

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 28, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 29, 2023 - 8:00 a.m.

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As We Gather

Like the Old Testament people, we don't always live in ways pleasing to God. We reflect the world around us and its false wisdom more readily than we rejoice in God's great folly in sacrificing His Son for us. That's why, when we read the Beatitudes, we often find ourselves caught up in the trials and troubles they describe more than we find solace in the blessings they promise. But Jesus is a beautiful model for us as we read them, for he does not shy from the trials these beatitudes describe. For our sake, He fulfilled our heavenly Father's will, receiving the full cup of suffering and death. And the Good News is that He did it in our place! He took all the Father's reproaches, all our worldliness, and all our failures to the cross. Our Lord showed the world God's boundless love for us. How should we respond?

Red Connection Pads

Welcome! Please add your name to the connection pad at the end of your row or record your attendance online at clcs.org/attendance or the QR code on the right.



A Note on Offerings As an act of worship and thanksgiving, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and best of our time, talents, and financial gifts. Donation boxes are located by each entry door or if you would like to contribute online, with either a onetime or ongoing gift, please use clcs.org/give or the QR code to the left.

Welcome

Welcome to Calvary Lutheran Church! For those who are guests today, I'm Pastor Josh Reifsteck and we are so glad to have you worshiping with us today. If you're visiting, I hope we can connect after service. We invite all in attendance to fill out the red connection pad at the end of your row [or you can fill out your attendance online] as I share a few announcements.

Saturday Service Time Change

Praise Choir Option

NLSW Thank You Video

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.

Opening Sentences

1 Corinthians 1:18, 30

P: The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

C: **but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

P: He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,

C: **whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.**

Opening Hymn *(Please stand)*

“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died” *tune LSB 868*

1 We sing the praise of Him who died,
Of Him who died upon the cross.
The sinner’s hope let all deride;
For this we count the world but loss.

4 It makes the coward spirit brave
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes the terror from the grave
And gilds the bed of death with light;

2 Inscribed upon the cross we see
In shining letters, “God is love.”
He bears our sins upon the tree;
He brings us mercy from above.

6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace
By bitter grief and anguish sore,
Be praise from all the ransomed race
Forever and forevermore.

3 The cross! It takes our guilt away;
It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day
And sweetens ev’ry bitter cup.

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Confession of Sin & Announcement of Forgiveness

The Absolution - John 20:21-23

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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.

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the final line of music.

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, You know the many dangers surrounding us. You know our weakness and our frailty. Because these trials can feel too much for us, grant us your protection, and grant us your strength. Where we falter, carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

[We invite the children forward for our children's message. The congregation may be seated.]

Children's Message *(Please be seated)*

✠ The Word of the Lord ✠

First Reading

"Walk Humbly"

Micah 6:1-8

[Our Old Testament reading today comes from the prophet Micah, the 6th chapter.]

¹ Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ "O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord." ⁶ "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

“The Foolishness of God”

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

[Our Epistle reading today comes from Paul's letter to the Christians in Corinth the 1st chapter.]

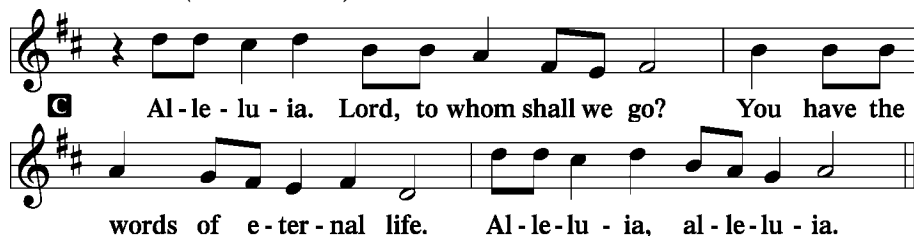
¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse (*Please stand*)

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Holy Gospel

“Blessed are...”

