

CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chandler, Arizona † March 7 & 8, 2026 † Lent 3

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

In life we thirst for many things, but only one is there to satisfy our greatest need: Jesus the water of life.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Blue: CW 708



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to
2 Hith - er - to thy love has blessed me, thou hast drawn me
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -



sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
to this place; and I know thy hand will lead me
strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,



call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
safe - ly home by thy good grace. Je - sus sought me when a
bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I



son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise his
stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; he, to
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my



name, I'm fixed up - on it, name of God's re - deem - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, Harrisburg, 1813, ed. John Wyeth

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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.**

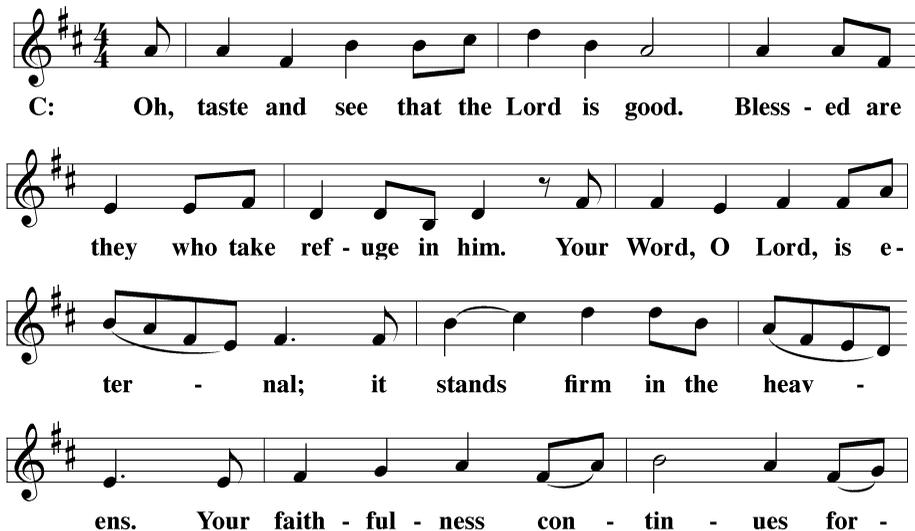
P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "Oh, Taste and See". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

P: Let us pray.

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 in to 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.

C: A - men.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

The entire Israelite community set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin as the LORD had commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses said to them, “Why are you quarreling with me? Why are you testing the LORD?”

But the people were thirsty for water there, so they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you ever bring us up out of Egypt to let us, our children, and our livestock die of thirst?”

Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me!”

The LORD said to Moses, “Go in front of the people, and take the elders of Israel with you. Also take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Watch me. I will stand there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. You are to strike the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will drink.” Moses did

In his grace, God gives undeserving people water from a stone.

that in the sight of the elders of Israel. He named the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

PSALM 95 The Rock of Our Salvation

Refrain

*Psalm
95: The
Messiah
is our
Rock of
salvation.*



Let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

Come, let us sing for joy / to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the rock of our sal- / vation.

Let us come before him with thanks- / giving
and extol him with mu- / sic and song.

For the LORD is the / great God,
the great King a- / bove all gods.

In his hand are the depths / of the earth,
and the mountain peaks be- / long to him.

The sea is his, for he / made it,
and his hands formed the / dry land. *Refrain*

Come, let us bow down in / worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our / maker;
for he is our God and we are the people of his / pasture,
the flock under / his care.

Today, if only you would / hear his voice,
“Do not hard- / en your hearts
as you did at / Meribah,
as you did that day at Massah in the / wilderness.”

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

Tune: May Schwarz

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SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1–8

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we also have obtained access by faith

into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

God's love is poured into our hearts like living water.

GOSPEL

John 4:5–26

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone into town to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

"Sir," she said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this living water? You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his animals."

Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life."

"Sir, give me this water," the woman said to him, "so I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here."

"I have no husband," the woman answered.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say, 'I have no husband.' In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

Jesus calls a Samaritan woman to faith, providing living water for her thirsty soul.

“Sir,” the woman replied, “I see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews insist that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. But a time is coming and now is here when the real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for those are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (the one called Christ). “When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

Jesus said to her, “I, the one speaking to you, am he.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

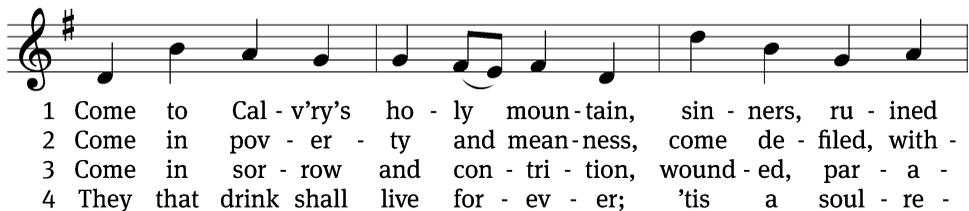


CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Sunday Morning)

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.)

Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain

Blue: CW 394; Red: CW 106





by the fall; here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; from in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 lyzed, and blind; here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



flows to you, to me, to all, in a full, per -
 from the lep - ro - sy of sin, wash your robes and
 here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 break his cov - e - nant of blood, signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, o - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; you shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; they that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
 Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
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SERMON

Romans 5:1-8 The Paradox of Lent: Joy in Suffering

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.

Preserve Your Word, O Savior

Blue: CW 874; Red: CW 289



1 Pre - serve your Word, O Sav - ior, to us this lat - ter
2 Pre - serve your Word and preach - ing, the truth that makes us
3 Pre - serve in wave and tem - pest your storm-tossed lit - tle



day, and let your king - dom flour - ish; en - large your
whole, the mir - ror of your glo - ry, the pow'r that
flock; as - sailed by wind and weath - er, may it en -



Church, we pray. O keep our faith from fail - ing, keep
saves the soul. Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, this
dure each shock. Come take the helm, our pi - lot, and



hope's bright star a - glow; let noth - ing turn us
spring of heav'n - ly grace, sus - tain us while here
set the course a - right; then we will reach the



from you while wan-d'ring here be - low.
 liv - ing un - til we see your face.
 har - bor in your e - ter - nal light.

Text: Andreas Gryphius, 1616–1664, abr.; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891–1976, alt.
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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.



C: A - men.

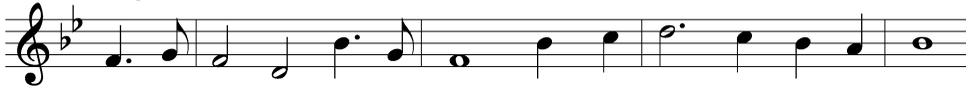
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



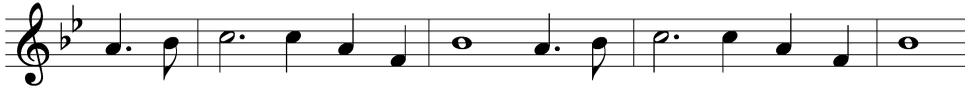
C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Blue: CW 839; Red: CW 389



- 1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
- 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
- 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
- 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midweek Lenten Services: Midweek Lenten Services will continue on Wednesday, March 11th at 11AM and 7PM. There will be a dinner served prior to the evening service, beginning at 5:30 PM.

Sunday Adult Bible Study: Dragons, angels, talking frogs, locusts with scorpion tails, seven-headed monsters, a woman with wings. Oh my. What is this? Characters from the latest sci-fi film? No. They are details from a 2,000-year-old vision the Apostle John received on the Greek island of Patmos. This vision is recorded in the last book of the Bible: *Revelation*. Join our Sunday morning Bible Class for a multi-media Bible study of this fascinating New Testament book. *Revelation: Get Pumped for the End.*

Book Club: March's book is "A Stranger's Game" by Colleen Coble...

Even though Torie Bergstrom hasn't been back to Georgia since she was ten, she was happy to arrange a job for her best friend at one of the family properties on Jekyll Island. But when Torie learns that Lisbeth has drowned, she knows it is more than a tragic accident: Lisbeth was terrified of water and wouldn't have gone swimming by choice.

Come join us at 3PM on March 29th to find out how it ends. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend. Questions, please contact Kris Powell at 602-463-5843 or krispowell316@gmail.com.

Come enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship at Quarthaus in downtown Chandler on March 22nd starting at 3PM! There's plenty of outdoor space to relax, connect, and enjoy time together. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Parking is conveniently located across the street in the parking garage. For questions and to RSVP, call or text Jackie Corry at (480) 352-2368. We can't wait to see you there!

Friendship Circle FAMILY Event: Mark your calendars, *ALL ARE INVITED*, for Sunday, April 19th at 4PM at Calvary for a Friendship Circle Family Event! There will be cornhole games and making your own pizza! Dough, sauce and cheese will be provided. A sign-up sheet for toppings is on the back counter of the entryway to church. Any questions, please speak to Debbie Spaude.

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!

Last week at Calvary:

44 attended the Saturday service and 109 attended the Sunday service.

\$7,687.07 was given for the work of the Lord. Included in this, \$50 for Capital Improvement, \$365 for Parish Assistance Fund and \$4.01 by the Sunday School children.

Pastor: Martin Spaude

Pianist: Jean Wynia

Trumpeter: Tim Moke

Head Usher: James Armbruster

Ushers: Ron Converse, Mark Mundt, Ben Coker, Robert Knox