

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**Saturday, January 24, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, January 25, 2026 - 8:00 a.m.**

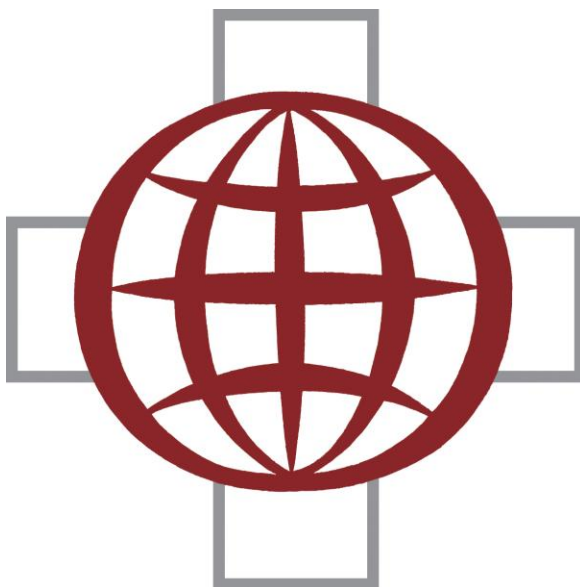
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*The Epiphany season celebrates the revelation of the identity & mission of Jesus to the world.*

## **Theme of the Day**

*Today we begin our National Lutheran Schools Week celebration!*

*Not only do we celebrate the ministry of Calvary Lutheran, but also the ministry of Lutheran High School. As part of this celebration, we welcome many of the students and staff of the high school as they offer their gifts to our time of worship.*



## **A Message to Our Guests**

*We hope your visit with us will be warm, stress-free, and meaningful. While you wait for service to begin, the provided QR code will take you to our guest-focused FAQ ([clcs.org/guests](https://clcs.org/guests)). For more information, please speak with an usher or visit the Welcome Center located in the center of the narthex.*



## **Red Connection Pads**

*We encourage all in attendance to add your name to the red connection pad at the end of your row.*



## **A Note on Offerings**

*In thanksgiving for God's many gifts, we offer to Him what He has first given to us: the first and the best of our time, our talents, and our financial gifts. Offering boxes are located at each entry door or if you would like to contribute online, with either a onetime or ongoing gift, please use [clcs.org/give](https://clcs.org/give) or the QR code to the left.*

# Opening Hymn (Stand on verse 5)

## "The Church's One Foundation"

LSB 644

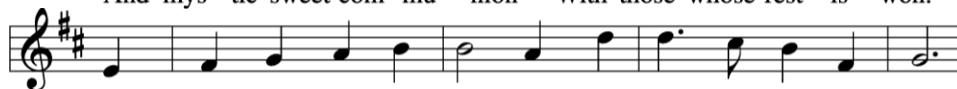
(8:00 a.m.) Accompanied by Lutheran High School Band



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.  
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more  
And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;  
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,  
O bless-ed heav'n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.  
And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
That we, like saints be-fore us, May see You face to face.

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P = Pastor; L = Worship Leader; C = Congregation

### Call to Worship

*The Invocation - Matthew 28:19*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## **Confession of Sin & Announcement of Forgiveness** *Christian Questions and their Answers*

P: Do you believe that you are a sinner?

C: **Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.**

P: How do you know this?

C: **From the Ten Commandments which I have not kept.**

P: Are you sorry for your sins?

C: **Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.**

P: What have you deserved from God because of your sins?

C: **His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.**

*Pause for silent reflection & confession of sins*

P: Do you hope to be saved?

C: **Yes, that is my hope.**

P: In whom then do you trust?

C: **In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: Who is Christ?

C: **The Son of God, true God and man.**

P: How many Gods are there?

C: **Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

P: What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

C: **He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. His kingdom has come near to you in Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, it is my joy to proclaim Jesus' words of peace to you and, by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## **Prayer for God's Mercy**

*The Kyrie - Matthew 20:30-31*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

LSB 204



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. Father in heaven, we thank and praise You for the many blessings You have given us in this life. You give us all that we need and more. Above all, You have given us Your Son and claimed us as Your own. Help us to live in this identity. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Children's Message *(Please be seated)*

## † The Word of the Lord †

### First Reading

“I Am”

*Exodus 3:1-15*

<sup>1</sup> Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” <sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>5</sup> Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup> And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup> He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” <sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’” <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading

“Name Above All Names”

*Philippians 2:5-11*

<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia Verse (*Please stand*)

LSB 205



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

**“Before Abraham was, I Am!”**

*John 8:48-58*

<sup>48</sup> The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” <sup>49</sup> Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup> Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” <sup>52</sup> The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ <sup>53</sup> Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup> Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ <sup>55</sup> But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup> So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

## Shared Confession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day *(Please be seated)*

**“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”** LSB 556  
(8:00 a.m.) Accompanied by the Lutheran High School Band



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion  
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood - ed dark - ly  
4 But God had seen my wretch - ed state Be - fore the world's foun -  
5 God said to His be - lov - ed Son: "It's time to have com -  
7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and  
spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly  
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my  
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for  
pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of My crown, And bring to  
cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I  
rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How  
moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My  
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He  
all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; Slay  
strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And  
His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!  
life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.  
bit - ter death for them that they May live with You for - ev - er."  
where I am you may re - main; The foe shall not di - vide us.

