

Sunday of the Epiphany

January 11, 2026



Mount Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas

MOUNT CALVARY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

LSB 400



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'ings di - vine,
Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.
Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?
Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Tune: James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.
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INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shone.

P For to us a child is born,

C to us a Son is given;

P And the government shall rest upon his shoulder.

C And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

KYRIE

LSB 944



1 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy.
 3 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.



Lord, _____ have mer - - - - cy.
 Christ, _____ have mer - - - - cy.
 Lord, _____ have mer - - - - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Angels From the Realms of Glory

LSB 367



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
 Δ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
 beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
 Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
 Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
 Ye have seen His na - tal star.
 In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
 To the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Refrain
 Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Text (sts. 1, ref, 2-4): James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.; (st. 5): Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, Salisbury, alt. Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-79 Text and tune: Public domain

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; 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

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:1–12

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand





1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: tr. The Crown of Jesus, 1862, Part 2, London, alt.
 Text and tune: French
 Text and tune: Public domain

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



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
 for from you shall come a ruler
 who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and

frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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 † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

SERMON HYMN: We Three Kings

Text & Tune: John Henry Hopkins, 1820-1891 WELS

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star

*Refrain: O Star of wonder, star of night Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding Guide us to Thy Perfect Light*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign! *Refrain*

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising, worship Him, God on high! *Refrain*

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume, breathes of life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*

Glorious now behold Him arise King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies! *Refrain*

SERMON: By Another Way

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Rev. Michael Middaugh

Stand

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

OFFERTORY: What Child Is This

LSB 370

Text: William Dix, 1837-1898 Tune: English Trad. 16 cent.

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!**

Sit

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Our offering is our way of saying, "Thank you" to God for all His gifts to us and to support His work here at Mt. Calvary and around the world. To all our guests this morning, we are happy to have you with us, but **you are under no obligation to give an offering.** But we would request your prayers for our ministry. We ask all present to please complete an attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate in order that we have a record of your worshipping with us.*

ANTHEM: From a Distant Home ~ *De Tierra Lejana Venimos*

Mt. Calvary Choir

Puerto Rican trad. Carol Translated: Geroge Evans & Walter Ehret © 1963 International Carol

From a distant home the Savior we come seeking
Using as our guide the star so brightly beaming
Lovely eastern start that tells us of God's morning,
Refrain: Heaven's wondrous light, O never cease thy shining!
Glory in the highest to the Son of Heaven,
And upon the earth be peace and love to all!

Glowing gold I bring the newborn babe so holy, Token of His power to reign above in glory Refrain:

Frankincense I bring the Child of God's own choosing, Token of our prayers to heaven ever rising. Refrain

Bitter Myrrh have I to give the infant Jesus. Token of the pain that He will bear to save us.

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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 him thanks and praise.**

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 saying:

SANCTUS *Tune: Hark the Herald*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts by all adored!
Heaven and earth cannot contain All the glory of Your name!
Hail, hosanna, God most High! Blest is He who now draws nigh.
In the name of God the King! Alleluias, glad we sing:
Hail, hosanna! God Most High! Blest is He who now draws nigh.**

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strength us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Para. Tune: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

**Our Father, Lord on heav'ns high throne, most holy be Your name.
Your Kingdom come Your will be done
On earth in heaven the same.
Give us this day the food we need; Forgiven may we be.
Into temptation do not lead;
From evil set us free.

Yours is the Kingdom; unto You, In grateful love we bow;
And Yours the pow'r; Lord let us view
Your mighty presence now.
The glory Yours; Your praise be sung By angel hosts and men.
In every land and every tongue,
Forevermore Amen!**

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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI *Tune: The King Shall Come*

**O Lamb of God, You take away, the sin of all the world;
Have mercy on us, now we pray, O Christ, true Lamb of God.**

**O Lamb of God, You take away, the sin of all the world;
Have mercy on us, now we pray, O Christ, true Lamb of God.**

**O Lamb of God, You take away, the sin of all the world;
Have mercy on us, now we pray, And grant us all Your peace.**

Sit

ANTHEM: Midnight Stars Make Bright the Sky

Mt. Calvary Choir

Text: Ching-Chine Young, b.1930 Tune: Chi-fang Liang, b.1934 HUAN-SHA CH'I © 1977 Chinese Christian Literature Council
Translated: Mildred Wiant, b.1966

*Midnight stars make bright the skies, Bethlehem in slumber lies
Glistening heaven sends forth great light. Shepherds see a wondrous sight!
Angel ranks in chorus sing, Silken sounds from heaven ring
Frightened shepherds hear them say: "Christ comes down to earth today!"
Glory be to God on high, blest are all beneath the sky!*

