of Christian joy and God's love to more than members; our Secretary, Gina, who still can laugh after printing up five plus bulletins in one week; our musicians who shared flute, violin, organ and special solos brought new appreciation for their God-given talents; thanks to Janice Woollen, our RN, and a few substitutes who take temperatures each week and remind us to sit apart and clean our hands; thanks to Kris Sabatino and the Sunday school staff for reminding us Jesus' love is important to His little ones; thanks to

Paul Thompson who has been faithfully cleaning the pews and tables before each service and Bible Class; Sunnie Bell for the flowers and decorations; John Robinson for keeping the lights and heat on! **WE ARE THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST IN THIS PLACE!** The message of the peace, joy, and forgiveness we find in Christ cannot be contained or saved for one season, but must be shared outside the walls to our families, our friends and our neighbors. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

During the next several weeks, due to the rising numbers of COVID 19 cases, **GRACE PLACE in-house classes will not be held.** (Sip and Pray, and Sit and Get Fit). Grace Place was recently awarded two grants, one from Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and the other from Mid Atlantic Lutherans in Mission (MALIM). These are to be applied to our new computer and mentoring program. We are thrilled with receiving these grants and look forward to this future mission opportunity.

The **GRIEF SHARE** program is every **Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Library. This program consists of a thirteen week series of classes on working through griefs, questions and even anger about a personal loss. Many people have had family and friends impacted by the COVID 19 virus where they were not allowed to be with a terminally ill loved one, even limited by the number of people attending a funeral, allowing no closure to valuable lives spent together. We are strengthened through our faith and the caring of others who have walked in our paths. Come yourselves; invite others who may be helped by this program; make friends who will assist you in continuing your lives in a new way. Please RSVP to [calvarylutheran.gppdir@gmail.com](mailto:calvarylutheran.gppdir@gmail.com). or talk with Pastor Barron.

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. Loud singing and talking are not encouraged, even though our congregation is one of the best singing churches around. “this too shall pass.” Thank you for following these simple measures, to keep yourself and others safe until we don't have to worry about the unseen virus.

The **2021 Offering Envelopes** are available in the Hallway for pick up. Please pick them up but do not use them until 2021. Any offering placed in 2021 envelopes will not be credited to your account until 2021. We are trying to clear the envelopes from the Hallway prior to Christmas week. Thanks in advance for your help.  
Dave Horton

### Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Barron's Bible Study, 11 a.m.

Grief Share, 7 p.m.

First Sunday after Christmas/Epiphany

Church decorations come down, 9:30 a.m.