

## **CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# The First Sunday of Advent – November 28, 2021

## SERVICE OF RESPONSIVE PRAYER

As we gather .....Luke 19:31 – “If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’ ” Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, “The Lord has need of it.” Then he gave willingly. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life – in our homes, in the Church, and in the communities in which we live. In each calling we have good work to do which comes from the Lord’s hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

Opening Hymn – #339 *“Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors”*

### Opening Versicles

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C** make haste to help me, O Lord,  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Psalmody

- P** I cry to You, O Lord;
- C** in the morning my prayer comes before You.
  
- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.
  
- P** My mouth is filled with Your praise,
- C** and with Your glory all the day.
  
- P** Every day I will bless You
- C** and praise Your name forever and ever.
  
- P** By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,
- C** O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
  
- P** Bless the Lord, O my soul;
- C** and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
  
- P** He redeems your life from the pit
- C** and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.
  
- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- C** let my cry come to You.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Luther's Morning Prayer

**C:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 33:14–16 (*pew Bible p. 662*)

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13 (*pew Bible p. 987*)

For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel – Luke 19:28–40 (*pew Bible p. 878*) (*Please stand.*)

When He had said these things, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as He rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As He was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Hymn of the Day –** (*Please be seated.*) #334 **"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"** (tune #442)

**Sermon –**

**"The Advent King"**

**Rev. Eric Ahlemeyer**

**Kyrie**

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



## The 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.

## Versicles

**P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**C** let my cry come to You.

**P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You;

**C** for You answer me.

**P** Hide Your face from my sins,

**C** and blot out all my iniquities.

**P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**C** and renew a right spirit within me.

**P** Cast me not away from Your presence,

**C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

**P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**P** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,

**C** my lips will praise You.

**P** For You have been my help,

**C** and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.

**P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;

**C** **unite my heart to fear Your name.**

**P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

**C** **and I will glorify Your name forever.**

**P** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.

**C** **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**

**P** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!

**C** **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

**P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

**C** **listen to my plea for grace.**

### **Prayers**

**P**: Let us pray... (*suitable petitions may be prayed*)

**P**: Father of infinite majesty, hear our prayers for the sake of Your true and only Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C**: **Amen.**

### **Benedicamus and Blessing**

**P**: Let us bless the Lord.

**C**: **Thanks be to God.**

**P**: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C**: **Amen.**

### **Greeting and Announcements**

**Closing Hymn – #336 “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”**

**Silent prayer**

**VISITORS & MEMBERS,  
please be sure to sign the Friendship Register in  
the pew so that your visit can be noted.**

**Advent Devotionals are available in the Narthex.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS November 28, 2021



***WE WELCOME YOU as honored guests or treasured members.  
Before the service, speak to the Lord in prayer.  
During the service, listen as the Lord speaks to you through His  
Holy Word. After the service, speak to one another.***

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** is a printed Service of Responsive Prayer. Refer to the *Worship Insert* for readings, hymns and to guide you through the service. A triangle  $\Delta$  preceding a hymn stanza indicates that we stand for the verse(s).

**CHANCEL PARAMENTS** are blue for the season of Advent.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by **Ed and Rhonda Wesselman** in thanksgiving for all God's blessings.

### **OFFERING**

While we practice social distancing, we will not be passing the offering plate. The offering plate is located at the back of the sanctuary.

**PARENTS, FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE... A CRY ROOM** is located at the back of the nave. Please do not leave children unattended. All the restrooms are equipped with changing tables.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** are available on the table in the Narthex with the bulletins.

**SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES**...meet at 9:30 a.m.

- **ADULT CLASS**...will meet in the gym. The Adult Bible Class is studying the fast paced, action packed, **Gospel of Mark** in Adult Bible Class. Please join us in the gym, at 9:30 a.m. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** will meet in the Youth Room.

