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***St. John’s Lutheran Church*** *is a supporting congregation Calvary Lutheran High School, Jefferson City, 638-0228.*

**Today** the paraments are again green as we quickly move to the end of the church year. Though our Lord promises to come again quickly, it is always time for us to be growing in faith and receiving His gifts.

**The Lord’s Supper** is celebrated today. If you have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and believe that with the bread and wine Christ gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins and belong to the LCMS fellowship, you are invited to join in this blessed Sacrament. (If you are desiring to commune for the first time at St. John’s as a Lutheran or you are a non-Lutheran, **please see the pastor prior to the service**).

**Sunday School and Adult Bible Class** have resumed. Classes will start shortly after the end of worship, and will end at 11am.

Last Sunday, November 8, 2020:

Attendance: 71

SS / ABC: 15 /15

Offerings: $2040.00 / $230.00/ $140 (electronic)

**CALVARY INSIDER – Here’s What Is Going On!**

**LIONS AT STATE! –** Calvary’s boys cross country team plus two girls competed at the State meet last Saturday. We are excited to share their success! The boys cross country team made school history, winning Calvary’s first athletic team state championship! Additionally, Kyle Haggemeyer, Maddie Homfeldt, & Cole Going all individually medaled – earning All-State honors!  What a way to round out the Fall sports season!!

**2nd ANNUAL WEEK OF GIVING: SHARING HOPE & A FUTURE –** Over the past 16 years, faithful supporters have made it possible to tell the story of Hope and a Future to Calvary students, their families and our community. In times of uncertainty, we share the certain hope of Jesus Christ daily.  Especially in 2020, your financial support is vital to continue our mission.  Would you consider a donation during our Week of Giving, **this week**, Nov. 16-20? No matter the size, every gift will make a difference in the life of a student!  Gifts can be made in-person, through mail or online.  Thank you for your prayerful support.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** – If you would like to give of your time to bless our community, consider volunteering at Calvary’s Gift.  This 100% volunteer-run organization is a tremendous blessing to our school. They are seeking volunteers after November 18th, including the week of Thanksgiving. To volunteer, sign up at the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca9ab28aafcc52-volunteer>

**AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS SOUGHT** – Calvary’s six association churches each have one representative on Calvary’s board of directors.  To make an odd number, the board elects an at-large member for a one-year term. If you are a member of an association church and interested in serving in this capacity or know of someone who would be a blessing, contact John Christman, your pastor or your congregation’s president.  Nominations will be made at Calvary’s next Delegate Meeting tomorrow, Mon., Nov. 16.

**SAVE THE DATE** – Make sure that you save the date of December 11 for the annual Calvary Christmas Concert! Join us to hear pieces performed by the Calvary Choir and Band that are sure to get you ready for the Christmas season!

**SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS… –** If you shop with Amazon, especially with the Christmas season just around the corner, and you’re looking for a simple way to benefit Calvary, consider using smile.amazon.com! You can designate the **Lutheran High School Association of Missouri** as your charity of choice, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases back to Calvary. This is a great way to support Calvary with something you already do, and every purchase counts!

836 O God of Light

1 O God of light, Your Word, a lamp unfailing,  
 Shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way  
And show Your grace, Your plan for us unveiling,  
 And guide our footsteps to the perfect day.

2 From days of old, through blind and willful ages,  
 Though we rebelled, You gently sought again  
And spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages,  
 Who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.

3 Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing  
 To sinful hearts Your justice and Your grace;  
And questing spirits, longing for Your healing,  
 See Your compassion in the Savior’s face.

4 To all the world Your summons You are sending,  
 Through all the earth, to ev’ry land and race,  
That myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending,  
 May praise and celebrate Your gift of grace.

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Stand

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 *LSB 184*

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.**

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

Confession of Sins *LSB 184*

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 *LSB 185*

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.**

Introit *Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1*

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\*  
 In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!  
**Enter not into judgment with your | servant,\*  
 for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.**I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;\*  
 I ponder the work | of your hands.  
**I stretch out my | hands to you;\*  
 my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.**Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!\*  
 Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!  
**For your name’s sake, O Lord, pre- | serve my life!\*  
 In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!  
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**\*  
 **and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,**\*  
 **is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\*  
 In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Kyrie *LSB 186*

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*

P Glory be to God on high:

C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,**

**we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Zephaniah 1:7–16*

7Be silent before the Lord God!  
 For the day of the Lord is near;  
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice  
 and consecrated his guests.  
8And on the day of the Lord’s sacrifice—  
“I will punish the officials and the king’s sons  
 and all who array themselves in foreign attire.  
9On that day I will punish  
 everyone who leaps over the threshold,  
and those who fill their master’s house  
 with violence and fraud.  
10“On that day,” declares the Lord,  
 “a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,  
a wail from the Second Quarter,  
 a loud crash from the hills.  
11Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!  
 For all the traders are no more;  
 all who weigh out silver are cut off.  
12At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
 and I will punish the men  
who are complacent,  
 those who say in their hearts,  
‘The Lord will not do good,  
 nor will he do ill.’  
13Their goods shall be plundered,  
 and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
 they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
 they shall not drink wine from them.”  
14The great day of the Lord is near,  
 near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;  
 the mighty man cries aloud there.  
15A day of wrath is that day,  
 a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
 a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
 16a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
 and against the lofty battlements.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

1Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia *LSB 190*

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:14–30*

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

14[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ 21His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 22And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ 23His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 24He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ 26But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed

C **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** T **everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

1 The day is surely drawing near  
 When Jesus, God’s anointed,  
In all His power shall appear  
 As judge whom God appointed.  
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,  
And flames on flames shall ravage earth  
 As Scripture long has warned us.

