

Calvary Lutheran Church, ELCA

February 16, 2020 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Communion Setting Three



Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

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Calvary's Mission Statement:

"Celebrating and Sharing Christ's Love"

Welcome to Calvary Lutheran Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly at Calvary Lutheran Church. To receive Holy Communion, please hold out your hand, palm upward to receive the bread. (There is a gluten-free option available for those who require it; raise your index finger to indicate your desire.) The center ring of cups in the tray contains non-alcoholic grape juice. Children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices during worship.

WELCOME GUESTS!

We are thankful God has brought you to worship with us this morning. Please fill out an attendance card from the cardholder in the pew, so that we will get to know you better. As our guest-worshipper, do not feel obligated to participate in the offering but give as your heart desires. Please be our guest at fellowship hour immediately following worship. Our prayer is through the Word, Lord's Supper and this community of faith; we might be able to share something meaningful with you. May you leave here even more convinced of God's love for you.

If you would like to join this community of faith, please speak to any member or the pastor.

Services for Children – Activity bags (please ask an usher for one) Children's Ministry Time-after Children's Time in the nursery offering age appropriate activities during the time of the sermon. Children are encouraged to return for the passing of the peace and communion. The church nursery is available during worship. Please let an usher know and a volunteer will staff it.

CORE VALUES OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

- God first, Christ-centered, Spirit-led
- Multi-generational Christian Family
- Evangelical - Both Community-centered and Outreach
- Growing and Transforming
- Nurturing Education
- Ever Prayerful
- Mindfully responding with God's Grace and Forgiveness
- Open Communication and information sharing
- Stewardship of all gifts

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

P: PASTOR

C: CONGREGATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

C: Amen.

P: As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: God who searches us and knows us,

C: **you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: O GOD OF EVERY NATION ELW 713

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry,
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:1-8

- ¹Happy are they whose | way is blameless,
who follow the teaching | of the LORD!
²**Happy are they who observe | your decrees**
and seek you with | all their hearts,
³who never do | any wrong,
but always walk | in your ways.
⁴**You laid down | your commandments,**
that we should | fully keep them.
⁵Oh, that my ways were made | so direct
that I might | keep your statutes!

**⁶Then I should not be | put to shame,
when I regard all | your commandments.**

⁷I will thank you with | a true heart,
when I have learned your | righteous judgments.

**⁸I will | keep your statutes;
do not utter- | ly forsake me.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

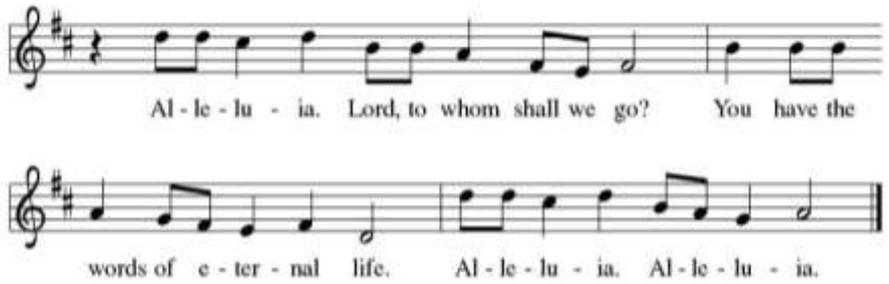
Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.
The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: THE PROCLAMATION OF THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT
MATTHEW. C: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:21-37

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You

shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’³⁴ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.³⁷ Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON – PASTOR DARYL EMOWREY

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY: O GOD OF LOVE, O KING OF PEACE ELW 749

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each intercession: P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Immerse our spirits in your Name's sake; trusting in you for our eternal reward. In your holy name we pray.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need and the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG: *CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART* ELW 186

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all the nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of the water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance

with your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(CONTINUOUS)

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

As a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Calvary Lutheran Church practices "Open Communion." All who are baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to the Table of Grace.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

COME, LET US EAT ELW 491

BLESSED ASSURANCE ELW 638

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD ELW 614

The assembly stands.

