CALVARY COURIER

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 2026

Upcoming Events

Nov. 10th – Mornings with Mommy – "Harvest Time: Apples, Corns & Gourds" @ 10AM

Nov. 26th – Thanksgiving Service @ 10AM
Potluck dinner follows the service.



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CW 880: For All the Saints

The festival of All Saints' Day has traditionally been celebrated by the church on November 1. All Saints' Day has its roots in the ancient Christian Church as a day to remember the martyrs who gave their lives for their confession of faith. All Saints' Day encourages us to look back in time and give thanks to God for the Christian saints and martyrs who have preceded us. In modern times we often use this day to remember all those saints who have been called home to heaven in the last year. The festival of All Saints reminds us that we too await that glorious day when we will be called home to heaven and receive our eternal reward.

For all the Saints is a glorious hymn of praise that reminds us that our salvation is found in Christ alone. While we are alive in this world, we are part of the church militant. We face a constant struggle against the forces of Satan who wants to lead the whole world astray. When a Christian dies they are no longer a part of the church militant but become a part of the church triumphant. Our battle is ended, and we receive the glorious crown of eternal life that is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord. *For All the Saints* reminds us of this truth and comforts us as we remember all those who have died and received the crown of life.

> ***Verses 1-2: For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Many people wrongly believe that a saint is someone who lived a perfect and virtuous life. Scripture reminds us that there is only one person who has ever been perfect, Jesus. All of us are by nature lost and condemned creatures who deserve only God's wrath and punishment. The saints we sing about in this hymn are the believers who have died and now received their eternal rest and reward in heaven. As we remember those who have died in the Lord we remember the example of their faith. Their faith was not based on their works or their righteousness but was founded on the solid rock of Christ alone.

> ***Verses 3-4: Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold fight as the saints who nobly fought of old and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia! Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

While we live on this earth we fight a constant battle against the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh. This battle has been raging since Adam and Eve fell into sin. All believers throughout the ages of this world have struggled against sin and temptation. On our own, we could never win, but God in his great mercy sent Jesus to be our champion and defeat the power of the devil. By his death and resurrection, Christ has destroyed the devil's work. When we die, we receive the glory of heaven and are freed from the power of sin and death. As we continue in our struggle, we look forward to the day we can join those who have gone before and dwell in the glory of the Lord.

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Verses 5-6: And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph-song, and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia! The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

As Christians we long for the day when we will be united with our Lord in the never-ending joy of heaven. We grow weary in our struggles in this world. The festival of All Saints reminds us that there is an end to our struggle. We look forward with joy and longing to the day of our Lord's return. Heaven is a glorious rest from the pain and sorrow of this world. In heaven, we will know peace and joy as we dwell in the eternal light and love of our Lord.

Verses 7-8: But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia! From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

At times it can feel like we are all alone in our struggle. *For all the Saints* reminds us that we are part of a countless host of believers. On the Last Day, our Lord will return in all his glory, and we will join the triumphant host as we stream through the gates of heaven. On that Last Day, the church militant will no longer exist. We will all be part of the church triumphant. The struggle will be complete, and we will dwell forever in the glory of the new heavens and the new earth.

For all the Saints is a wonderful reminder of the connection we have to those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. Death is a terrible thing and was never part of God's plan for creation. Death separates us from those that we love. But that separation will not last. As Christians we know that death is not the end for us, but just the beginning of our eternal life with the Lord. As we think about those who have fallen asleep in the Lord, we rejoice in the crown of salvation that they have now received and we look forward to that great day when we will be united with all the saints at the wedding supper of the Lamb.

Pastor Martin Spaude

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Calvary's Mission Statement
As members of this congregation, our constant aim is to share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ with all people based on the inspired, infallible Holy Scriptures and to exemplify our faith through Christian living commissioned by our Savior.