*Midnight slumber lies e'er all, One lone bright lamp lights the stall
Choose old clothing, wrap Him warmly, anger shall His cradle be.
Born to save us from our sin, Word made flesh our lives to win
Came to earth from heaven's throne, Mortal's sin to bear alone.
Glory be to God on high, blest are all beneath the sky!*

*Wisemen long foretold the way, Saw the strange star's shining ray,
Knew a Child was born in Jewry, Worship would be joy for aye!
Took strong camel's hurrying, Crossing desert sought their King,
Reverently to Him present Gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Glory be to God on high, blest are all beneath the sky!*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

What Star Is This

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. By John Chandler, 1806-1876 Tune: PUER NOBIS adapt. Michael Praetorius 1571-1621 WELS

What star is this with beams so bright, More lovely than the noon-day light?

'Tis sent t' announce a newborn King, glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis not fulfilled what God decreed, "from Jacob shall a star proceed";
And lo! The eastern sages stand, to read in heaven the Lord's command.

O Jesus, while the star of grace; impels us on to seek your face,
Let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of your light to use.

To God Creator, heavenly Light. To Christ, revealed in earthly night.
To God, the Spirit, blest we raise an endless song of thankful praise.

LSB 371 Let Our Gladness Banish Sadness



1 Let our glad-ness Ban-ish sad-ness All through-out cre-a-tion!
 2 Whom the sa-ges And the a-ges Ea-ger-ly a-wait-ed,
 3 Child ap-peal-ing, Light re-veal-ing, Je-sus Christ, our plea-sure;



God, whose fa-vor Sent our Sav-ior, Praise with ad-o-ra-tion!
 An-gels proud-ly Her-ald loud-ly In their songs e-lat-ed.
 God, yet ver-y Son of Mar-y, Heav-en's gift and trea-sure.



He is born in a stall, Now He lies, in-fant small,
 Let us, too, in these days, Thank-ful hearts glad-ly raise;
 Might-y king, gen-tle friend, As our Lord to us bend,



In a man-ger, Heav'n-ly strang-er, Lord of all,
 To the ten-der In-fant ren-der All our praise,
 With Your bless-ing Us ca-ress-ing, Now de-scend,



In a man-ger, Heav'n-ly strang-er, Lord of all.
 To the ten-der In-fant ren-der All our praise.
 With Your bless-ing Us ca-ress-ing, Now de-scend.

Text: Juraj Tranovský, 1591–1637; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008, alt. Tune: Bohemian, 12th cent.

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LSB 377 On Christ Night All Christians Sing



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing To hear the news the
 2 Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Re-deem-er
 3 When sin de-parts be-fore His grace, Then life and health come
 4 All out of dark-ness we have light, Which made the an-gels



an-gels bring, On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing To
 made us glad, Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since
 in its place, When sin de-parts be-fore His grace, Then
 sing this night, All out of dark-ness we have light, Which



hear the news the an-gels bring, News of great joy, news of great
 our Re-deem-er made us glad, When from our sin He set us
 life and health come in its place; An-gels and men with joy may
 made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God and peace to



mirth, News of our mer-ci-ful King's birth.
 free, All for to gain our lib-er-ty?
 sing, All for to see the new-born King.
 men Now and for-ev-er-more. A-men."

Text and tune: English

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Stand

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

C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS *Tune: From Heaven Above*

**Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure
And steadfast love fore'er endure!
Our eyes have seen, our ears have heard,
And we have tasted of His Word.**

**As His own servants we depart.
With His salvation in our heart.
His saving pow'r He has made known
His love through all the earth is shown.**

**Lord, let us show the world Your light;
Let us declare Your glory bright,
Proclaim Your death until You come
To take Your ransomed servants home.**

**Glory to God, the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure,
And steadfast love fore'er endure!**

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.

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 ✠ give you peace.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: As With Gladness Men of Old

LSB 397

POSTLUDE

LSB (Lutheran Service Book 2006)

CW (Christian Worship) WELS Hymnal

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher/Celebrant:	Rev. Michael Middaugh		
Organist:	Rev. Craig Meissler		
Elders:	Robert Axtell	Mike Wille	Trey Roberts
Ushers:	Dave Thompson	Nick Hartman	
	Isaiah Casas	Al Lariosa	
Greeters:	Linda Aguilar	Judy Hanson	

HOLY COMMUNION

- If you are a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to take communion, please indicate on the Attendance Card found in the pew and place in the offering plate. Because participation in the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of the Christian Faith which is confessed at this altar (Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:3; 1 Tim. 1:3; 4:16; 6:3-10; 2 Tim. 1:13; Rom. 16:17) those who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are asked to respectfully refrain from participation today and speak with a pastor after the Divine Service. If you are not communing but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest once you are kneeled at the communion rail.
- Both the common cup and individual cups are offered at each table simultaneously. If you desire the common cup, please hold your hands open and the pastor will provide it to you, while the elders serve the individual cups. It is proper to take hold of the cup when receiving the common cup. This helps prevent spilling and greatly assist the pastor.

