



Calvary Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Pastor Michael Kessler



WELCOME

In the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, welcome to Christian worship. We are so happy and thankful you are here with us today. If you are a visitor with us, please sign our guest register by the front door and fill out a worship card given to you by an usher. If you are worshipping with us in a communion service, please note that we practice closed communion. Please read the communion statement at the end of the Order of Service. May God richly bless each and every one of you!

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"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" LSB 374
"What Child Is This" LSB 370
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"Angels We Have Heard on High" LSB 368

COMMUNION: Communion is both a participation in Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and a statement of fellowship among those who participate. Members of our congregation, and members of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod who have properly prepared themselves are invited to attend. If you are not an LCMS member or are of another denomination or synod, please see the Pastor before communing for the first time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council Notes: Contribution amount needed per week is \$3,456.72 to meet current budget. Amount received for Last Sunday: \$3628.36

Flowers: Are given today to the Glory of God by Rosemary Suhr in memory of what would have been the 50th wedding anniversary of Rosemary and Alfred Suhr on December 31, 2016

Those who serve us today: Ushers: Albert Claude, and Alvin Broyles. Elder & Reader: Wil Stewart. Organist: Betty Lou Phillips. Acolyte: Sophia Kessler.

Those for whom we are praying: Those who are suffering: Stan Foster, Bruce Paulsen, Eva Lou Phillips, Elizabeth Stahl, Karen Guza, Georgene Shaver, Teresa Elias, Lalo Heredia, Mel Philips, Jeff Justice, Suzie Disanza, Contessa Holtz, Zoey Gains, Joe Inman. **Those who serve us in the Military:** Shane Helton, Dylan MacFarlane, Michael & Jessica Pray, Jeremy Rankin, Michael Yelland, Kendra Oehlerich, Dan Tjalsma, Jessica Cochran, Kevin Sengvanhphen, Jon Charles, Victor Greenfield, Joseph Donalbain, Johnathon Fuhrman, Shane Summers. **Those who spread the Gospel overseas:** Rev. Dennis Meeker. **Those who spread the Gospel on our Campuses:** LCMSU-UofA, AWC Campus Ministry and other campus ministries.

GUEST PREACHER. Joining us this morning is Rev. Howard Thomas of Houston, Texas. A 2016 seminary graduate, he interned at the LCMS congregation Oikos Lutheran Church in Houston while in seminary. Howard currently is working with youth at the Christian non-profit organization Agape Development, Inc., in Houston while preparing for his colloquy with the LCMS.

Coffee mugs: If you placed an order with Pastor for your Reformation coffee cup, please be sure to pay for the mug.

Voter's assembly: January 8, 2016 after church.

Stewardship news: January 14, 2017 we will have a chicken dinner fund raiser for the general fund.

Altar Flowers: The 2017 sign-up sheet for altar flowers is now posted in the Fellowship Hall. Flowers may be given to celebrate birthdays or anniversaries, in memory of a family member or friend or for another reason. As a reminder, flowers are \$35 and the donation for the flowers may be placed in your weekly contribution envelope. In order to properly track receipts for the flowers, identify the \$35 as a special offering designated for "Flowers" on the line provided. It should not be included on the line for your weekly contribution. The donation will be listed on your annual contribution statement but should not be thought of as part of an annual pledge.

This Week's Calendar

GOD'S PEOPLE AT CHURCH

Last Sunday's Worship Service 86

Sunday school (*children & youth*)

Bible Class (*& staff*) 12

TODAY – December 25, 2016

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am COMMUNION SERVICE

WEDNESDAY –December 28

11:00am No Bible Class this week

THURSDAY – December 29

9:30am No Bible Class this week

SATURDAY – December 31

7:00am Bible Study (sermon study) at
Goldsborro Bakery

NEXT SUNDAY – January 1, 2017

9:00am COMMUNION SERVICE

10:30am Bible Class/Sunday School



Have a Blessed and Joyful
Christmas Day

CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY
DECEMBER 25, 2016

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