

CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chandler, Arizona † January 10 & 11, 2026 † Epiphany I

Welcome. At Calvary, our worship is designed to praise God and enrich faith. We aim to make the service clear and appropriately reverent. For your convenience, the service is printed in its entirety in your bulletin. Please do sign the connection cards in the pews or the guest book by the entryway so that we know you were here in case we didn't get to say hello. Feel free to ask Pastor Spaude, Pastor Sprain, or Mr. Kuether any questions you may have or go to our website, calvarychandler.net

Bring the kids. Our congregation enjoys the worshipping family. Please sit in any pew where you feel comfortable. We do have a message specifically for the children Sunday morning during worship.

May we suggest: Quietly explain the worship service as it takes place. Share with your children the “why” of what they are hearing. Sing the hymns, pray the prayers etc. Children learn behavior by mimicking you. And please remember, if you have to leave the sanctuary (the cry room is located in the back of church) with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. For Jesus said: “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14

To our Calvary Family, the presence of children is a gift to the Church, and they remind us that our church is growing. Give a smile and warm encouragement to them and their families.

Don't feel obligated. Our members give offerings to the Lord as an expression of our thanks and praise for his amazing love! Visitors, please know you are not expected or required to give an offering. It is completely your choice. We are just glad you are here!

Make yourself at home. After the service, we join together for coffee, snacks and conversation. We would be honored if you'd join us.

For those who have hearing issues our sound system allows for you to engage the “T” setting on your hearing aid. There are also hearing devices available. Ask an usher.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

At his baptism Jesus was revealed as the Son of God and commissioned to carry out his work.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Blue: CW 384; Red: CW 93



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 Kings shall bow down be - fore him and gold and in - cense bring;
4 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong,
all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.
from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark-ness turn to light
To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend,
The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
his king - dom still in - crea - sing, a king - dom with - out end.
his name shall stand for - ev - er - that name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.

Tune: Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532–c. 1601

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P: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSiON OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-
ter - - nal; it stands firm in the heav - -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:1–7

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight. I am placing my Spirit on him. He will announce a just verdict for the nations. He will not cry out. He will not raise his voice. He will not make his voice heard in the street. A bent reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out. He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict. He will not burn out, and he will not be broken, until he establishes justice on the earth. The coastlands will wait for his law.

This is what the true God says, the LORD who creates the heavens and stretches them out, who spreads out the earth and everything that it produces, who gives breath to the people on it and life to those who walk on it.

I am the LORD.

I have called you in righteousness.

I will hold on to your hand,
and I will guard you.

I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people,
to be a light for the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring the prisoners out from the dungeon,
and to bring those who sit in darkness out of prison.

The Lord promises to put his Spirit on the Messiah.

PSALM 45

Refrain



Great are the works of the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm 45:
As Jesus
was
anointed at
his baptism
with the
Holy Spirit,
the church
sings of his
glory and
majesty in
the gospel.*

Psalm tone

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My heart is stirred by a noble theme*
as I recite my verses for the King.

You are the most excellent of men,*
and your lips have been anointed with grace.

Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One;*
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

In your majesty ride forth victoriously;
let your right hand display awesome deeds.

Refrain

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever.*
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.

I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;*
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

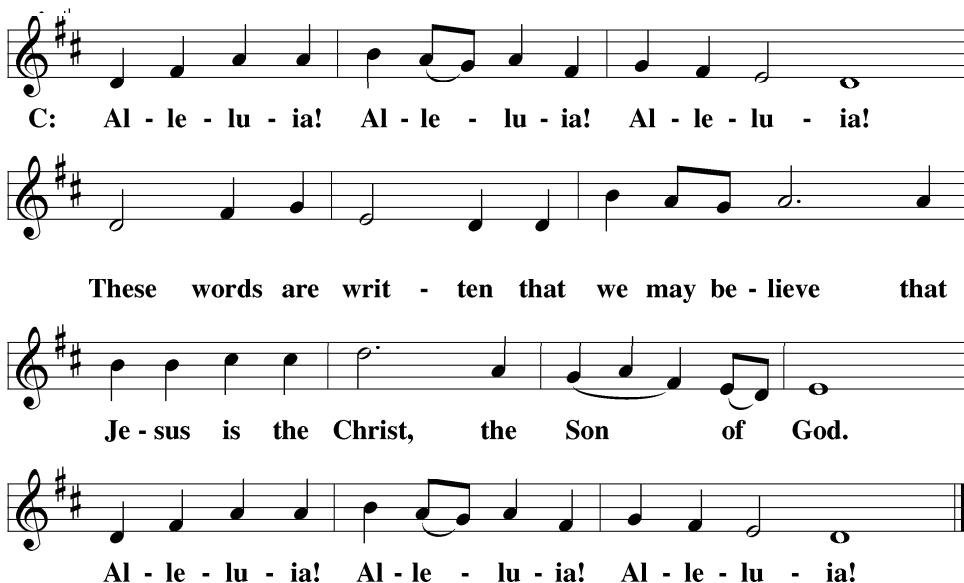
Acts 10:34–38

Then Peter began to speak: “Now I really am beginning to understand that God does not show favoritism, but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. He sent his word to the people of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

“You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached.³⁸ God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him.

