



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 in the Narthex 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	“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”	#915
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Old Testament	Genesis 12:1-9	
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Alleluia and Verse	<i>omitted during Lent</i>	
Holy Gospel	John 3:1-17	
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Hymn of the Day	“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”	#708
Sermon	“The Cross Is What Counts”	
Prayer Response		
P: Lord, in Your mercy,		
C: hear our prayer.		
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Communion Hymns	“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”	#429
	“God Loved the World So That He Gave”	#571
	“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”	#918
Post-Comm. Canticle	p. 164 “Thank the Lord”	
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Closing Hymn	“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”	#702

COMMUNION STATEMENT: 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

<u>Those who serve us today:</u>	Elder(s):	Bruce Fenske, Albert Claude
	Ushers:	Ryan Pope, Mark Johnson
	Organist:	Substitute Organist Service

Church Council Notes: Contribution amount needed per week is \$3,412.00 to meet current budget. Amount received for Last Week: \$1,887.77 PushPay Donations:

Those for whom we are praying:

Those in need of healing: Jeanene Euhus, Kelvin Johnson, Julie Shine, Valorie Hess, Ruth Humphries, Cheyenne Ellis, Jade Renae, Marie Wix, Dave Houser, Hannah Fennell, Dean Reichert, Cindy Lange
Those facing conflicts in countries around the world

Those in the Military: Jacob LeClerc, Hannah and Cole Fennell, Michael & Jessica Pray, Zack Dusek, Ayden Dusek, Victor Greenfield, David Rochester, Shane Helton, Tanner Cook, Jason Herwig, Hannah and Jonnie Vergara-Fountain, William Swan, David Schleusener, Sean Wilson, Madelyn Atchley

Those who Protect & Heal: Law Enforcement, Fire-Rescue-First Responders, all Medical Workers

Those spreading the Gospel: Rev. Dennis Meeker and all missionaries at large

Are you able to **help with coffee set up** on Sunday mornings in March and April? Please let Paula know and sign up on the coffee sheet. Thank you!

The next **4 C’s Craft Group** will meet tomorrow, Monday, March 2nd from 10:00am-2:00pm. We will be making Easter table decorations. Please RSVP to Pam if you plan to attend.

The March Fellowship Dinner will be this Thursday, March 5th at 5:30pm at Dirty South BBQ. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

Stewardship Encouragement: John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” This is perhaps the most well-known and beloved verse in the New Testament, for good reason. This simple Gospel message is the foundation for our whole life, including our new life in Christ. This new life is characterized by thankfulness and devotion to our Father who has provided for us so lavishly in Christ.

Reading Synopsis for today: The Word of the Gospel Opens the Eyes of Faith and Fixes Them on Christ Jesus:

The Lord called Abram (Abraham) to leave his home and go to a land that God would show him. He also promised to make of Abram “a great nation,” to bless him and make his name great as a blessing to “all the families of the earth” (Gen. 12:2–3). “Abram went, as the LORD had told him” (Gen. 12:4), and in Canaan “he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD” (Gen. 12:8). He “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness” (Rom. 4:3). Here the grace of God is manifested, that He “justifies the ungodly” (Rom. 4:5), not by works of the Law, but through faith in His promises. He removes all of our sins and lawless deeds through Jesus Christ, the offspring of Abraham in whom all the Lord’s promises are realized. This forgiveness of sins is the Word of the Gospel, the voice of the Holy Spirit, which “gives life to the dead” (Rom. 4:17). It opens the eyes of faith to behold Christ Jesus, the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, “that whoever believes in him may have eternal life” (John 3:14–15).

The Lutheran Hour: Are you interested in growing in your Christian faith? Have you considered Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM)? LHM shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ through radio and podcasts as well as devotional materials. Their mission is *Bringing Christ to the Nations® – and the Nations to the Church*. If you'd like to listen to The Lutheran Hour on Sundays, it is available on 90.1FM at 8:00am, 103.1FM at 10:00am, and 88.1FM at 11:30am. The Lutheran Hour is also available on Sirius XM – Family Talk – 131 at 8:00am on Sundays. You can also find LHM on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, iHeart Podcasts, and YouTube Music. There is also an LHM app on the Apple App Store, Google Play, and amazon Appstore.

This Week's Calendar

TODAY – March 1st

9:00am Divine Service 1 with Communion
10:30am Bible Study/Sunday School

MONDAY-March 2nd

10:00am 4 C's Craft Group

TUESDAY-March 3rd

6:30pm Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY-March 4th

6:00pm Potluck Dinner
7:00pm Lenten Worship Service

THURSDAY-March 5th

10:00am Bible Study in Education Bldg.
5:30pm Fellowship Dinner

SATURDAY-March 7th

7:00am Goldsboro Bible Study
9:00am Elders Meeting

SUNDAY – March 8th

9:00am Divine Service 3 with Communion
10:30am Bible Study/Sunday School

God's People At Church

Last Sunday	60
Adult Bible Class	10
Sunday School	
Lenten Service	23
Thursday Bible Class	12
Last Saturday Bible Class	5



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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
March 1st, 2026