



# Calvary Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Pastor Michael Kessler



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 every one of you!

## + DIVINE SERVICE III +

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Sermon	“The Full Life”	
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Prayer of the Church		
Prayer Response		
P:	Lord, in Your mercy,	
C:	hear our prayer.	

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Communion Liturgy	p.194	
Communion Hymn	“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”	#709
	“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”	#711
	“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	#770
Nunc Dimittis	p. 199	
Closing Hymn	“I am Jesus’ Little Lamb”	#740

**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

**Church Council Notes:** Contribution amount needed per week is \$3,412.00 to meet current budget. Amount received for Last Week: \$1,445.00 PushPay donations:

### Those for whom we are praying:

<b>Those in need of healing:</b>	Katrina Capas, Jeanene Euhus, Kelvin Johnson, Julie Shine, Valorie Hess, Ruth Humphries, Cheyenne Ellis, Jade Renae, Marie Wix, Pete Efroymsen, Randy Wix, Alexa Lardin, Pastor Stites Peace, comfort, and healing for those facing wars, conflict, and disasters.
<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, Lauren Allmon
<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

For the month of May, we will be collecting bags of dry pinto beans and rice to **donate to A Brighter Day Ministries**. Please help support this ministry as they serve the homeless spiritually and physically. The donation box is in the Parish Hall.

The **4 C’s Crafting Group** will meet again on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am. We will be making jewelry to take to the PSD LWML Conference. Please RSVP to Pam at 928-580-2732 if you plan to attend.

**Do you have a story about how God has worked in your life that you’d like to share?** If you would like some help or encouragement to write your story, join us on May 5th at 11:00 in the Education Building.

All ladies of the congregation, young and more seasoned, are invited to a **Spring Luncheon** on Saturday, May 9th at 12:00 at Da Boyz. Hopefully everyone can join us for fellowship and good food! Please sign up by May 6th.

**Stewardship Encouragement: 1 Peter 2:21** – “For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.” Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son and to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like and to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. “Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure.”

**Reading Synopsis for today: The Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd:** Although we “were straying like sheep,” the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins “in his body on the tree” (1 Peter 2:24–25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we “have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also “hear his voice” and “know his voice” (John 10:3–4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in “the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship” and in “the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42).

**Thank You** to Pastor Dusek for officiating this morning’s service while Pastor Kessler is away. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated!

**Out of Town:** Pastor Kessler is out of town for most of this week. Should you have an emergency, Pastor Kessler can be reached on his mobile phone. You can also contact one of the elders (Ryan P., Ron H., Bruce F.).

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

## **TODAY – April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** Divine Service 3 with Communion

**10:30am** Bible Study/Sunday School

## **THURSDAY-April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00am** Bible Study in Education Bldg.

## **SATURDAY-May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**7:00am** Goldsboro Bible Study

**9:00am** Elders Meeting

## **SUNDAY – May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00am** Divine Service 4 with Communion

**10:30am** Bible Study/Sunday School

## **God's People At Church**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**