

The Lord’s Day

Liturgy for Corporate Worship

February 23, 2025

Prelude	Chris Holmberg
Welcome and Announcements	
Introit	Choir
	We Will Glorify
Call to Worship	Psalm 69:30
Opening Hymn	429
	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession	
O Eternal God and King of all creation, who has granted us to arrive at this hour, forgive us the sins that we have committed in thought, word, and deed; and cleanse, O Lord, our humble souls from all defilement of flesh and spirit. Grant us, O Lord, to pass the moments of this day and the sleep of this coming night in peace, that when we rise from our beds we may please your most holy name all the days of our lives and conquer our flesh and the fleshless foes that war with us. And deliver us, O Lord, from vain and frivolous thoughts, and from evil desires that defile us. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.	
Assurance of Forgiveness	Romans 5:1-2
The Doxology	567
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
Prayer of Dedication	Elder Randy Heidtman

The 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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem		Choir
	In the Garden	
Unison Scripture Reading		Matthew 5:1-12
Special Music		Ladies Ensemble
	Hymn of Promise	
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon Hymn		415*
	We Are Called to Be God’s People	
Sermon		Rev. Pete Scribner
	Ephesians 2:11-22	
Closing Hymn		272
	The Power of the Cross	
Benediction		Philippians 4:7
Parting Hymn		
God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.		

Postlude

*-The Celebration Hymnal

Featured Element of Worship: Sermon

Why do we have a sermon each week? Isn’t preaching an outdated mode of communication? Pastor Zack Hicks shares these thoughts on the importance of preaching in our current world: “In a postmodern American society that prizes radical equality (everyone’s the same), the relativity of truth (everyone’s beliefs are equally valid), and suspicion of power (I can’t trust people in authority), we need to realize just how subversive and shaping it is for us to sit and listen to a sermon. When we sit, our posture is saying, “I’m submitting myself to the authority of the Bible.” When we listen to preaching with receptive ears, we are saying, “I’m looking to something outside myself to tell me what is true and inform my life.” The very act of listening to a sermon makes us a counter-cultural people who begin to doubt some of the above-mentioned assumptions about the world. We become a people who look to God—not ourselves—to inform us, grow us, lead us, and equip us. Now we can see that it’s not only the *content* but the very *action of listening* to a sermon that shapes us into who God wants us to be.”

1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Unison Scripture Reading...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.

635 In the Garden

The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. John 20:20



1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Tho' the night a -

still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear,
 birds hush their sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me
 round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go, thro' the voice of woe;