The Holy Spirit was poured out on Peter's listeners as he told them how God anointed Jesus.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - - ten that we 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!

GOSPEL

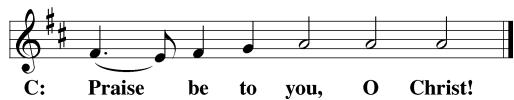
Matthew 3:13–17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized by John at the Jordan. But John tried to stop him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?”

But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, because it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John let him. After Jesus was baptized, he immediately went up out of the water. Suddenly, the heavens were opened for him! He saw the Spirit of God, descending like a dove and landing on him, and a voice out of the heavens said, “This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with him.”

In the waters of the Jordan River, Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Sunday Morning)

Children are invited to come forward to the altar area for the children's sermon at this time. (Parents can come with their children if the children are hesitant to go by themselves.)

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

Blue: CW 377; Red: CW 89



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, the Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— the Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood and John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - drous sound came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, the God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— to stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, the Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is my Son," was



Light from Light, the Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will and all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, de - scand - ed on him from a - bove.
his de - cree, "the one I love, who pleas - es me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
anointed Christ in glorious sight
as God's own choice, from Adam's fall
to save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

Text: James P. Tiefel, b. 1949

Tune: Musicalesch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

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SERMON

Matthew 3:13-17

**Jesus' Baptism: One Small Step for the
Man-God, and One Giant Leap for Mankind.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

Blue: CW 374

1 The star pro - claims the King is here; but, Her - od,
 2 The east - ern Ma - gi saw from far and fol - lowed
 3 With - in the Jor - dan Riv - er stood the pure and
 4 At Ca - na, mir - a - cle di - vine, when wa - ter
 5 All glo - ry un - to Je - sus be and praise for

why this sense - less fear? For he who came from heav - en's
 on his guid - ing star, and, led by light, to Light they
 ho - ly Lamb of God; the Fa - ther's voice, the Spir - it -
 red - dened in - to wine, the faith - ful saw his glo - ry
 his e - piph - a - ny, whom with the Fa - ther we a -

throne does not de - sire an earth - ly crown.
 pressed and by their gifts their God con - fessed.
 dove, con - firmed the Sav - ior from a - bove.
 shown and put their trust in him a - lone.
 dore and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Coelius Sedulius, 5th cent., abr.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Lieder auffs new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1535, ed. Joseph Klug

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PRAYER

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Or

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want Us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



All Who Believe and Are Baptized

Blue: CW 692; Red: CW 299



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized shall see the Lord's sal -
 2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: grant us your Ho - ly
 va - tion; bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, they are a
 Spir - it; help us in our in - firm - i - ty through Je - sus'



new cre - a - tion; through Christ's re - demp - tion they shall stand a -
 blood and mer - it; grant us to grow in grace each day that



mong the glo - ri - ous, heav'n - ly band of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
 by this sac - ra - ment we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.

Tune: Etlich Cristlich lider, Wittenberg, 1524

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU! Hilda and I would like to thank the Calvary congregation for the many cards, gifts, and well-wishes we have received this Christmas. May the Christ-child dwell in your hearts forever! –Charlie Kuether

After Church Refreshments – Don't forget! There is a snack sign-up sheet on the back counter in the entryway of church through April 2026. Anyone willing to provide refreshments, please pick a date that works for you. You can also donate money to the cause. Give your donation to Barb Converse and she will purchase the snacks. Thank you!

Making Valentines for local hospice groups and food banks on Saturday, January 24th at 9AM in Calvary's fellowship hall. Bring your friends. Come for some or stay for all. All materials will be provided. Any questions, contact Liz Hawkes at 480-309-5490.

Sunday Adult Bible Study: A multi-media Bible study of this fascinating New Testament book, *Revelation: Get Pumped for the End*.

Wednesday Evening Bible Class: A multi-media Bible Study on the New Testament book of *Colossians* on Wednesdays at 7PM.

Book Club: Our January selection for book club will be by Amy Trueblood, *Across a Broken Shore*. This was from the same author who joined us in September. It takes place in San Francisco around the building of the Golden Gate Bridge. The author writes so well that you feel that you are right there in that period of time. We will meet on January 25th at 3PM in the fellowship hall. It will be hosted by Hilda Kuether, and we welcome all to come and join us even if you don't get a chance to read the book.

The Quarterly Voters' Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 25th after the church service.

Guinea Pig Potluck & Bingo - It's the time of year again for the annual Guinea Pig Potluck and Bingo night on Sunday, February 1st @ 4PM. Bring a dish you never made before and let everyone else be your guinea pigs! It's always great food! Bingo to follow with the coveted prunes as the prize everyone tries to win! It's all fun with wonderful fellowship. Hope to see you there. Signup sheet is on the back counter of the church.

Last week at Calvary:

41 attended Saturday service and 113 attended Sunday service.

\$7,016.95 was given for the work of the Lord. Included in this, \$135 for the Capital Improvement Fund, \$573 for the Parish Assistance Fund, and \$410 for the Instrument Fund

Pastor: Martin Spaude

Pianist: Jean Wynia

Trumpeter: Tim Moke

Head Usher: James Armbruster

Ushers: Gary Warskow, Philip Warskow, Jacob Warskow