### **PLEASE LIFT UP IN PRAYER**

**Pastor Michael Ahlemeyer**

**Camryn Buchert**

**Jeff Cohen**

**Stephanie Krone**

**Cathy Shearer**

**Polly Wolf**

Autumn Trace: **Betty Wade**

**Harold Cox**

**Helen Forks**

**Marlis Ortel**

**Marlis Snyder**

**Fred Avery**

**Don Day**

**Velma Freed**

**Denny Rippy**

**Chuck Stamberger**

**The Family of Kenneth Ranney**

Warsaw Meadows: **Conrad Forks**

**Bev Brummett**

**Dusty Eckman**

**Shirley Junge**

**Ken Shabino**

**Phil Walter**

### **WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE - 1 Corinthians 1:18**

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**WE REJOICE**...for our brother in Christ, **Kenneth Ranney**, as he is now with his Lord Jesus. **Ken** was called to his eternal rest on **Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. His funeral was **Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**, at Calvary. Please keep Ken's family in your prayers.

***"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They rest from their labors and their works do follow them."*** – Rev. 14:13

## **HOSEA BIBLE STUDY and ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Our Adult Confirmation Class will **NOT** meet on **Thursday**. The Adult Confirmation Class will resume on January 12, 2022. **We have completed our Hosea Bible Study.**

## **HEARTFELT THANK YOU**

~Thank you to **Bob Roach** for getting all the repair requests done before heading to Florida. Thank you to **ALL** the trustees for their hard work as they continue to install our new lighting throughout the church building.

~Thank you to **Rich Buchert, Sean Hatfield, & Kurt Richeson** for giving up your Saturday to help get our new tech project installed. We cannot wait to see how many lives we can touch using it.

~Thank you to those from choir who came and sang at Ken's funeral. The family truly appreciated your voices. And thank you to those who helped with the funeral and preparations.

~Thank you to all who helped with the funeral dinners and the Preschool Feast Days. Many gave of their time and talents for food and are appreciated by so many.

Thanks again ladies!!

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES**

Practices for our program are during the Sunday School hour (9:30 a.m.) and will continue up until the program on Sunday, December 19.



## **GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.**

God gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds. Therefore, we should bring generous offerings to support His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in our congregation through the preaching and teaching of His Word, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. This is not done because He has commanded us so to do but rather because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

Throughout the next week of services, you can bring your sealed pledge and place it in the box by the offering plate at the back of sanctuary, where it will remain sealed throughout the year and returned to you next November. If you did not receive a pledge envelope, have forgotten or misplaced it, extras are available on the Usher's shelf by the doors.

Thank you - - Board of Stewardship



## UPCOMING EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Sunday, November 28**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**NO Confirmation Class**

**Tuesday, November 30**

9:00 a.m./1:00 p.m. Braille

**Wednesday, December 1**

**6:00 p.m. Advent Midweek Meal**

**7:00 p.m. Advent Midweek Service**

Choir practice after service

**Saturday, December 4**

10:00 a.m. Church Christmas Decorating

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Sunday, December 5**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

**Tuesday, December 7**

9:00 a.m./1:00 p.m. Braille

9:30 a.m. Winkle @ St. Peter, N. Judson

**Wednesday, December 8**

**6:00 p.m. Advent Midweek Meal**

**7:00 p.m. Advent Midweek Service**

Choir practice after service

**Saturday, December 11**

10:00 a.m. **Women's Guild Christmas  
Brunch @ church**

**Sunday, December 12**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class



## THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

**ALTAR GUILD**

**November** – Deb Buchtel

**ELDERS**

**Sunday, November 28**

8:15 – Brian Piazza

10:45 – Ron Geik

**Sunday, December 5**

8:15 – Ed Wesselman

10:45 – Brian Piazza

**ORGANIST**

**Sunday, November 28**

Sarah Rippy

**Sunday, December 5**

Linda Matzat

**TELLERS**

**Sunday, November 28**

Kathy Girres, Mary Stuckmeyer

**Sunday, December 5**

Jan Rusch, Damaris Story

**USHERS**

**Sunday, November 28**

8:15 – Paul Skibbe, Steve Skibbe

10:45 – Cody Meyer

**Sunday, December 5**

8:15 – Sean Hatfield,

David Rosenbaum

10:45 – Cody Meyer

## **HEARTFELT THANKS**

“Thank you” to you all for your cards and well wishes for my birthday and open house on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup>. It was so thoughtful and meant a lot to me.

