

CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chandler, Arizona † January 31 & February 1, 2026 † Epiphany 4

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

Though the world may look down on us, Jesus chose us to be his own and has called us blessed.

SERVICE OF THE WORD & SACRAMENT

Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him

Blue: CW 619; Red: CW 235

1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly

Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and
 par - don and peace from him ob - tain; ev - er the
 earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 of him who does such won-drous things! All that has

an - thems I'll come be - fore him as long as
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, their faith - ful
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal when the dark
 be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, with hap - py

he al - lows me breath. From him my life and
 God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren
 grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can
 heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with

all things came; bless, O my soul, his ho - ly
 in dis - tress, the wid - ows and the fa - ther -
 help af - ford, trust on - ly Christ, our God and
 an - gel host praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 less. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann D. Herrnschmidt, 1675–1723, abr.; tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866–1949, alt.
 Tune: New-vermehrte Christliche Seelenharpf., Ansbach, 1665
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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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ 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 AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

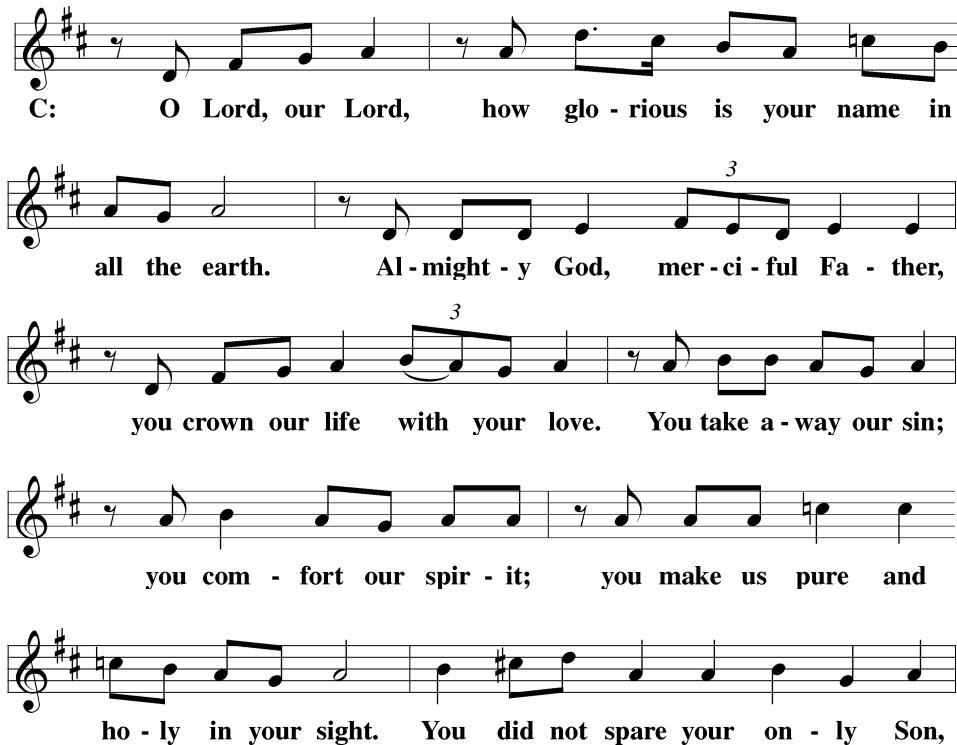
P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11–13

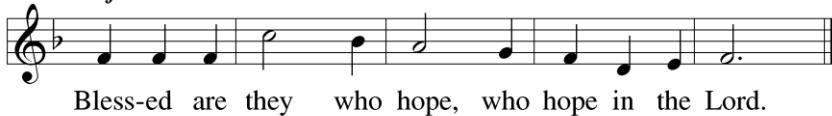
Seek the LORD, all you humble people of the earth who have carried out his commands. Seek righteousness. Seek humility. Maybe then you will be sheltered in the day of the LORD's anger.

In that day you will no longer bear the shame of your rebellions against me. Then I will remove the proud boasters from among you, and you will never again be arrogant on my holy hill. But I will leave among you the people who are humble and weak. They will seek refuge in the name of the LORD. The Israelites who remain will no longer act unjustly. They will not lie, and a deceitful tongue will not be found in their mouth. Instead, they will graze peacefully like sheep and lie down. No one will terrify them.

The Lord promises that those who trust him will not be put to shame.

PSALM 1

Refrain



Psalm tone



Blessed is the man
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
And on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season*
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.

Refrain

*Psalm 1:
How
blessed
are those
who walk
in the
ways of
the Lord.*

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,*
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

*God changes
how we view
ourselves by
connecting
us to Christ
Jesus.*

For example, consider your call, brothers. Not many of you were wise from a human point of view, not many were powerful, and not many were born with high status. But God chose the foolish things of the world to put to shame those who are wise. God chose the weak things of the world to put to shame the things that are strong, and God chose the lowly things of the world and the despised things, and the things that are not, to do away with the things that are, so that no one may boast before God. But because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us the wisdom from God, namely, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. God did this so that, just as it is written, “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

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.



(SUNDAY ONLY)

Pilgrim Junior Choir: **Light of the World**
God So Loved the World

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
because they will be comforted.

Blessed are the gentle,
because they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
because they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
because they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
because they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
because they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

In the Beatitudes, our Savior turns the ideas of the world upside down.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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.)

I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

Blue: CW 816; Red: CW 446



1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, trust - ing on - ly you;
2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; at your feet I bow,
3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing in the crim - son flood;
4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; you a - lone shall lead,



trust - ing you for full sal - va - tion, free and true.
for your grace and ten - der mer - cy trust - ing now.
trust - ing you to make me ho - ly by your blood.
ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing all my need.