COMMUNION TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **C: Amen.**

SONG AFTER COMMUNION:

THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE ELW 207

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

C: Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *SPREAD, OH, SPREAD, ALMIGHTY WORD ELW 663*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Let your light shine. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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<u>SERVING THIS WEEK</u>	
Greeters:	Sharon Meyer
Ushers:	Mark Gordon and Dick Knecht

Lector:	Karen Ringler
Communion Assistant	Kathy Somers
Deacon:	Sherry Neumann
Musician(s):	Lynn Dygert

Readings for February 23, 2020 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18 *Moses enters the cloud of God's glory on Mount Sinai*

Psalm 2 *You are my son; this day have I begotten you.*

2 Peter 1:16-21 *The apostle's message confirmed on the mount of transfiguration*

Matthew 17:1-9 *Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son*

Please pick up your year-end statement near the coat closet and take home today!

Anyone who is interested in what/how we share our ministry with the community is welcome to join our first meeting on **Monday, February 17th at 11:30 AM!** Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the gathering place if this sounds like something in which you would be interested!

There has been some interest in training members of our congregation to minister to one another, finding ways to serve one another with the love of Christ. We have a team interested in leading such training, but for planning purposes we need to know how many are interested in receiving training. If this sounds like something you would like to know more about, please sign up on the lay ministry sign-up sheet in the gathering place!

~ Upcoming Events ~

- Feb. 16, Today** Cooking Ministry after worship/SS. We'll share a meal upon completion!
- Feb. 17, Mon** Calvary's Story Meeting, 11:30 am
Council Meeting, 6:00 pm
- Feb. 19, Wed.** Dorcas/Martha Circle Meeting, 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Choir practice, 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- Feb. 20, Thurs.** Theology on Thursday, 12:00 – 1:30 pm
- Feb. 25, Tues.** Ruth Circle Meeting, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

- Feb. 26, Wed..** Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 6:00 pm
- Feb. 27, Thurs.** Theology on Thursday, 12:00 – 1:30 pm
- Feb. 29 – Mar. 1** Lutherwald 2020 Toboggan Weekend, see poster
- Mar. 3, Tues.** Sewing Day, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
- Mar. 4, Wed.** Choir practice, 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- Mar. 5, Thurs.** Lenten Worship at Holy Family, 12:00 – 12:40 pm
Theology on Thursday follows, 12:45 – 1:30 pm

Immediate Needs

Linda Scheumann
 Meyers family as they mourn the death of Donald
 Herman family as they mourn the death of Becky
 Kania family as they mourn the death of Viola
 Rich Dalrymple (health)
 Noah Beldon (healing)
 Brett Roberts (cancer)
 Tim Hasselman (cancer)
 Robert Walker (recovery)
 Vicki Richards (recovery)
 Carolyn Knehans (health)
 Carol Dillinger (cancer)
 Steve Neumann (memory issues)
 Alex Trebek (cancer)
 Pastor Judy Follis (cancer)
 Dorie Forster (cancer)
 Thomas (health)
 Dori Louise (emotional/mental well-being)
 Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, all bishops, pastors, deacons, and church vocations
 Calvary's Church Council and all who serve this church.
 Military personnel & their families.

Long Term Needs

Lola Weinhold (healing)
 Sue Neiman (cancer)
 Eric Nelson
 Lisa Kain (cancer)
 Bill Johnson (health)
 Daniel Wiegmann Jr. & family (accident)
 Marci Williams (cancer/pain)
 Sidney Dunn (cancer)
 Joyce (health)
 June Strayer (health)
 Rod Strayer (health)
 Jon Johnson (health)
 Kathy Somers (health)
 Alice Parrish (health)
 Donna Voges (health)
 Barb Petersen (health)
 Jean Stellhorn (health)
 Katherine Rich (health)
 Kyrie Huscher (healing)
 Trey Resor (recovery)
 Alan Knisely (healing)
 Joan Penix (health)
 Larry Gross (health)
 Kelli Burns (health)
 Loretta (health/healing)
 Aissa (safety/well being)
 O'Donnell family (family issues)
 Lois (Alzheimer's)

PRAYER LIST GUIDELINES

IMMEDIATE NEEDS: A name will stay on for **2 months** & will then be removed if we do not receive an update. The other option is to move to long term needs.

LONG TERM NEEDS: A name will stay on for **6 months** and then will be removed if we have not received an update.

If you wish us to add someone to the prayer list or keep someone on it, please contact the church office and let us know how he or she is progressing.