



# 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!

## + DIVINE SERVICE IV +

<b>ORDER OF SERVICE -</b>	<b>p. 203</b>	
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>“Rise, Shine, You People”</b>	<b>#825</b>
<b>Confession</b>	p. 203	
<b>Introit</b>	See insert	
<b>Kyrie</b>	p. 204	
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<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Isaiah 42:14-21</b>	
<b>Gradual</b>	See insert	
<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Ephesians 5:8-14</b>	
<b>Alleluia and Verse</b>	<i>omitted during Lent</i>	
<b>Holy Gospel</b>	<b>John 9</b>	
<b>Apostles’ Creed</b>	p. 207	
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	<b>“God Loved the World So That He Gave”</b>	<b>#571</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>“Is It Karma? No! It’s Grace”</b>	
<b>Prayer Response</b>		
P: Lord, in Your mercy,		
C: hear our prayer.		
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<b>Communion Hymns</b>	<b>“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”</b>	<b>#425</b>
	<b>“The Lamb”</b>	<b>#547</b>
	<b>“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”</b>	<b>#851</b>
<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	p. 211	
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<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<b>“Amazing Grace”</b>	<b>#744</b>

**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

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

**Church Council Notes:** Contribution amount needed per week is \$3,412.00 to meet current budget. Amount received for Last Week: \$1,963.77 PushPay Donations:

### **Those for whom we are praying:**

<b>Those in need of healing:</b>	Jeanene Euhus, Kelvin Johnson, Julie Shine, Valorie Hess, Ruth Humphries, Cheyenne Ellis, Jade Renae, Marie Wix, Dave Houser, Pete Efrogmson, JoDee Frayley Those facing conflicts in countries around the world
<b>Those in the Military:</b>	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
<b>Those who Protect &amp; Heal:</b>	Law Enforcement, Fire-Rescue-First Responders, all Medical Workers
<b>Those spreading the Gospel:</b>	Rev. Dennis Meeker and all missionaries at large

There is a box in the Fellowship Hall to collect your **donations for A Brighter Day**. They are especially in need of heat-proof snacks, bottled water, and men’s clothing.

**Women and the Word** will meet this Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm in the Parish Hall.

**Stewardship Encouragement: Psalm 142:5** – “I cry to you, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.’” The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control, so we can follow His Word in confidence.

**Reading Synopsis for today: By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light:** The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. “For his righteousness’ sake,” He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns “the darkness before them into light” (Is. 42:16) because He is “the light of the world” (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh “while it is day,” until that night “when no one can work” (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though “at one time you were darkness,” now “you are light in the Lord” (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to “awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead” (Eph. 5:14).

# This Week's Calendar

## TODAY – March 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Divine Service 4 with Communion

10:30am Bible Study/Sunday School

## WEDNESDAY-March 18<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm Potluck Dinner

7:00pm Lenten Worship

## THURSDAY-March 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00am Bible Study in Education Bldg.

3:00pm Women and the Word

## SATURDAY-March 21<sup>st</sup>

7:00am Goldsboro Bible Study

## SUNDAY – March 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00am Divine Service 1 with Communion

10:30am Bible Study/Sunday School

## God's People At Church

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Bible Study	9
Sunday School	
Lenten Service	27
Thursday Bible Study	14
Last Saturday Bible Study	7



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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**