5 I am trusting you for power;
you can never fail.

Words which you yourself shall give me
must prevail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;
never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever
and for all.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

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SERMON

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

A Church Fully Equipped to Boast...in the Lord.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was

incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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 SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal-

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion: Our church practices “Member Communion.” If you are a guest today and are a confirmed member of another WELS or ELS church, we invite you to the Lord’s Table with us. If you are a guest today and are not a member of one of our Wisconsin Synod churches, we ask that you would speak to Pastor Spaude after church today or at some other time to discuss receiving the Lord’s Supper with us in the future.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

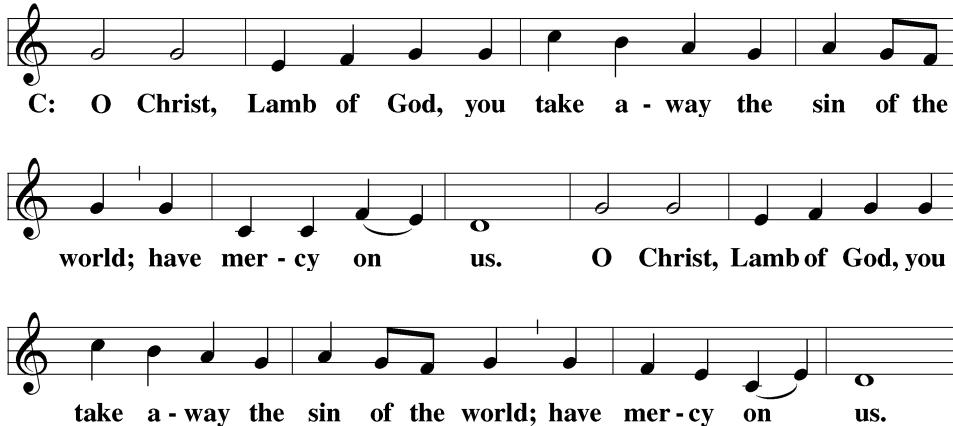
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

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

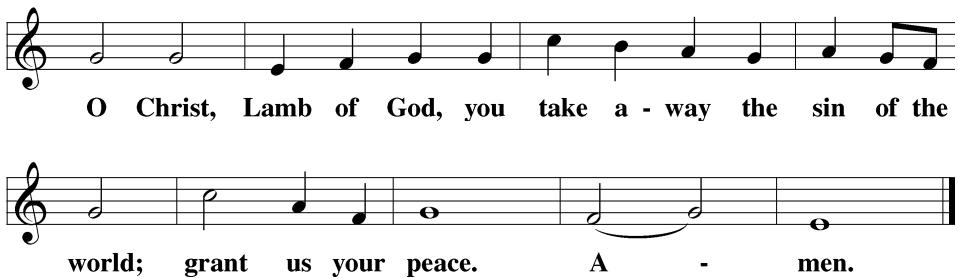


C: A - men.

CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

I Leave All Things to God's Direction

Blue: CW 799; Red: CW 414

1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; he loves me
2 God knows what must be done to save me; his love for
3 God gives me help in all temp - ta - tion, his lov - ing
4 My God has all things in his keep - ing; he is my

both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure his af -
me will nev - er cease. Up - on his hands he did en -
goal my soul to save. Calm in the face of life's frus -
ev - er - faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter

fec - tion; his ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress
grave me with pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -
tra - tion, all earth - ly trou - ble I will brave. His will be
weep - ing, and all his ways in bless - ings end. His love en -

and my rock is he: what pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
preme must ev - er be: what pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
done e - ter - nal - ly: what pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
dures e - ter - nal - ly: what pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

Text: Salomo Franck, 1659–1725, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: Georg C. Neumark, 1621–1681

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THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:



C: A - men.

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.

C:



Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Blue: CW 849; Red: CW 439



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home.



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
so take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We thank the Junior Choir, under the direction of Ellen Stevenson, from Pilgrim Lutheran Church and School in Mesa for singing in our service today. Members Jenna, Micah, Aaron and Grace Traudt attend Pilgrim School.

Parish Assistance Fund – As it is the first weekend of the month, there will be a door collection for the Parish Assistance Fund as you leave church.

The Quarterly Voters' Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 1st after the church service.

You are invited to Peace Lutheran Church for their Community Open House on Saturday, February 21st from 12-4PM and the Building Dedication Service / Potluck which will be held Sunday, February 22nd at 4PM. Peace Lutheran is located at 15317 E Riggs Road in Gilbert.

Book club: In February, book club will be discussing *Come Back to Me* by Jody Hedlund. Marian Creighton and her father have been working to find a cure for a genetic disease her sister carries and that already took her mother's life. Her father may have discovered the ultimate cure for any disease. But in testing the cure, her father falls into a coma. Marian must find this cure herself to save her father but in following her father's research she time travels to the Middle Ages during a peasant uprising and is rescued by a valiant knight. Find out what happens and join us for book club on Sunday, February 22nd @ 3PM.

After Church Refreshments – There is a snack sign-up sheet on the back counter in the entryway of church through April. 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. Thanks!

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.

Last week at Calvary:

31 attended the Saturday service and 111 attended the Sunday service.

\$8,196.50 was given for the work of the Lord. Included in this, \$410 for Instruments, \$25 for Capital Improvement and \$3 by the Sunday School children.

Pastor: Martin Spaude

Organist: Liz Hawkes

Communion Assistant: Phillip Cross

Head Usher: James Armbruster

Ushers: James Armbruster, Nate Traudt, Celeb Cole, Ethan Cole