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## Sermon

Sermon Series “Named and Claimed” (Week 1)

*Listen to past sermons or share them with a friend at [clcs.org/sermons](https://clcs.org/sermons).*

## Offering Prayer

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver.*

~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

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## **Prayers** (*Please stand*)

- P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- L: We pray for our Lutheran Schools, that our educators and caregivers would be able to use their God-given gifts and abilities to effectively and meaningfully share the Word of Christ with students and parents, that all would come to know the peace and comfort that comes from a relationship with You. For this, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For children and infants, that they be raised by faithful parents and guardians, and grow in the strength and knowledge of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For those in power, especially elected officials, that they would treat those under their power with justice and compassion, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For the elderly and homebound, that God would strengthen them through His Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For the leaders of this congregation, that God would send His guidance and wisdom for the benefit of this congregation and community, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For those who are sick, recovering, and seeking God's help with the pains of life [*especially . . .*], that they rely on the all-sufficient grace of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For those who mourn the death of loved ones, [*especially . . .*], that they find hope in the resurrection and return of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For those who celebrate special occasions and answered prayers, [*especially . . .*], that their joy be a witness to the goodness of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your power, mercy, and grace.
- C: **Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



## ✠ Holy Communion ✠

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, welcomes us today to the table to receive of the blessings won for us upon the cross. As we draw near confessing our wayward paths and desiring to live a new life in Christ, we examine ourselves as the Bible encourages us to do in 1 Corinthians 11:28. We therefore pause to consider why Jesus gave us this sacred meal and what He now gives us in it, for this is a meal of...

1. **Forgiveness** - Am I sorry for my sin and desire God's forgiveness? (Matthew 26:28)
2. **Faith** - Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that he is truly present in this meal for my benefit? (1 Corinthians 11:26-28)
3. **Fellowship** - Do I come to this table desiring reconciliation with others (Matthew 5:23-24), and am I in agreement with the beliefs of this faith community? (1 Corinthians 10:16-21)

New to Calvary or have questions? Feel free to speak to a pastor before or after service.

Those not receiving communion may remain seated or come forward for a blessing from the pastor.

Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving communion.

**When invited forward by an usher, please line up in front of the communion rail.**

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the end of the first row on the way to the communion rail.*

*Non-alcoholic (white) wine is available at the center of the communion tray.*

**After being dismissed with a blessing, please return to your seat using the center aisle.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and singing:

**Song of the Angels** (*Sung*)

*The Sanctus - Isaiah 6:3*

*LSB 208*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Words of Our Lord**

*The Words of Institution - Mt. 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor 11:23-25*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

**Lamb of God** (*Sung*)

*The Agnus Dei - John 1:29*

*LSB 210*

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

**Special Music (8:00 a.m.)**      **“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**      *Lutheran High School Band*  
*(For meditation and reflection, the text may be followed in the hymnal - LSB 739.)*

### For Prayer & Personal Reflection

**“Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)**

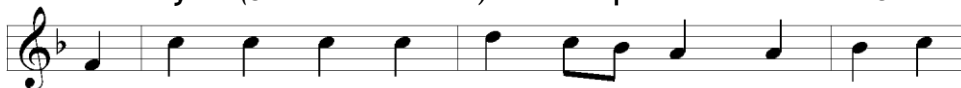
*What does it practically mean in my daily decisions, priorities, and habits to confess that “Jesus is Lord?”*

*Where might my “words” confess Christ, but my actions quietly deny His authority?*

*How does believing in the resurrection shape the way I face fear, suffering, or death today?*

## Distribution Hymn *(Stand on last verse)* “The People That in Darkness Sat”

LSB 412



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring  
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a  
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In  
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their  
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All  
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.  
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r  
Shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based,  
His reign shall have no end,  
His reign shall have no end.

6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
And make us Thine alone,  
Who with the Father ever art  
And Holy Spirit, one,  
And Holy Spirit, one.

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## Post-Communion Hymn

*The Song of Simeon - Luke 2:29-32*

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Blessing

### Post-Communion Prayer

L: Let us pray.

...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### Blessing

*The Benediction of Aaron - Numbers 6:24-26*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

C: Amen.

## Sending Hymn

## “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

LSB 643

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv-ing, To God ev-er-liv-ing,  
 The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
 The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.  
 The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed  
 Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,  
 The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
 Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.  
 The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
 Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
 U-nite us as one in this life that we share.  
 His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
 Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing  
 To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.  
 Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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## Announcements

## ✠ LEADING OUR WORSHIP ✠

**Preacher:** Pastor Tim Benzinger  
**Worship Leader:** (5:30p & 8:00a) Pastor Sam Troemel  
**Organist:** (5:30p & 8:00a) Ryan Rosenau  
**Musicians:** (8:00a) Lutheran High School Concert Band  
**Acolyte:** (5:30p) n/a (8:00a) Hank Finke