

“Do to others whatever you
would like them to do to you.
This is the essence of all that
is taught in the law and the
prophets.
Matthew 7:12

February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Calvary Lutheran Church

Minneapolis, MN

Welcome to

Calvary Lutheran Church

We at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith, centered in the Good News of Jesus Christ. We believe that the Gospel is God's gift to all people to be shared unconditionally.

Calvary welcomes all people who have been excluded because of cultural or ethnic background, race, physical or mental abilities, socio-economic or family status, gender, or age. This welcome includes persons who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, their partners and families.

We are a diverse group of believers, redeemed and united in the one body of Christ. This diversity enriches, nourishes and challenges our ministry. Be assured, "You are no longer strangers and aliens, but fellow citizens and members of God's household."
Ephesians 2:19

*Calvary is a Reconciling in Christ congregation
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)*

As a community of faith, we at Calvary Lutheran acknowledge that our church was formed on the ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute Band and other bands of the Dakota Nation. The Dakota were forcibly removed from their homelands. With God's help, we strive to repair ongoing injustices and grow toward right relationships with Indigenous people.

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+ indicates that congregation should stand if able
Congregation responses are in **bold**

PRELUDE

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

GATHERING SONG

Give Me Jesus

TFF 165

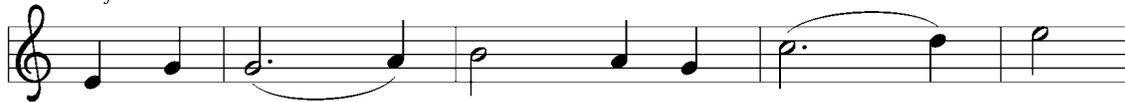


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

WELCOME

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gracious God, we thank you for making one human family of all the peoples of the earth and for creating all the wonderful diversity of cultures.

Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship and show us your presence in those who differ most from us.

From the bondage of racism that denies the humanity of every human being and the prejudices within us that deny the dignity of those who are oppressed, Lord set us free:

Lord, have mercy.

From racism that blinds oppressors to the destruction caused by the spirit and practice of racial injustice, Christ set us free:

Christ, have mercy.

From the racism that will not recognize the work of your Spirit in other cultures: Lord set us free:

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive those of us who have been silent and apathetic in the face of racial intolerance and bigotry, both overt and subtle, public and private.

And take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts.

Break down the walls that separate us.

And help us to find that unity that is the fruit of righteousness and will enable us to become your beloved community.

Empower us to speak boldly for justice and truth and help us to deal with one another without hatred or bitterness, working together with mutual forbearance and respect.

And work through our struggles and confusion to accomplish your purposes.

O God of unconditional love,

you who show no partiality in respect to people or nations,
we have heard your good news of great joy for all the people.

We hear that good news, and in hearing, believe.

We know that your sanctuary is a house of worship for all people,
with no regard for the color of our skin.

As we worship you, knit us into a people,
a seamless garment of many colors.

May we celebrate our unity, made whole in our diversity.

Forgive us for our inability to let our "old selves" die to the world.

We acknowledge that we participate in structures that are inherently racist,
and yet we so often do nothing to remedy it.

Show us we fail when we judge others according to the color of their flesh.

HYMN FOR REFLECTION

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

TFF 87; vv. 1, 2, 4, 6



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;
4 As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side,



op - pressed so hard they could not stand,
to lead the childr'n of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.
at God's com-mand it did di - vide.

Refrain

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,
tell old Pha - raoh: Let my peo - ple go!

6 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
let my people go;
and let us all in Christ be free,
let my people go. *Refrain*

God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

READING

Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. ²For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. ³Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

⁶"Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

⁷"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? ¹⁰Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

¹²"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

¹³"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

²⁴"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that

house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand.²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!"

²⁸Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching,²⁹ for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

Pastor Kjell Ferris

+ SONG OF THE DAY

Lead Me, Guide Me

TFF 70, vv. 1 & 3

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you
lead me, I can-not stray. Lord, let me walk each
day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am
help me o-ver my weak-est hour. Help me through the
blind with-out thy Light to see, Lord, just al-ways
D.C.
dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
let me thy ser-vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

+ STATEMENT OF FAITH

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
Your love for us in Jesus Christ,
Who lived and died and rose again.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship You.
Amen.

+ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

After each petition: God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

+ COMMUNION

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Mother/Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

TFF 66

- 1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ BENEDICTION

MLK's Prayer for the Church

We thank you for your church, founded upon your Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon you.

Help us to realize that humanity was created to shine like the stars and live on through all eternity.

All-merciful God, Creator, ✝ Christ, and Spirit of life, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

- 1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

- 2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

- 3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

On the Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 5

10:00 a.m. Worship (in-person & online)

Tuesday, Feb. 7

1:00 p.m. Faith Leaders Meeting Gov. Walz

8:00 p.m. Community of Calm (online)

Wednesday, Feb. 8

11:00 a.m. Food Shelf at 3553 Chicago Ave

Saturday, Feb. 11

9:00 a.m. Food Shelf at 3553 Chicago Ave

Sunday, Feb. 12

10:00 a.m. Worship (in-person & online)

To schedule an event on the calendar, send requests for meetings at St. Paul's to: info@sanpablostpaul.org and office@clchurch.org

Thanks!

Worship Leaders

| Week of | Feb. 5 | Feb. 12 |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Presiding Minister | Pastor Kjell Ferris | Pastor Kjell Ferris |
| Assisting Minister | Emilie Bouvier | Suzi Starks |
| Lector | Isaac Wengerd | Chris Robson |
| Ushers | Chris Robson Judith Glass | Moberg family |
| Sacristan | Linda Mundt | Linda Mundt |
| Livestream/ Sound Board | Mark Smith | Caleb Moberg |
| Musician | Ben Larson | Ben Larson |
| Counters | No counters | Mitch Myre Jeri Schultz |

Attendance & Offering

Jan. 29 attendance: 37 (19 in person, 18 online)

This month offering (end of Jan.): \$11,253

Monthly 2023 budget: *To be determined*

Year-to-date 2023 budget: *\$ TBD*

Year-to-date 2023 actual offering: \$11,253

Annual Budget for 2023: *\$ TBD*

In Our Prayers

- for those with compromised immune systems or health conditions that make them vulnerable
- for those who live alone and are separated from their family and friends
- for all who live in fear at this time: immigrants, the disabled/differently-abled, the LGBTQ community, Muslims, Latinos, those working on eco-justice and climate change, the poor and vulnerable, Blacks & African Americans
- for the people of our sister synods, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Nigeria, and the Lutheran Church in Leipzig
- for those in our community celebrating birthdays, including Connor Swearingin (2/5), Aimee Boone (2/8), Cynthia Sarver (2/10)
- for those in our community celebrating their anniversary

- for family and friends we know who are recovering from surgery, ill or grieving, for their families and caregivers:
 - Danny Lee & Anna Koppel
 - Henrietta Williams (requests prayers from the community for her strength and endurance as she faces health issues)
 - Bonnie Rae (in transitional care)
 - Nancy Lee Nelson (dealing with lung damage)
 - Julie Anderson (dealing with chronic pain)
 - George Robson (as he recovers from a stroke)
 - Siobhan Nelson (niece-in-law of Mary & Karen Nelson, has experienced a recurrence of cancerous tumors and is resuming a treatment plan)

*If you wish to add or remove a prayer request,
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