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LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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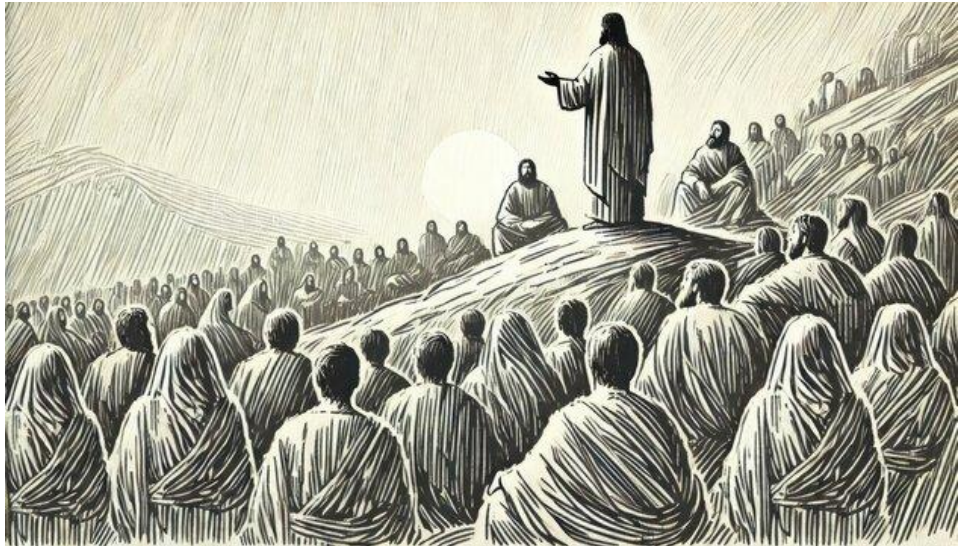
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Rev. Kevin Barron
Pastor

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

Sunday School
8:45 a.m.

blessed



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Forward in Faith and Mission”

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10 a.m.

February 1, 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).*



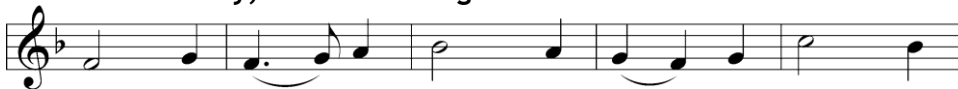
God’s Word teaches the real presence of Christ’s body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true 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 clip board at the end of the pew to indicate your attendance.

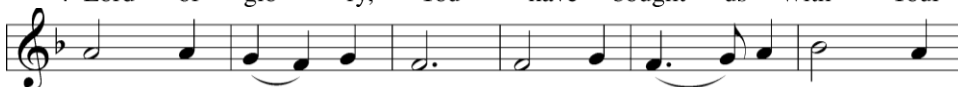
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn

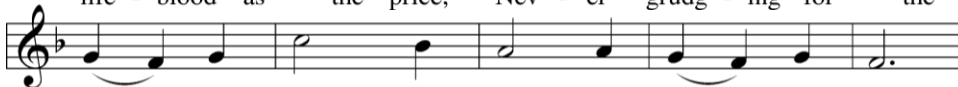
851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



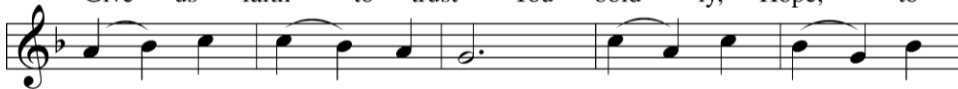
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



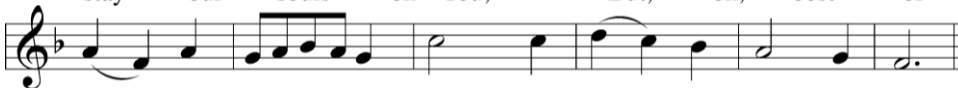
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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.**

Exhortation

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

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

Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Scripture Lessons
Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

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

²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?
How 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 what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the 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 man, 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?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15 (read in unison)

**¹O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?
²He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;
³who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;
⁴in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the LORD;
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;
⁵who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never be moved.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly 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, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly 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, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in

Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

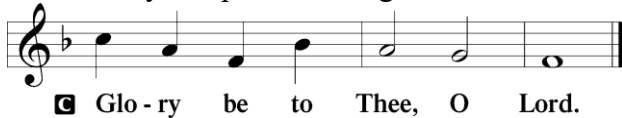
Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

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

¹¹“Blessed are you when others 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 so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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.)