God's Blessings to you all.

*Jan Rusch*

*thankful  
AND  
blessed*

## **HEARTFELT THANKS**

To Our Church Family,

Luke and I are so thankful for all the cards, kind words of encouragement and prayers.

My children were worried we would be alone without support. They are thankful that we have a wonderful church family to keep us uplifted.

Please continue to keep Luke and me in your prayers.

*Diane and Luke Mate*

*thankful*  
→ & →  
*grateful*

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It's time to put your order in for your Poinsettias. The cost is \$8 each for the red ones. We will need 1 white poinsettia which costs \$15. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Please put your money in one of the designated envelopes and drop it in the collection plate or the safe in the Production room. If you have any questions, please speak with Debbie Buchtel or the church office.



## ADVENT MID-WEEK MEAL & SERVICE

In preparation for Advent Mid-Week Meals on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>, sign-up sheets have been posted on the bulletin board.

Please take a moment to sign up and then mark your calendars and plan to attend. This is a great time of fellowship and worship after the meal. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Cole or the church office.



## HAPPY 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MC-98!

In November of 1976, members of Calvary began printing the Gospel of John in Tamil, which is a dialect of India. Thus initiated our partnership with Lutheran Braille Workers Inc., located in Yucaipa, California. The mission of LBW has always been to provide God's Word at no cost to the reader.

Pastor Charles Piazza invited me to visit the morning volunteers in January of 1979, and here I am - still part of this wonderful ministry! We recently received all the supplies necessary to print our quota of 50 books per month for another year. The waiting hands of 600 people will read the same pages we touch through the printing, binding and packing process. Just imagine how many thousands of braille books we have distributed throughout the world over 45 years! If only I had kept more detailed records. Even headquarters could not provide actual numbers.

Thank you - members of Calvary for supporting our efforts. May God continue to bless this ministry until everyone everywhere can "feel" God's love, and hold the power of His life-changing Word in their hands!

*Shirley Junge*

**Free Large print calendars are available in the Narthex on the cabinet.**

## WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

It's that time of year when the weather can force us to stay home on Sundays. Church cancellations will be aired on WNDU Channel 16 and WSBT Channel 22. We will do our best to make the call early enough so you won't make the trip and find church has been canceled.

## WHAT IS ADVENT?

The church divides the year into different seasons that emphasize the life of Christ and the life of the church. Beginning on Sunday, November 28, 2021, we will enter the season of the church year called Advent. Advent is the season of preparation and anticipation leading up to Christmas, and continuing to Epiphany January 6, 2022.

The focus of Advent is two-fold. On the one hand, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came into the world as both God and Man so that our sins might be forgiven. On the other hand, we anticipate the day when Jesus will return to Earth and bring an end to this world. Those will be scary days, but we can look forward to the end of the world with hope because through faith in Jesus, the end of this world will mean the beginning of a new life with Christ for eternity.

Advent, then, is a time for us to repent and believe. Knowing that Jesus was born to forgive our sins, we repent (admit our failures to God) and believe that we are forgiven because of the death and resurrection of Jesus on our behalf. Also, knowing that Jesus is coming back, we repent and believe that when He returns, He will give us eternal life.



### CHRISTMAS DECORATING

The Altar Guild invites you to come and help decorate the church for the Advent & Christmas season. They will be decorating on Saturday, December 4, at 10:00 a.m. **Men** and **women** are encouraged to come help. If you have any questions, please talk to Deb Buchtel or call the church office.



### VISITATION

Sometimes life can be lonely, and especially when you're in a nursing home. If anyone would like to help with some nursing home visits in Culver, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Heather 812-530-6305.



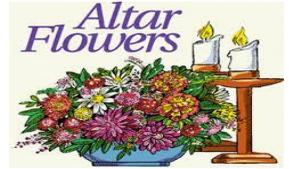
### HARP CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Laura Ahlemeyer will be performing a harp Christmas concert on Sunday, December 12, at 3:00 p.m. Don't miss this sacred and inspiring concert as we celebrate the real meaning of Christmas. A free will offering will be taken at the door.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2022 Altar Flower chart is on the bulletin board by the Pastor's office. Please take a moment to sign up. The week before your chosen Sunday, you will receive a reminder email or phone call. If you have any questions regarding the Altar flowers, please call the church office.