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November Worship

Use this Schedule to Prepare Yourself

October 31 & November 1 — All Saints Day

Theme: We remember all the saints who have gone before us and are now at home in heaven with the Lord.
Liturgy: Service of the Word & Sacrament
Psalm 148
Lessons: Revelation 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
Hymns: Blue: 881, 880 vs. 1-6, 883, 880 vs. 7-8
Red: ---, 551 vs. 1-6, 550, 551 vs 7-8

November 7 & 8 — Pentecost 24

Theme: The time between Christ's first and second coming is a time for watchfulness.
Liturgy: Service of the Word
Psalm 90
Lessons: Isaiah 52:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:1-13
Hymns: Blue: 870, 486, 820, 884
Red: ---, 206, 441, 219

November 14 & 15 — Pentecost 25

Theme: We are in the End Times, and thus we use our gifts and talents in an orderly way for God's glory.
Liturgy: Common Service with Communion
Psalm 146
Lessons: Isaiah 1:10-18; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 25:14-30
Hymns: Blue: 695, 751, 740, 604
Red: 469, ---, 459, 259

November 21 & 22 — Last Sunday of the Church Year

Theme: Judgment Day does not scare believers because we yearn for Christ to come again and usher us into the best possible life of everlasting glory.
Liturgy: Service of the Word
Psalm 98
Lessons: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:31-46
Hymns: Blue: 921, 485, 614, 846
Red: ---, 209, 240, 211

November 26 — Thanksgiving

Theme: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. And his mercy endures forever.
Hymns: Blue: 597, ---, 507, 549, 506, 621
Red: 610, 27, 260, ---, 611, ---

November 28 & 29 — Advent 1 (B)

Theme: Jesus comes to bring salvation, won by his holy life and innocent sacrificial death.
Liturgy: Service of the Word
Psalm 24
Lessons: Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 11:1-10
Hymns: Blue: 309, 301, 305, 319
Red: 1, 2, 3, 26

Stewardship Tools

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as his own. By the shedding of his Son's blood, by his death for our sins and his resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into his family. By water combined with his Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in him. And being in him, all things are ours. In him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most Holy Trinity and everything that is his belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from his fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from him, and thus, as good stewards of his varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to him. We bring them to him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into his service for his kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus, we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of his promises upon us. We give thanks for all that he has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to him, so that he may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

From Calvary's Stewardship Committee



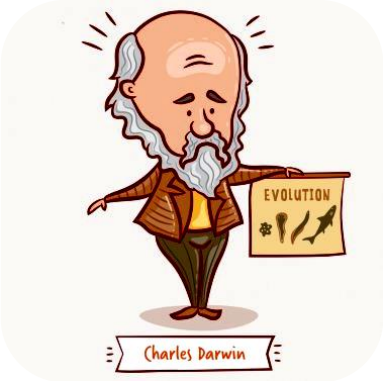
The 50th Anniversary Worship Service will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2027, at 4PM with Pastor Daniel Pautz from Emmanuel in Tempe preaching. Pastor Pautz was integral in getting the first group of people together for Calvary to begin. There will be a dinner served following the service.

Card-making Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 21st at 1PM in the Calvary fellowship hall. Cards will be given to a local food bank and hospice group. Snacks will be provided.
Any questions, please call Liz Hawkes @ 480-309-5490.

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

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.

Wednesday Evening Bible Class



There is no controversy in the scientific community about whether evolution has occurred." (The National Academy of Sciences)

Are scientists really certain about evolution? Join us for a new Bible study that looks at Creation vs. Evolution. This course will help us learn how to talk with our evolutionist friends in a way that provides opportunities for us to share the gospel message about Jesus. In this way, we can reflect God's love to others.

Pastor/Teacher Scholarship Fund: Calvary has a special fund to help any of our members who are attending Martin Luther College (MLC) in New Ulm, MN. And Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon, WI., preparing to be pastors and teachers in our WELS. Currently the fund has $3332.00 in it. We do have one member, Tyler Altman, attending MLC in the pastoral track program. Cost for tuition, room and board at MLC is $25,000.00 per year. Any donations to this fund would be greatly appreciated.

Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO): Christian education is important. Helping our children to grow in their faith in their Savior Jesus is vital for their eternal welfare. Providing an education in a Christian environment where they can learn math, science, history, and all subjects, through the lens of God's Word will prepare them for living productive, Christ-centered lives in this world.