ALCOHOL-REMOVED WINE/GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE

- For those who are allergic, or for health reasons, and unable to drink regular wine, alcohol-removed wine is available for Holy Communion. The alcohol-removed wine is white in color and in the individual cups in the center of each tray.
- Gluten-free wafers are also available. Please notify one of the pastors before the service that you would prefer the gluten-free option. The reception of this wine and the gluten-free wafers in no way affects the theological meaning or benefits of this Sacrament.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP During this hour, God comes to us in His Word and Sacrament, and we respond in prayer and praise! Here are a few practical tips for minimizing distractions and maximizing participation:

- **IN ORDER THAT WE HAVE** a record of your worshipping with us, we would ask all present to **please complete an attendance card** found in the pew and place in the offering plate.
- We ask that you turn off or put away your phones and electronic devices so that you can participate fully in what God is doing during this special time dedicated to Him.
- While it is sometimes necessary to quiet an infant or toddler with a small snack or a bottle, **we ask that no other foods or beverages** be brought into the sanctuary.
- The ministerial staff is always available to you should you have spiritual care needs. Please contact the front office to arrange for pastoral care.
- Hearing devices are available for the hearing impaired. Please speak with one of the ushers.

CHILDREN & WORSHIP We love children and are happy they are here with us! Just as a child learns to speak by imitating the voice of mom or dad, so too a child learns to worship by participating in the service at an early age. If you have questions about how to incorporate your child into the worship life of the congregation in an age-appropriate way, please see one of the pastors. **Assistance for children with special needs during worship and Sunday school is also available – see an usher for details.** **A nursery** is also available. Parents can use it when quieting a child or changing a diaper. The service can be heard in the nursery. **Activity items** are available for your child(ren) in the narthex. Please make sure all items are returned at the end of the service.

MIDWEEK STUDIES

Tuesday Morning Class | Tues | 10:00-11:30am {Parish Hall} Immediately following Matins (10:00am)
Class has resumed.

Men's Study | 1st & 3rd Wed | 6:00pm {Parish Hall} All men are invited! Contact Roman Gomez.

Men's Study | 1st & 3rd Sat | 8:00-9:30am {Parish Hall} The study of Acts. Led by Daniel Ochoa.

Women's Study | 3rd Mon | 7:30-8:30pm {Meets at members' homes} Contact Shirley Wille.

Women's Study | 2nd & 4th Mon | 6:00-7:30pm {Library} We have started *Divine Directions: How God Guides Your Path* (Sharla Fritz, CPH). **Class is canceled on January 12th. We will meet the 26th.**

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SERVICES continue to be live streamed and archived on our website. Bible class/Sunday school for all ages is at 8:45am with our Divine Service at 10:00am.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings by Carolyn & Jeff Royce in honor of Jeff's birthday on January 4th and her brother, Arnie Hingst's birthday on January 18th; and by Jeri Lara in honor of her mother's birthday on January 8th.

PRAYERS – Ralph Domel, Liz Willis, Jan Miyauchi, Alex Hansmann, Russell Maxwell, Art Wendt, Michelle Thompson, Marlene Walker, Brad Boeckner, Bill O'Brien, Linda Dietz, Patsy Bond, Jeff Harwood, Darrell Donnell, Heidi Farmer, Christine Prinz, Joshua Gabel, Richard Wieding, Michael Gilg, Nancy Goggio, Debbie Kuehling, Dave Weller, Hayley Trujillo; our home-bound members: Tammy Greinke, Katie Klann, Barbara & Sandy Krywoszej, Olga Mencke, Karen Price.

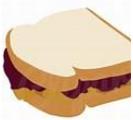
LORD'S SUPPER – If you are physically unable to get to church and would like to receive the Lord's Supper in your home, please contact the church office so that we can schedule a date and time with one of the pastors.

PASTORAL CARE, VISITATION, & PRAYERS – If it is your desire to share a health condition, hospitalization, or procedure for which you would like a pastoral visit, it is important for us to know as much information ahead of time as possible. Please contact the church office with all the pertinent information. If you are hospitalized or in rehab, it helps us a great deal to keep us updated as to where you are as well as the room number if possible. If you wish for you or your loved one to be included in the Prayers of the Church on Sunday morning, please contact the church office as soon as you can.

