

**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD – JANUARY 6, 2019**

*What is the Divine Service?* If you are new to Calvary, you may have never heard the term ‘Divine Service.’ As Lutherans, we believe that this hour of ‘worship’ is not based on our service to God, but His *divine* service to us. For a basic summary of what we believe is here occurring, please read hymn #602, “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives,” in our hymnal.

+ *Our Christian Communion Statement* +

The **Sacrament of the Altar** is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, as instituted by Christ Himself. The Scriptures teach Christians to commune together at the Lord’s Table, dependent on three presuppositions:

- Proper discernment of the bodily presence of Christ (1 Cor. 11:27-29)
- Unity of doctrine and confession (Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor 1:10; Hebr. 13:10)
- A clear conscience toward and love for fellow communicants (Matt. 5:23-24; Rom. 15:5-6);

Therefore, in Christian love and for the safety of all, we ask all who are not yet members of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, or those who refuse to be reconciled with fellow penitents, to refrain from communing until you have spoken with the pastor. *Thank you.*

**\*\*\* ORDER OF SERVICE \*\*\***

**LITURGY Divine Service Setting III (p. 184)**

*Insert, Psalm 45:6-8a; (antiphon: Psalm 45:17)*

**Processional Hymn:** 412, “The People That in Darkness Sat”

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** 397, “As With Gladness Men of Old”

**Distribution Hymns:** 396, “Arise and Shine in Splendor”

409, “Hail, O Source of Ev’ry Blessing”

533, “Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasures Eternal” (if needed)

**Recessional Hymn:** 395, “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (v.1-4)

**\*\*\* SERVING AND ASSISTING TODAY \*\*\***

8:00: Elder: Chuck Traugott; Ushers: Bruce Rucks, Richard Hansen, Kirk Fahrenwald

Crucifer: Ben Mahan

10:30: Elder: Steve White; Ushers: Chris Wilson, Dan Fehrman, Andrew Kovachevich

Crucifer: Evan Schuring

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Michael and Katy Hopkins for Epiphany.

+ *In Preparation for the Divine Service* +

*During the week, the household ought meditate upon the proclamation of the Sunday prior and, late in the week (perhaps Friday and Saturday), familiarize itself with the focus of the Sunday to come. Thus,*

**Next Sunday’s readings: Isaiah 43:1-7; Romans 6:1-11; Luke 3:15-22**

**Next Sunday’s chief hymn: 405, “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”**

*All are encouraged – perhaps on Saturday night or early Sunday morning – to make use of “Christian Questions with their Answers” (Section 4 of the Small Catechism), prepared by Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament. Also, individual Confession and Absolution is available each week by appointment.*

**\*\*\* THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES \*\*\***

Today:	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b> .....	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 AM</b>
	<i>Installation of officers during services</i>	
	Bible Class and Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
Tue.:	Board of Elders Meeting.....	7:00 PM
Wed.:	Confirmation Class.....	7:00 PM
Sat.:	Men’s <i>Book of Concord</i> Study.....	9:00 AM
	<i>Swaddling Clothes</i> Open.....	9:00-12:00 PM
Sun.:	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b> .....	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 AM</b>
	Bible Class and Sunday School.....	9:15 AM

**\*\*\* CHRISTIAN EDUCATION \*\*\***

*We welcome all members and visitors to join with us in learning the life-giving doctrine of Christ! We hope to see you in one or more of the classes below!*

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Our meditation in the book of Hebrews continues this morning, as we study chapter 8’s introduction to ‘the better covenant’! Join us this morning, 9:20, in the downstairs study hall!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** Classes continue their normal schedule this morning, as the children study narratives of the Christmas season (we don’t want to rush by them too quickly!). As we gentiles celebrate that Christ was born for us too, the children study “The Birth of Jesus.” Join us, beginning at 9:20, in the downstairs children’s gathering area.

**CATECHISM (CONFIRMATION) CLASSES** Wednesday classes resume this week at our normal time of 7:00-8:15; please bring back your completed ‘mid-term assessments’, as we will go over them and use them for continuing discussion! See you Wednesday!