The Hymn

982 Blest Are They



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; Theirs is the
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; They shall in -
3 Blest are they _____ who show mer - cy; Mer - cy
4 Blest are they _____ who seek peace; They are the
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, _____ All _____ be -



king - dom of God. _____ Blest are they, _____ full _____ of
her - it the earth. _____ Blest are they who hun - ger and
shall _____ be theirs. _____ Blest are they, the pure _____ of
chil - dren of God. _____ Blest are they who suf - fer in
cause _____ of Me. _____ Re - joice and be glad, _____ yours is the



sor - row; They _____ shall be con - soled. _____
thirst; _____ They _____ shall have their fill. _____
heart; _____ They _____ shall see God! _____
faith; _____ The glo - ry of God is theirs. _____
king - dom; Shine _____ for all to see. _____



Re - joice _____ and be glad! _____ Bless - ed are you,



ho - ly are you. Re - joice _____ and be glad! _____ Yours is the



king - dom of God. _____

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 meet, 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, 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



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution Hymns

814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
 3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
 5 He fills the poor with good; He gives the suf - f'ers rest.
 6 His won-drous works and ways He made by Mo - ses known,

And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
 'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
 The Lord hath judg - ments for the proud And jus - tice for the op - pressed.
 But sent the world His truth and grace By His be - lov - ed Son.

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Post Communion Canticle

806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
 Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus
 Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
 thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__

Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"—— Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"—— Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, —— give thanks. ——

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
 C and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

P 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.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,
 Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name.

The Sending

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *O Love How Deep*

Arr. D. Johnson

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Proclaimer:

Rev. Kevin Barron

Liturgist:

Mike Bell

Organist:

Barbara Sommer

Cantor:

Scott Ruhl

Lector:

Linda Osborne

Crucifer:

Caleb Barron

IT Assistants:

Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, February 1, 2026****

WELCOME IN JESUS CHRIST!

Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Prayers for comfort: The family and friends of Madge Wilson on her passing and the family and friends of Elbert Cooke (Cookie) on his passing

Prayers for healing: Deb Kamplain, Carole Nolet, Sharon Hare, Tony Merendino, Glen Fowler (family member of Sunnie & Bridget), Jennifer Trotz, Donna Gruening, 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 Schildwacher, 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

“SEX ACCORDING TO GOD”- a workshop/forum for children of all ages 8-88 will be held at Concordia Preparatory School (1145 Concordia Drive, Towson, MD 21286) on Friday, February 6th from 6-9 pm. Register by phone (667-401-1982) or by email (satgbmore@gmail.com). Light refreshments will be served.

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. How is your prayer life? Read *“Getting (Re)Started with Prayer”* to help your prayer life and be closer to Jesus.

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.

GINA FAMILY FUND (GFF) “FUN” RAISERS – we are looking for people who would be interested in working on a couple of fund-raising projects to benefit the GFF. See Bridget with questions or if interested in working on **(please note date changes):**

- **Spring Vendor Fair** – early Spring 2026 – local/national vendors, crafts, food, silent auction, and more; Calvary will sponsor purse (non-designer) and costume jewelry tables

(see below)

- **Vintage/Retro Basket & Designer Purse Bingo** – late Spring/early Summer 2026 – bingo games, silent auction, Calvary Costume Jewelry Table, food, etc.

Like to help?

1. Volunteer! There will be all sorts of things to do and help with, and we can find the right fit for you! See Bridget Jones with any questions or to volunteer.
2. Donate new/gently used purses and designer purses – you know, the ones just collecting dust in your closet! Talk to Sunnie Bell or Cheryl Reek with any questions or to donate.
3. Donate your old, new, or vintage costume jewelry, which you no longer wear! Check in with Ronnie Segal or Janice Woollen with any questions or to donate.
4. Donate Longaberger baskets, which you might be willing to part with! See Bridget Jones with any questions or to donate.
5. Sponsor a basket – donate goods or \$\$ to fill the themed baskets – do the shopping yourself or we can do it for you!

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, February 3rd

Bible Study, 11 am

Wednesday, February 18th

Ash Wednesday- services at 12 noon & 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 8th

CPR/AED/First Aid Training following 10 am church service

Lunch will be provided