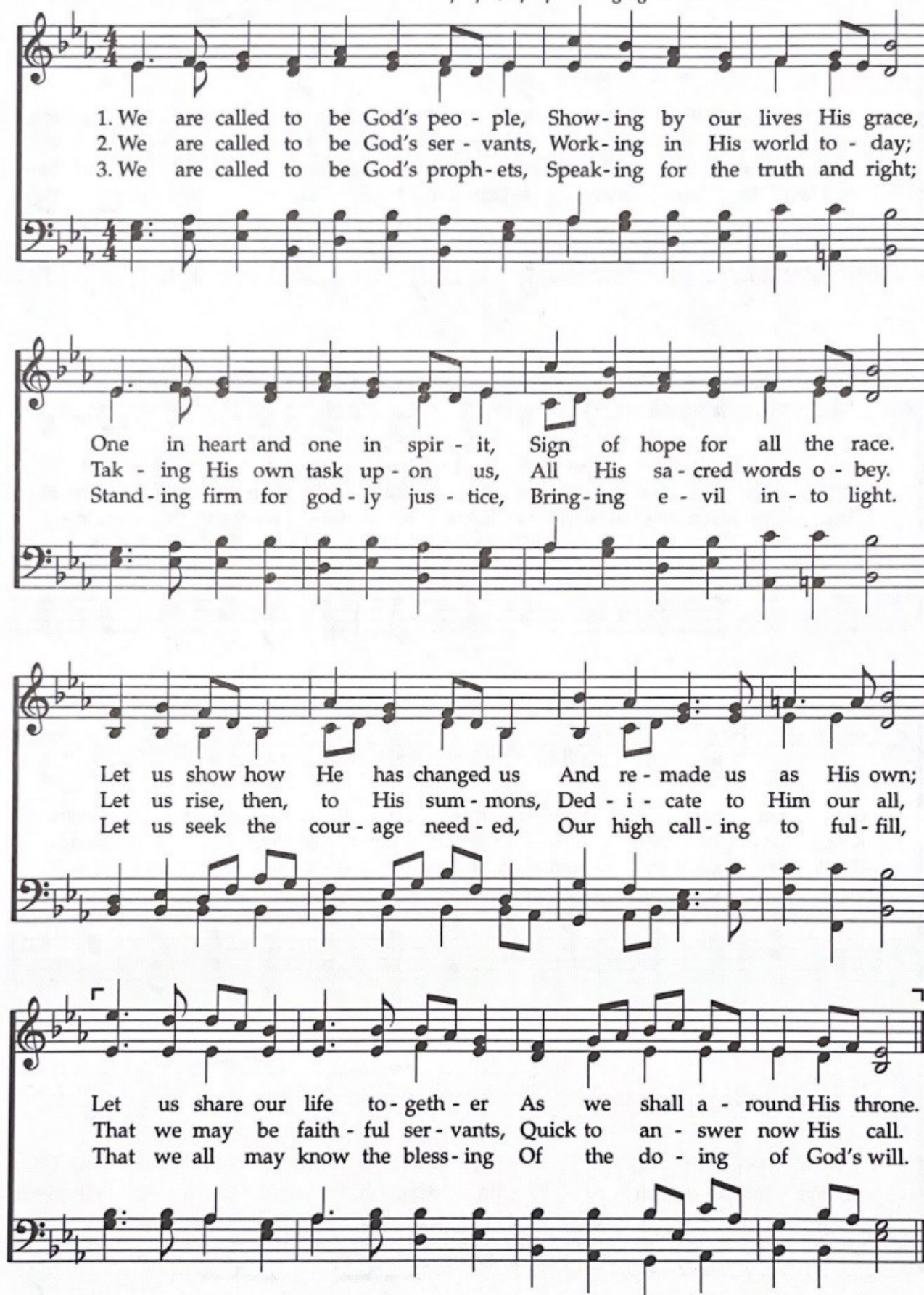
Refrain

The Son of God dis - clos - es.
 With - in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He
 His voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the joy we
 share as we tar - ry there None oth - er has ev - er known.

We Are Called to Be God's People 415

You are a chosen people, a people belonging to God. 1 Peter 2:9



1. We are called to be God's peo - ple, Show - ing by our lives His grace,
 2. We are called to be God's ser - vants, Work - ing in His world to - day;
 3. We are called to be God's proph - ets, Speak - ing for the truth and right;

One in heart and one in spir - it, Sign of hope for all the race.
 Tak - ing His own task up - on us, All His sa - cred words o - bey.
 Stand - ing firm for god - ly jus - tice, Bring - ing e - vil in - to light.

Let us show how He has changed us And re - made us as His own;
 Let us rise, then, to His sum - mons, Ded - i - cate to Him our all,
 Let us seek the cour - age need - ed, Our high call - ing to ful - fill,

Let us share our life to - geth - er As we shall a - round His throne.
 That we may be faith - ful ser - vants, Quick to an - swer now His call.
 That we all may know the bless - ing Of the do - ing of God's will.

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AUSTRIAN HYMN
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Sermon Text...Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands- ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Sermon Notes

Jesus creates peace:

- Between God and us

- Within the church

- Through us in the world

272 The Power of the Cross

• 1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark-est day, Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
• 2. Oh, to see the pain writ-ten on Your face, Bear - ing the awe-some weight of sin;
• 3. Now the day-light flees, now the ground be-neath Quakes as its Mak - er bows His head.
• 4. Oh, to see my name writ-ten in the wounds, For through Your suf-f'ring I am free.

