



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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Opening Hymn "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LSB 515

Versicles p.219 (Advent)

PSALMODY

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Additional Psalm See insert

Office Hymn "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" LSB 345

READINGS

Readings Zephaniah 3:14-20 **Philippians 4:4-7** **Luke 7:18-28**

Reading Response

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Sermon

CANTICLE

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Offering

PRAYER

Kyrie p.227

Lord's Prayer

Collects

Collect of the Day See insert

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Collect for Grace p. 228

Benedicamus/Benediction

Closing Hymn "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" LSB 352

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council Notes: Contribution amount needed per week is \$3,456.72 to meet current budget. Amount received for Last Sunday: \$3,355.00.

Those who serve us today: Ushers: Mel Parker, Joseph Parker, and Albert Claude. Elder: Bruce Fenske. Organist: Betty Lou Phillips. Acolyte: Austin Kessler.

Those for whom we are praying: Those who are suffering: Alaska residents affected by earthquake, California residents affected by the fires. Bill Smith, Taylor Barnes, Ellen Wilson, Donna Elias, Sylvia Rambo, Donald Hallquist, Christopher Fenske, Contessa Holtz, Connie Siqueiros, and Zoey Gains. **Those who serve us in the Military:** Jacob LeClerc, Dylan MacFarlane, Michael & Jessica Pray, Victor Greenfield, Jake Decklever, Michael Yelland, Jeremy Rankin, Cameron Simon, Shane Helton, Dan Tjalsma, Kevin Sengvanhphen, Jon Charles, and Shane Summers **Those who spread the Gospel overseas:** Rev. Dennis Meeker **Those who spread the Gospel on our Campuses:** AWC Campus Ministry, LCMSU-UofA.

What Child Is This? This is the theme for this year's Advent Midweek services. As the angel Gabriel answered this question by telling the shepherd's, "a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" and the hymnist wrote, "This, this is Christ the king," so it is that we, too, shall answer this important question leaving no doubt that this child is none other than the Son of God, sent to be the fulfillment of Scripture. Midweek service this week is on **Wednesday December 12th at 7:00pm with a potluck dinner beginning at 6:00pm** in the parish hall. Come and join us as we reflect on the Scriptures and this little child who became flesh so that we could be forgiven?
Advent III: Wednesday, Dec. 19, The Child Who Is John's Joy

Mission Board: Caroling today at 1:30. Bring your Santa hats and not-so-ugly sweaters and help bring some good cheer to those who aren't able to get out right now.

The sock tree is ready to receive your gifts. Socks can be hung on the tree for all ages until Sunday, December 16th. They will then be taken to Crossroads Mission for the men's and family shelter.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 7:00 PM. Christmas Day Worship Service will be at 10:00 AM.

Christmas Poinsettias: The Altar Guild will be purchasing 10 Poinsettias for Christmas this year. If you are able to donate towards the purchase of a poinsettia, you may put the money in your offering envelope and mark the \$10 under special gift specified for altar guild poinsettias. Remember to take your plant home after Christmas Day Service.

This Week's Calendar

GOD'S PEOPLE AT CHURCH
Last Sunday's Worship Service 90
Bible Class (& staff) 12

TODAY – December 16, 2018
9:00am COMMUNION SERVICE
10:30am Voters' Assembly
1:30pm Caroling

WEDNESDAY – December 19
5:00pm Confirmation
6:00pm Dinner pot luck
7:00pm Advent Midweek Worship

THURSDAY – December 20
9:30am Bible study in Education Bldg

SATURDAY – December 22
7:00am Bible Study at Goldsborro
Bakery

NEXT SUNDAY – December 23
9:00am COMMUNION SERVICE
10:30am Bible Class/Sunday School

THE THIRD SUNDAY in ADVENT
SUNDAY
DECEMBER 16, 2018

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