



**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”

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10 a.m.

February 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 clip board at the end of the pew to indicate your attendance.

PRELUDE *Jesus Shall Reign*
Ask Ye What Great Thing

arr. J. Krug
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Handbells
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn

523 O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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.**

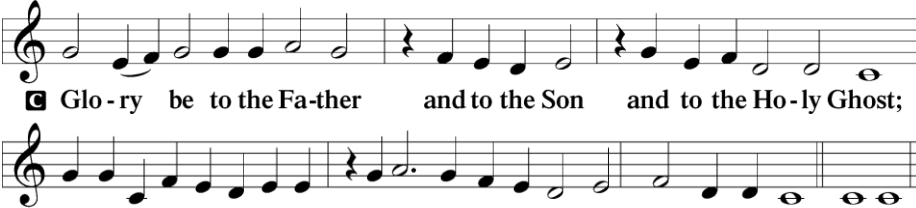
Absolution

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

Gloria Patri



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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.

C **O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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

Isaiah 58:3-9a

- ³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.
- ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.
Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.
- ⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?
- ⁶“Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
- ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
- ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
- ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112 (read responsively)

¹Praise the LORD!

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

**²His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

**³Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

⁴Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.

**⁶For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.**

**⁷He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.**

**⁸His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.**

**⁹He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalted in honor.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of
2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-
4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-
Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and
Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and



wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-
pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
bur-dens Your com-pas-sion bids us bear, Stir-ring
com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.
love Your Spir-it kin-dles Still to save and make us whole.
us to tire-less striv-ing, Your a-bun-dant life to share.
ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom May Your mer-cy know and live.

Sermon

Pastor 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.)

The Voluntary *Sweet By and By* arr. J. Krug Handbells

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.**

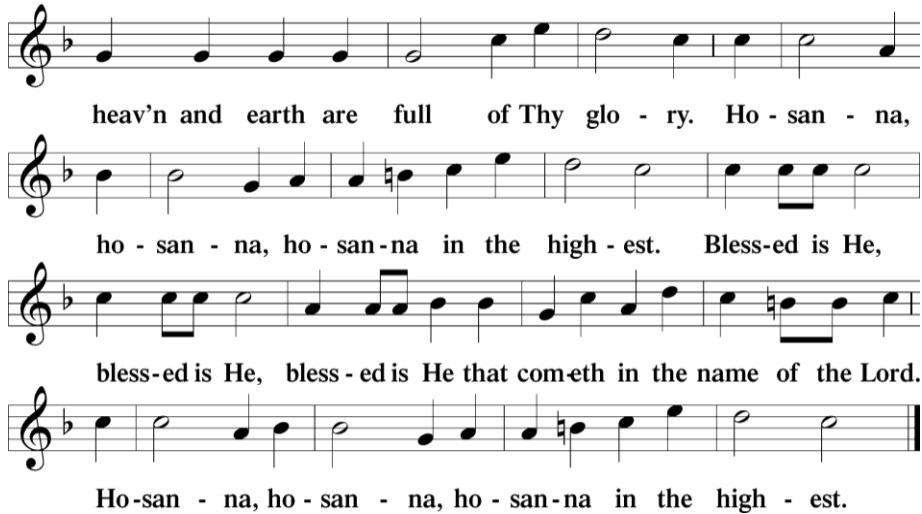
Proper Preface

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,
 bless - ed is He, bless - 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