**CALVARY BOOK CLUB** The “readers’ choice” goes to Augustine’s *City of God*! A wonderful work in its own right, this 1600 year-old book is also so relevant to the Church’s current situation in the United States. Please sign-up at the narthex table to be included in group emails regarding the reading of this book, and let us know if you would like to order a copy through the church. Thanks!

**SCRIPTURE IN CINEMA?** Would you be interested in studying the movies’ depiction of Scripture? If so, please contact Pastor for more details.

**BOOK OF CONCORD STUDY GROUPS** How does the Book of Concord teach us our confession of the faith for daily life in a fallen world? All are invited and encouraged to benefit from meeting every third Saturday in the Gathering Room with one of the following groups:

**Men:** Our next study is scheduled for *this Saturday, January 12, 9:00-10:15*. We continue to discuss Luther’s explanation of the Ten Commandments. We begin 2019 by picking up on the Third Commandment and beginning the Fourth. All men are invited to join us in the Gathering Room.

**Ladies:** Our next study is *Saturday, January 26, 9:00-10:30*, in the Gathering Room. We continue Article VII of the Formula of Concord, “The Holy Supper of Christ.” All ladies are welcome to join us!

**\*\*\*ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\*\***

**Welcome in the name of Christ!** Whether you are a visitor with us this morning or a member of Calvary, we would appreciate you filling out the pew registry located toward the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to please read the introduction to the Sacrament of the Altar as found inside the front cover of the bulletin. *Thank you.*

**OFFICER INSTALLATION** Those serving Calvary in 2019 as congregational officers or board members will be installed today. The Rite of Installation is observed at both services, following the Prayer of the Church. Thank you to all who have completed time of service, and thank you to all who plan to serve Calvary as officers/board members in 2019.

**OPEN HOUSE** The family of Clara Kuester invites the congregation to an Open House in celebration of Clara's 99th birthday! It will be next Sunday, January 13, between 1-4pm at The Sheridan at Tyler Creek, 508 N. McLean Blvd. (across the street from church.)

**NEW MEMBER RECEPTION** On Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> between services, we will have a reception to welcome our new members that have joined Calvary during the past year. We look forward to the annual opportunity to collectively and 'publicly' welcome new members!

**MAILED QUESTIONNAIRES** If you joined Calvary in 2018, you should have received a brief questionnaire in the mail, useful for Pastor's informal introduction of you during the member reception. Please return it next Sunday (the 13<sup>th</sup>) to prepare for the reception. Thanks!

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** Please remember that a memorial service will be held here this coming Saturday, 11:00am, for Don and Darlene Hahn, who passed away in December. All members are encouraged to attend, as schedule permits, in confession of the promise of the resurrection.

**JR. YOUTH – SAVE THE DATE (TENTATIVELY)!** Families of Calvary with children, age 12 or under, are invited to saved the date of Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00, for a potential "Snow Day." An entirely new Board of Christian Education will have a bit of a learning curve, so please bear with us in looking ahead to this event. For now, save the date! Thanks!

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS – HOW ABOUT BIBLE STUDY?** If you haven't found opportunity to get involved with one of Calvary's Bible Studies, please receive a 'new year encouragement' to join us! Please see the "Christian Education" section of the bulletin and consider the many options (Sunday, Wednesday, every third Saturday, quarterly). Want another option? Pastor is happy to receive a request!

**THANK YOU** The Salazar's would like to say thank-you for the cards, prayers and well wishes. It's very much appreciated!

**PRIME TIMERS** Next Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, Prime Timers will meet at Good Shepard to enjoy a "Joybell Show" DVD along with a potluck, beginning at 12:00pm.

**SANCTUARY UPDATE** Thanks to the whole congregation for your patience since work began in earnest in October! The committee meets this week to finalize plans for the final 'phase' of work to be completed or contracted. Though hands-on work can be completed rather quickly, the project's final dates will depend on a few key contractors. Certainly, we'll need to patiently await furniture and stained glass. Perhaps the next 'big item' will be the altar rail. We'll keep you posted! If you have questions along the way, please don't hesitate to ask Pastor Bestul or Chuck Traugott – we're happy to keep open the line of communication!



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