***Thank you to everyone who provided flowers in 2021!***

## CARE BOXES for OUR SHUT INS

Calvary will be putting together care boxes for our shut ins. If you would like to contribute to these boxes, a list of suggested items is below. Please leave your items marked in the kitchen.

homemade cookies

small baked breads

microwave popcorn

small lotions

hot cocoa mixes

packaged candies

juice boxes or packaged drinks like Capri Sun.

any small items you might give a shut in at Christmas

fresh fruit like apples, oranges, and bananas for each box

Starlight mints



## WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Saturday, December 11, will have their annual Christmas Brunch at the church. The festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m. Food and drink will be provided.



Bring a gift for the money tree which we will donate to a couple of charities and a small gift for the dirty bingo. Wear your favorite holiday sweater or colors and join us.

Alllllll women are invited whether you have ever been with us before or not. It will be a nice addition to your holiday festivities.

# 2021 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



## ~Advent Midweek Service~

(Meal at 6:00 p.m.; Service at 7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, December 1

Wednesday, December 8

Wednesday, December 15



## First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. (Note: 2 services)

ABC 9:30 a.m.

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. (communion) (Note: 2 services)

ABC 9:30 a.m.

## Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. (communion) (Note: 2 services)

ABC 9:30 a.m.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 10:00 a.m. (Children's Christmas Program) (Note: 1 service)

NO ABC

## ~Christmas Eve Candlelight Service~

Friday, December 24, 5:00 p.m. (Lessons & Carols)

and 7:00 p.m. (Traditional)

## ~Christmas Day Divine Service~

Saturday, December 25, 10:00 a.m. (communion)

## ~First Sunday after Christmas~

December 26, 10:00 a.m. (Note: 1 service)

A Service of Lessons & Carols

NO ABC

## ~New Year's Eve Service~

Friday, December 31, 6:00 p.m. (communion)

## ~Second Sunday after Christmas~

January 2, 10:00 a.m. (communion) (Note: 1 service)

NO ABC

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

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## What is Advent?

Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come right before Christmas. In other words, the deeper into Advent you go, the closer you get to Christmas Day. For Christians, the First Sunday in Advent is kind of like the “New Year’s Day” of the Church Year calendar.



## Why do we celebrate Advent?

The word Advent means “coming.” During Advent, we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved us from sin, death and the power of the devil: our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!



### Parents:

At home, in order to help your children better prepare for the birth of Jesus, try using an Advent devotional booklet provided by the church for family devotions.



## **MISSION STATEMENT OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*"To bring alive The Triune God's plan of salvation in the congregation, community, and world (Matthew 28:19-20) by providing an atmosphere for spiritual growth, embracing the Spirit, and sharing our God-given gifts in Christian love."*

## **WELCOME TO CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

The people of God at Calvary extend to you a most warm and friendly welcome. Please join us again soon. A "Visitors Packet" is available from an usher. If you are interested in further information about the church, or if you desire to become a member, please contact the church office at 936-2903. Thank you for worshipping at Calvary.

**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:** 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Monday- Friday

**PHONE NUMBER:** (574) 936-2903

**E-MAIL:** [church@calvarylutheranplymouth.org](mailto:church@calvarylutheranplymouth.org)

**WEBSITE:** [www.calvarylutheranplymouth.org](http://www.calvarylutheranplymouth.org)

### **PASTOR**

**E-MAIL:** [pastor@calvarylutheranplymouth.org](mailto:pastor@calvarylutheranplymouth.org)

**CELL PHONE NUMBER:** 812-525-3800

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** For Your Convenience, Open Every Sunday  
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

- 8:15 a.m. Worship/Divine Service
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
- 10:45 a.m. Worship/Divine Service

### **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words and repent of all their sins. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or are not members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are asked to refrain from partaking of the Sacrament and speak to pastor.