



**CALVARY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

Sunday School
8:45 a.m.



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Forward in Faith and Mission”

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

10 a.m.

March 8, 2026

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.

Please sign the clipboard at the end of the pew to indicate your attendance.

PRELUDE *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing*
Adagio in B-flat

M. Burkhardt
T. Albinoni

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn

901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
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.**

Kneel/Stand as you are able

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

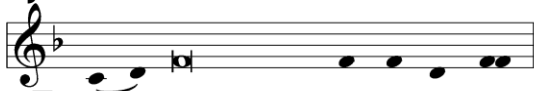
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our 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.**

Absolution

- 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

SERVICE of the WORD

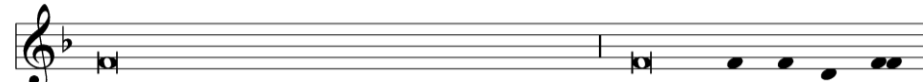
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah

and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95 (read responsively)

¹Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³**For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.**

⁴**In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

⁵**The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**

⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

⁷For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice,

⁸**do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

⁹**when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.**

Epistle

Romans 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lenten Verse

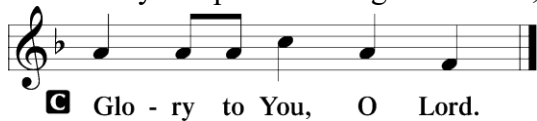


C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

John 4:5-26

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁵Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said

to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

Sermon

Rev. Kevin Barron

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Offering

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

Offering Hymn

As the Deer

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee
You alone are my Strength, my Shield To
You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.

You're my Friend and You are my Brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything
You alone are my Strength, my Shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye
You alone are my Strength, my Shield
To You alone may my spirit yield You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.

SERVICE of the SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

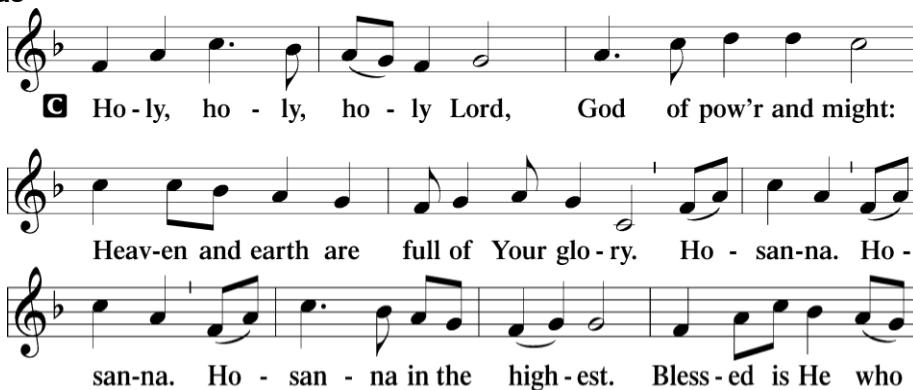
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C 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.

Distribution Hymns

637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,
And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow
Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Softly and Tenderly

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

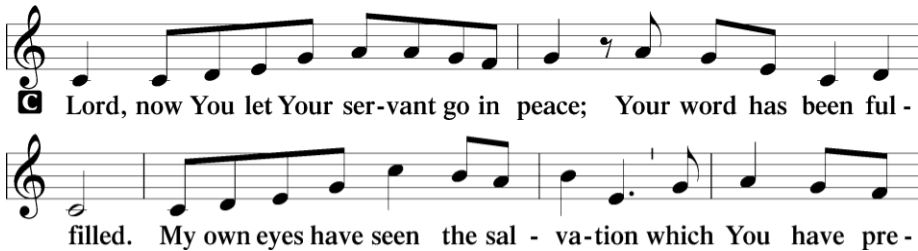
Refrain

***Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!***

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? ***Refrain***
4. O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. ***Refrain***

Post-Communion Cantic

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 Collect

A Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P 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 T give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

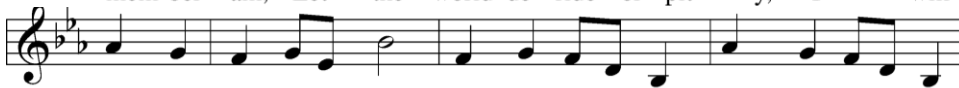
648 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed you
ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters And all
fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, Show - ing
mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will



for His own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges found - ed,
fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er
that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner
glo - ry in Your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain plea - sures,



What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's
Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the
Light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed up -
All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id joys and



walls sur - round - ed, You may smile at all your foes.
Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.
on the man - na Which God gives them on their way.
last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

The Sending

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Salvation Now is Come to Earth*

J.S. Bach

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Proclaimer:

Rev. Kevin Barron

Liturgist:

Dave Sitter

Organist:

Barbara Sommer

Cantor:

Cindy Hoerl

Lector:

Linda Gast

Crucifer:

Caleb Barron

IT Assistants:

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****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, March 8, 2026****

WELCOME IN JESUS CHRIST!

Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Prayers for comfort: The family and friends of Tony Merendino on his passing, the family and friends of Madge Wilson on her passing.

Prayers for healing: Jim Struder, Mechelle Gover, Sharon Hare, Glen Fowler (family member of Sunnie & Bridget), Jennifer Trotz, Donna Grueninger, Paul Saar, Shirley Kappel (Russ Davis' sister-in-law), Olive and Fred Abt, Lynne Funck, Sharon Root's husband and niece, Jodi Anderson, Jeffrey Baptiste, Kenzi Kelley, Randi Walters (Dave Segal's sister), Sheldon Mazelis, Charles Richter Jr., Claire McDerby, John Dignan, Alison Baptiste, Jack Phaller, Linda and Russ Davis, Lorraine Deitz, Paul Schildwachter, Carla Lindhorst, Family and friends of the Abts - Martha Kulaga, Sandy Robinson and Gloria Holthaus; Alyssa, Jessica, Reid, Mike Mister, Latonya Endres and Lavenia White (Rosa White's daughters), Stephanie Smith & Bernadette (CFP patrons), Jacenda Venable, and Aleese McCaid-Taylor (GED students)

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes: Betty Hucke, Frances Dunker, Kass Lindhorst

Homebound: Carl, Shirley, & Chuck Ropka; Russ & Linda Davis

Festival Choir will be rehearsing on March 15th, 22nd & 29th @ 11:15 am; Sunday, April 5th @ 9am. All who love to sing are welcome!

Thrivent Choice Dollars are available to donate to your favorite charity such as: Calvary, Grace Place, Food Pantry, etc. for those that have Thrivent financial insurance. Deadline is March 31st. Thrivent has sponsored many of our Outreach Projects and we are most grateful for their investment in churches and their work in the surrounding communities.

Project Connect: Stop in the lobby and help yourself to a booklet from Project Connect, a Lutheran Hour Ministries outreach sponsored by Calvary's Outreach Committee and Thrivent Action teams. Check out the "*Great Deceiver*" and Satan's true colors.

CALVARY FOOD PANTRY (CFP) - The “Calvary Life” pew insert has additional info on the CFP. We are collecting the following items or money for:

- **Personal & Household Items** - soap, shampoo, toothpaste, cleaning supplies, razors, Kleenex, TP, paper towels, personal hand cleaning wipes, etc.

CALVARY LUTHERAN "FUN" RAISING ACTIVITIES - We are looking for volunteers to help out with some upcoming fund-raising projects which will benefit a variety of ongoing Calvary Lutheran projects and outreach. See Bridget with questions or if interested in working on:

- **Vendor Fair** - Spring 2026 - local/national vendors, crafts, food, silent auction, and more; Calvary will sponsor purse (non-designer) and costume jewelry table. Check in with Ronnie Segal or Janice Woollen with any questions or to donate.
- **Vintage/Retro Basket and Designer Purse Bingo** - late Spring/early Summer 2026 - bingo games, silent auction, Calvary Costume Jewelry Table, food, etc. Talk to Sunnie Bell or Cheryl Reek with any questions or to donate purses.

Lay Ministry will be sponsoring a special **class for CPR, AED, and First Aid training** on Sunday, March 8th following the morning service. Those who have taken the class at Calvary in the past are up for renewal. CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) are needed with heart attacks, near drownings, traffic accidents, and other emergencies. Our AED device is on the hallway wall opposite the office. Be a part of the heart chain of survival as you interact with church members, family, co-workers, and friends to save a life. Lunch will be served before the class. The cost is \$40.00 per person (usually \$80.00) and certification lasts for two years. R.S.V.P. by the sign-up sheet in the back of church. Contact Barb Sommer or other Lay Ministry members.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, March 10th

Wednesday, March 11th

Sunday, March 29th

Sunday, April 5th

Bible Study, 11 am

Soup Supper, 6 pm; Lenten Devotion, 7 pm

Palm Sunday

Easter Sunday, 8 am & 10 am