We are blessed to have Pilgrim Lutheran School in Mesa and Emmanuel Lutheran School in Tempe to help with the Christian education of our children. To help with the cost of this Christian education, Arizona's Private School Tax Credit Program is incredibly important. Through this program, you can support Christian education. You can participate in the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO) receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your Arizona state taxes. We have some member children who attend Pilgrim Lutheran School that you can recommend for a scholarship with your tax credit donation to ACSTO. The Traudt children attending Pilgrim are Micah, Aaron and Grace. Jenna Traudt attends Arizona Lutheran Academy. You can give using one of the forms at church or online at: ACSTO.org.



How can I be Christ's ambassador?

Consider pursuing one or more of these

Connect: Say "Hello" to one person in church whom you've never met.

Care: Think of a neighbor or co-worker who is struggling. Reach out with an act of kindness and a prayer.

Consider: What is one barrier preventing visitors from feeling comfortable at your church? How might you remove this barrier?

Invite: Invite someone to a worship service or church event such as a Bible class, fellowship activity, moms group, or community volunteer effort.

Remember: The work of the church is Christ's alone, but Christ works through YOU!



Thanksgiving Worship Service
November 26th @ 10AM



Thanksgivings Potluck

Following the Thanksgiving Day service there will be a turkey thanksgiving potluck in the fellowship hall. A signup sheet is on the back counter for this.



Mornings with Mommy has changed to the second Tuesday of the month! Our next session is Tuesday, November 10th at 10AM. The theme is **"Harvest Time: Apples, Corns & Gourds."**



Midweek Advent will begin on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7PM. There will be a dinner served prior to the service beginning at 5:30PM.



SAVE THE DATE: ORGAN STOP PIZZA!
Calvary has reserved seating once again for Organ Stop Pizza on Sunday December 13th at 4 PM. It's a delightful fellowship opportunity in December as the organist plays Christmas music as well as other popular songs. All are welcome! There will be a sign-up sheet soon on the back counter, so we know how many seats to reserve.

November Worship

Our worship services in November will follow this pattern:

October 31 & November 1: All Saints Festival	*Focus on the Future*
November 7 & 8: Pentecost 24	*Watch for the Final Events*
November 14 & 15: Pentecost 25	*Put Your Affairs in Order*
November 21 & 22: Last Sunday of the Church Year	*Hope for the Best*
November 26: Thanksgiving	*Thank the Lord*
November 28 & 29: Advent	*Jesus, Bring Your Gift of Salvation*

November Birthdays

Savanna Holguin	Nov. 3
Jeff DeSormeau	Nov. 5
Hannah Mundt	Nov. 5
Amy Magin	Nov. 7
Cora Schroeder	Nov. 7
Stephanie Osswald	Nov. 9
Randi Rasmussen	Nov. 9
Karen Nolan	Nov. 9
Rebecca Mundt	Nov. 10
Abel Fong	Nov. 13
Tyler Hakes	Nov. 17
Patrick Strand	Nov. 18
Larry Altman	Nov. 19
Adam Cross	Nov. 25
Betty Hoover	Nov. 26
Rachael Altman	Nov. 29



If your birthday is not listed, please email the office manager, Randi, at office@calvarychandler.net so your records can be updated.

November

1	Luke 23-24
2	John 1-3
3	John 4-5
4	John 6-8
5	John 9-10
6	John 11-12
7	John 13-16
8	John 17-18
9	John 19-21
10	Acts 1-2
11	Acts 3-4
12	Acts 5-6
13	Acts 7-8
14	Acts 9-10
15	Acts 11-13
16	Acts 14-16
17	Acts 17-19
18	Acts 20-22
19	Acts 23-25
20	Acts 26-28
21	Romans 1-3
22	Romans 4-7
23	Romans 8-10
24	Romans 11-13
25	Romans 14-16
26	1 Corinthians 1-4
27	1 Corinthians 5-9
28	1 Corinthians 10-13
29	1 Corinthians 14-16
30	2 Corinthians 1-4

If you would like to submit information for the monthly Courier, please email it to Randi at office@calvarychandler.net by the 15th month. Thank you.