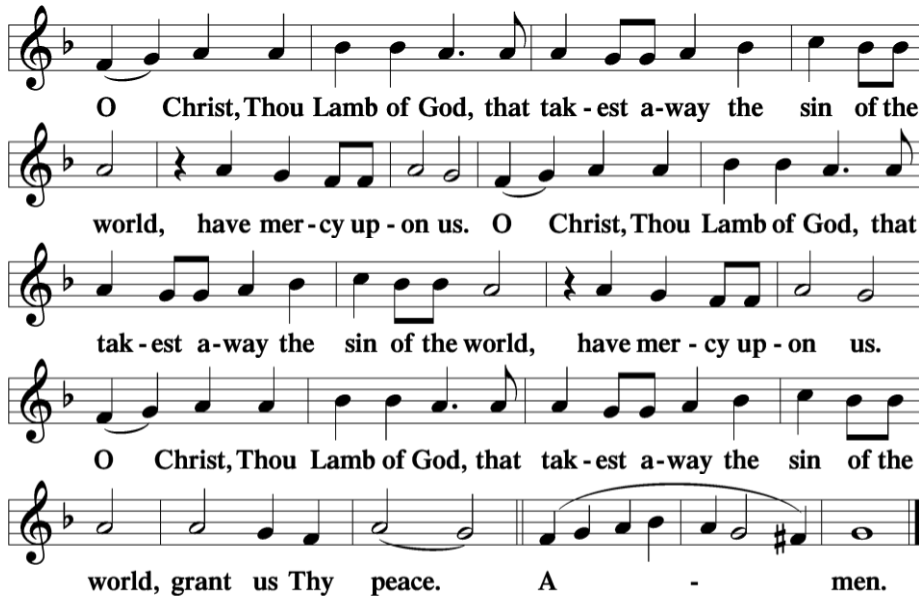
C Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine 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

This Little Light of Mine

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Bring Forth the Kingdom

1. You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: Life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain:

*Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, Bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice, Bring forth the City of God!*

2. You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: Shine for the kingdom of God!

Refrain

3. You are a seed of the Word, O people: Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, Grow in the Kingdom of God!

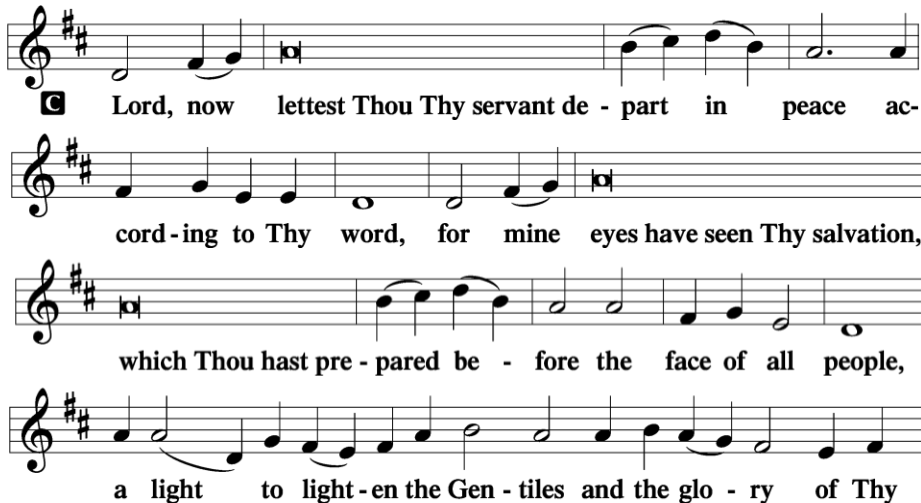
Refrain

4. We are a blest and a pilgrim people: Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland: Love is the Kingdom of God!

Refrain

Post Communion Canticle

Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

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.

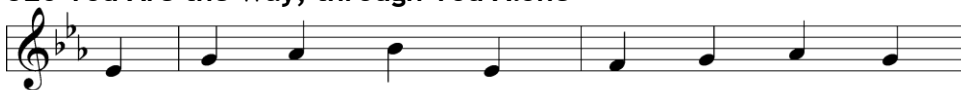
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

526 You Are the Way; through You Alone



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

The Sending

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Proclaimer:	Rev. Kevin Barron
Liturgist:	Jim Struder
Piano:	Kris Sabatino
Cantor:	Bridget Jones
Redemption Ringers	
Lector:	Ronnie Segal
Crucifer:	Caleb Barron
IT Assistants:	Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, February 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, and the family and friends of Elbert Cooke (Cookie) on his passing

Prayers for healing: Deb Kamplain, Carole Nolet, Sharon Hare, 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 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

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.

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.

After School Dance and Art classes for youth will be held at Grace Place starting on February 17th through the beginning of May. On Monday and Wednesday evenings there will also be dance classes for adults. Please contact KaraArts at 410-513-9101

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 18th
Sunday, March 8th

Ash Wednesday- services at 12 noon & 7:00 pm
CPR/AED/First Aid Training following 10 am church service, lunch will be provided