WE WILL BE TAKING DOWN Christmas decorations this Tuesday following Bible class. Please consider helping with this unless you are already making PB&J sandwiches.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES may be picked up from the narthex. Please discard any old offering envelopes you may have. If you did not receive a box of envelopes and would like to, please contact Susan in the church office.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS: If you are not currently a member of Mt. Calvary but would like to know what membership entails and our process for receiving new members, please speak to one of our elders, or one of the pastors. For those coming from a non-Lutheran background we offer new-member adult confirmation classes upon request. For those who are transferring from another LCMS Lutheran Church, the transfer process is often quick, but the pastors would still wish to speak with you, and answer questions you may have about Mt. Calvary. Membership is an important commitment to a local congregation, both to receive spiritual care from, and to give support to, the ministry of a congregation which is a Biblical model we still follow today.



SANDWICHES FOR CAM – JOIN US! We have been preparing **300 sandwiches** two times per month for Christian Assistance Ministries. (CAM). CAM currently distributes 300 sandwiches **per day** to those in need in our community. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time to help with the sandwich making. Interested? **The next sandwich making day is this Tuesday following Bible class. We will be making PB&J sandwiches.**



YOU CAN HELP FUND THE PURCHASE OF SANDWICH SUPPLIES BY MAKING A CONTRIBUTION IN THE BREAD BOX LOCATED ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

BIBLES NEEDED! CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY is in need of bibles. If you have any bibles at home that you no longer need, please consider donating them to CAM. Remove any personal information from them before donating. A bin for CAM is available in the Parish Hall foyer.

CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (CAM) Needs are canned vegetables, men's jeans, belts, tennis/athletic shoes, casual pants/shorts, diapers (sizes 6,7,8,). Your donations are greatly appreciated!

THE AGAPE MINISTRY most needed items: canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, rice, fresh or frozen meat. Other items needed are canned vegetables, canned fruit, mac & cheese, tomato sauce/pasta sauce, soup, beans (dry or canned), spaghetti, cereal, cookies, crackers, laundry detergent, toilet paper, bar soap, pet food. Also accepted are used clothing, household items, linens, shoes, purses, new underwear, socks, etc.

ANIMAL DEFENSE LEAGUE URGENT NEEDS: Canned Dog Food, Canned Cat Food, Blankets, Dog Treats, XL KONG Toys, Bottles, KMR (1st step), Puppy Esbilac, Puppy pads, Miracle nipples, Food scales, Heating pads, and Warming discs. All food items should be unopened. Please separate newspapers and empty medicine bottles into bags.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – January 18th, "Outstanding Universal Value". Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Christian faith has the power to make us act better. But that's not the goal. 1 Corinthians 1:18-19 Times/Stations: 6:00am on WOAI 1200; 9:00am on KAWZ 88.7 FM; or 8:00am on KWED 1580 AM (Seguin).

READ, LISTEN, WATCH – 1517.org is a nonprofit organization that exists to declare and defend the Good News that you are forgiven and free on account of Christ alone. 1517 features hundreds of podcasts, articles, and videos all with the purpose of preaching and teaching Reformation Theology and Christ for You. 1517 is a completely free resource thanks to partnership and support from dozens of LCMS churches here in Texas, and around the country. If you have not already, go to 1517.org to access their large library of online resources.



A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, January 11th: "A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on." *Carl Sandburg – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF January 11, 2026

Today	8:30am	Fellowship/Coffee
	8:45am	Sunday school/Adult Bible class
	10:00am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
Monday	5:30pm	Board of Education, Evangelism, Stewardship, Trustees
	6:30pm	Church Council
Tuesday	10:00am	Braille #10
	10:00am	Matins (Sanctuary – please enter at Parish Hall doors) Followed by Tuesday Morning Class (Parish Hall)
	11:30am	PB&J Sandwich making OR
	11:30am	Take down Christmas decorations
Wednesday	9:00am	Braille #9
	10:00am	Quilting
Thursday	10:00am	Braille #2
Friday	7:00pm	AA – Shook Big Book
Next Sunday	8:30am	Fellowship/Coffee
	8:45am	Sunday school/Adult Bible class
	10:00am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January

- 12 Rutherford Griffin
- 15 David Meissler
- 16 Virginia Axtell
- 17 Sid Greehey, Sr
- 18 Arnold Hingst

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday – 109 Adult Class – 38 PreK-HS – 9



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