Matthew 5:1-12

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day (*Please be seated*) **“We Sing the Almighty Power of God”** *tune LSB 737*

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| 1 We sing th'almighty pow'r of God,
Who bade the mountains rise,
Who spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies. | 4 Lord, how your wonders are displayed
Each time we turn our eyes
To view the ground on which we tread
Or gaze up at the skies! |
| 2 We sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines too at his command,
And all the stars obey. | 5 On you each moment we depend;
If you withdraw, we die.
Oh, may we never God offend,
Our God, forever nigh! |
| 3 We sing the goodness of the Lord,
Who fills the earth with food,
Who formed his creatures by a word
And then pronounced them good. | |

Sermon **“Our Weakness is God’s Strength”** *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*
Sermon Series “In Christ Alone: Jesus & the Church” (Week 3)

Listen to past sermons or share them with a friend at clcs.org/sermons.

Concluding Prayer from Sermon

Shared Confession of Faith (*Please stand*) *The Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

- P: Let us pray for all people who call out to God in their distress. For our brothers and sisters who are poor in spirit because of outside oppression or personal problems, that God would remind them of their heavenly citizenship, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C: **Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.***
- P: For those who mourn, [including . . .], that by their faith in Christ's resurrection they would be comforted, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C: **Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.***
- P: For those who are meek as they thirst for righteousness, that God would raise up local and national leaders to provide security and justice for all, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C: **Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.***
- P: For those who reflect God's mercy, tending to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those under their care, that God would give them wisdom and strength, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C: **Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.***
- P: For those who share God's peace in our conflicted world around them, that God would keep them strong in faith to use every opportunity at their disposal, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C: **Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.***
- P: For the Church wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament, that God would alleviate persecution they may be enduring and let the Church grow in faith and numbers, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C: **Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.***
- P: For those who give to the mission of God in this place, that all our offerings would be given freely, received joyfully, and used responsibly, let us pray to the Lord,*
- C: **Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.***
- P: For ourselves in every difficulty, that God would remind us of Christ's having done in our stead all that He calls us to do, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C: **In grateful thanksgiving, we rejoice this day and look forward to the reward our Savior won for us. To You alone, O Father, be all the glory, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

*Each prayer of the pastor ends "...let us pray to the Lord,"
congregation responds, "**Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.**"*

A copy of today's prayers is available online for use during your daily prayers (ccls.org/this-week).

Lord's Prayer

[P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:]

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 ✠

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 ... *[that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. Even though He is like us in His human nature, in Him, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name,]* evermore praising You and singing:

Song of the Angels

The Sanctus - Isaiah 6:3 LSB 161

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

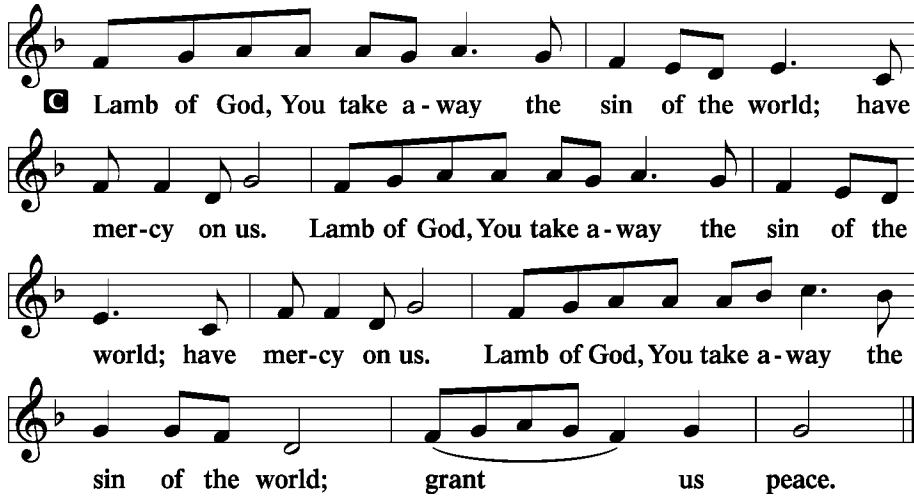
Words of Our Lord

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

The Agnus Dei - John 1:29 LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

A Note to our Guests about Holy Communion

Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life. He says: "Come, for those who eat this bread and drink this cup will never hunger or thirst, but be raised up on the Last Day" (John 6). Whoever receives the Lord's Supper must be a believer in Christ (Hebrews 11:6); be sorry for their sins (Proverbs 28:13); believe that Christ offers His body and blood with the bread and wine (1 Corinthians 10:16); and be willing to forgive those who have sinned against you (Matthew 6:14-15). Come with faith in His promises to you and His presence in this holy meal.