2 The final trumpet then shall sound  
 And all the earth be shaken,  
And all who rest beneath the ground  
 Shall from their sleep awaken.  
But all who live will in that hour,  
By God’s almighty, boundless pow’r,  
 Be changed at His commanding.

3 The books are opened then to all,  
 A record truly telling  
What each has done, both great and small,  
 When he on earth was dwelling,  
And ev’ry heart be clearly seen,  
And all be known as they have been  
 In thoughts and words and actions.

4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord  
 And sought but carnal pleasures,  
Who here despised His precious Word  
 And loved their earthly treasures!  
With shame and trembling they will stand  
And at the judge’s stern command  
 To Satan be delivered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe  
 And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know  
 My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free,  
And Satan cannot threaten me;  
 There is no condemnation!

6 May Christ our intercessor be  
 And through His blood and merit  
Read from His book that we are free  
 With all who life inherit.  
Then we shall see Him face to face,  
With all His saints in that blest place  
 Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
 But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way  
 In fear and tribulation.  
O hear and grant our fervent plea:  
Come, mighty judge, and set us free  
 From death and ev’ry evil.

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory *LSB 192*

C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Almighty God, everlasting Father, You are worthy of being praised for all Your gifts and graces, which You have given to us, Your unworthy people. Hear us this day as we cry to You for mercy toward all people as they have need.

You have made us Your people and preserved us through the ministry of Your Word and Sacraments. Continue to pour out upon us grace upon grace, that we may be kept in faith and guarded in hope. Make Your Church throughout the world one in doctrine, confession and life, and give to Your Church faithful pastors who will preach and teach Your Word with conviction. Deliver us from confusion and error by the power of Your Holy Spirit, and raise up those who will continue to serve in faithfulness and humility. Deliver all enemies of Your Church and convert their hearts to repentance and faith. Strengthen all Christians in their faith and in their vocation of service as Your children, that we may be obedient to Your Word and receive the salvation of our souls.

Deliver the nations from oppression and ungodly rulers and governments. Bless all in authority within our own nation, that righteousness may flourish and injustice end. Bless all those places where Your people teach and learn, that our children may honor You, walk in Your commands, and show forth in their lives the fruits of the Spirit.

Prevent all disaster and calamity, deliver us from war and violence, and spare us from pestilence. Help us to know and rejoice in the good fruits of the earth, bless all noble occupations, and help the arts to flourish, that our lives may be enriched by beauty. Help us to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of the earth You supply for our common good.

Receive with our song of praise and sacrifice of thanksgiving the tithes and offerings we bring, that, through good use of the skills, talents and time You have given us, You may be glorified in all we are and do.

Give unity to Your people, that we may not be divided in doctrine or witness, and grant us grace, that we may come to the Lord’s table and receive there the body and blood of our Lord Jesus in sincere repentance and faith.

Give to the sick healing, to the suffering relief, to the grieving hope and to the dying peace. Hear us especially on behalf of those who have requested our prayers *[especially Katie Corrigan, Leigh Fenton, Ray Schrader, Jackie Brown, Lois Belshe, Carolyn Walker, and Don Shelton]*. Sustain us in the day of trial, deliver us from all our enemies of body and soul, and keep us steadfast in the day of trouble.

Continue to bless and strengthen Emery Katusch (11/15) and all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries and help them to recognize each passing year as a gift, that they may serve and honor you.

Remembering that here we have no abiding city but heaven is our home, give us Your aid so that we may by true faith and godly life prepare for the coming of our Savior, doing the works You have called us to do and accomplishing Your purpose in our daily lives. Help us to multiply Your mercy by loving our neighbor in need and loving You with all our body, soul, strength and will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Preface *LSB 194*

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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 195*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord’s Prayer *LSB 241*

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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 *LSB 197*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini *LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

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Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

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 give 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.

C **Amen.**

Salutation *LSB 201*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus *LSB 202*

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction *LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

1 We give Thee but Thine own,  
 Whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus  
 As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
 To Thee our firstfruits give!

3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,  
 And homes are bare and cold,  
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled  
 Are straying from the fold.

4 To comfort and to bless,  
 To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless  
 Is angels’ work below.

5 The captive to release,  
 To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace,  
 It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word,  
 Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate’er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
 We do it unto Thee.

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

C **Amen.**

623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine  
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,  
Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv’n,  
The certain joys of heirs of heav’n.

3 By faith Your Word has made us bold  
To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive,  
And all we are to You we give.

4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,  
Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come  
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:  
O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest  
In heaven’s high and holy feast.

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