When invited forward please line up in front of the communion rail.

After the blessing, please return to your seat down the center aisle.

Gluten-free wafers are available on stands at the end of the first row of chairs for those with a gluten allergy to pick up on their way to the communion rail.

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

(Please be seated)

Special Music (8:00 a.m.)

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Calvary Handbells



1 How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 2 It is Your work a - lone That I am now con - vert - ed;
 3 Lord, You have raised me up To joy and ex - ul - ta - tion
 4 Grant that Your Spir - it's help To me be al - ways giv - en
 5 O Fa - ther, God of love, Now hear my sup - pli - ca - tion;



That You have pa - tient - ly Borne with me in my blind - ness!
 O'er Sa - tan's work in me You have Your pow'r as - sert - ed.
 And clear - ly shown the way That leads me to sal - va - tion.
 Lest I should fall a - gain And lose the way to heav - en.
 O Sav - ior, Son of God, Ac - cept my ad - o - ra - tion;



When dead in man - y sins And tres - pass - es I lay,
 Your mer - cy and Your grace That rise a - fresh each morn
 My sins are washed a - way; For this I thank You, Lord.
 Grant that He give me strength In my in - fir - mi - ty;
 O Ho - ly Spir - it, be My ev - er faith - ful guide



I kin - dled, ho - ly God, Your an - ger ev - 'ry day.
 Have turned my ston - y heart In - to a heart new - born.
 Now with my heart and soul All e - vil I ab - hor.
 May He re - new my heart To serve You will - ing - ly.
 That I may serve You here And there with You a - bide.

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Text for Reflection:

"In order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:7b-10).

For Prayer & Reflection:

Is there anything in your life which might be described as a thorn in your flesh? How does Satan torment you?

Meditate on your own sins, and hear again God's message:

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

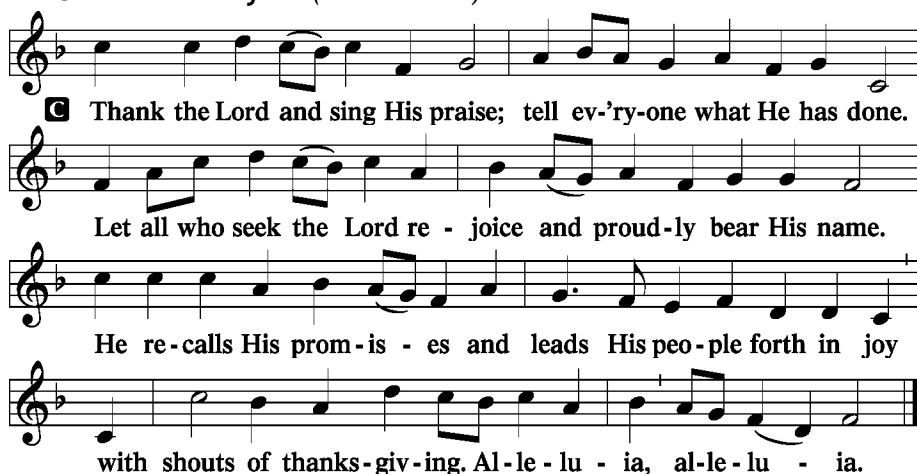
What does it mean that Christ's power rests on the weak?

How can God's power be made perfect in your weakness?

Post-Communion Hymn (Please stand)

"Thank the Lord"

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■ 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-calls 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.

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

L: *[Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord...] ...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: 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

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.

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Sending

[P: Thank you for joining us for worship.]

✠ LEADING OUR WORSHIP ✠

Preacher: Pastor Josh Reifsteck

Worship Leader: (6:30p) Ellwyn Parks (8:00a) Pastor Kurt Ebert

Organist: (6:30p) Rhonda Hansen (8:00a) Andrea Durkee

Musicians: (8:00a) Calvary Handbells

Acolyte: (6:30p) Owen McWilliams (8:00a) Spencer Schroeder