Tried by sin - ful men, Torn and beat-en then Nailed to a cross of wood.
Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, Ev - 'ry e - vil deed Crown - ing Your blood-stained brow.
Cur - tain torn in two, Dead are raised to life, "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
Death is crushed to death, Life is mine to live, Won through Your self - less love.

1.-3. This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came sin for us; Took the
4. This the pow'r of the cross, Son of God, slain for us. What a

blame, bore the wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
love! What a cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

Meditation for the Week

We have in the sacraments another aid to our faith related to the preaching of the gospel. It is very important that some definite doctrine concerning them be taught, that we may learn from it both the purpose for which they were instituted and their present use.

First, we must consider what a sacrament is. It seems to me that a simple and proper definition would be to say that it is an outward sign by which the Lord seals on our consciences the promises of his good will toward us in order to sustain the weakness of our faith; and we in turn attest our piety toward him in the presence of the Lord and of his angels and before men. Here is another briefer definition: one may call it a testimony of divine grace toward us, confirmed by an outward sign, with mutual attestation of our piety toward him. Whichever of these definitions you may choose, it does not differ in meaning from that of Augustine, who teaches that a sacrament is “a visible sign of a sacred thing,” or “a visible form of an invisible grace,” but it better and more clearly explains the thing itself...

Now, from the definition that I have set forth we understand that a sacrament is never without a preceding promise but is joined to it as a sort of appendix, with the purpose of confirming and sealing the promise itself, and of making it more evident to us and in a sense ratifying it. By this means God provides first for our ignorance and dullness, then for our weakness. Yet, properly speaking, it is not so much needed to confirm his Sacred Word as to establish us in faith in it.

John Calvin

Institutes of the Christian Religion, Book IV, Chapter 14, Sections 1 & 3

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship this morning have been provided by Chuck Stevens in honor of his sister Barbara Jean Weycker and in honor of God’s holy family.

Prayers: Be sure to remember the following members and friends of Calvary who have recently been in the hospital:

<u>Wellbridge—Grand Blanc</u>	<u>Recovering at Home:</u>
Roberta Eisinger	Pat Fournier
<u>McLaren—Rehab</u>	Mary Winegarden
Barb Milloy	

Reminder for Parents: At Calvary, while we do offer a nursery and a cry room, we welcome and even encourage having your children in the sanctuary during worship from the earliest days that you are comfortable having them there. Jesus says, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven,” (Matthew 19:14, Mark 10:14, Luke 18:16). We take this command to heart. Some people fret that as their little children fidget and fuss, they might be a distraction, disrupting our emotional experience in worship. We actually welcome those noises, as they are a joyful reminder of the presence of little ones in our midst as members of the family of God. As Scott Clark notes, “God doesn’t mind that your emotional experience is less intense. He takes the long view. Your children will grow up not segregated from public worship and the means of grace. They’ll grow up a part of the community of the redeemed and watching baptisms (so they can see what happened to them). They’ll see the supper administered and they’ll ask, “When can I have it?” They’ll hear the Law and the Gospel and they’ll grow up knowing that this is their identity, that it’s really

Offerings are received each week in the wooden donation box in the Narthex. We have placed it there as a convenience for our members and friends. If you are visiting us this Sunday, please feel no pressure to make any donation. We are glad to have you simply be our guest today, and invite you to join us for a donut and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after worship!

ALERT

In recent months, there have been multiple occasions on which people have had items stolen from their car during worship service. It appears to have been a coordinated effort, and in each case, their cars were unlocked. We are looking into heightened security strategies, but please be sure to lock your car doors during worship.

Sunday School: A new Sunday School class begins today going through the book of Genesis. If you have not attended Sunday School in the past, today would be a perfect first time to join us. Grab a donut and some coffee after worship, greet a few friends, and head down to the Heritage Room in our education wing at 11:30!

<u>This Week at Calvary</u>		
Today	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts and fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School
Tuesday	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
	6:00	Diaconate
Thursday	6:30	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		Office Closed
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service with Communion followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School

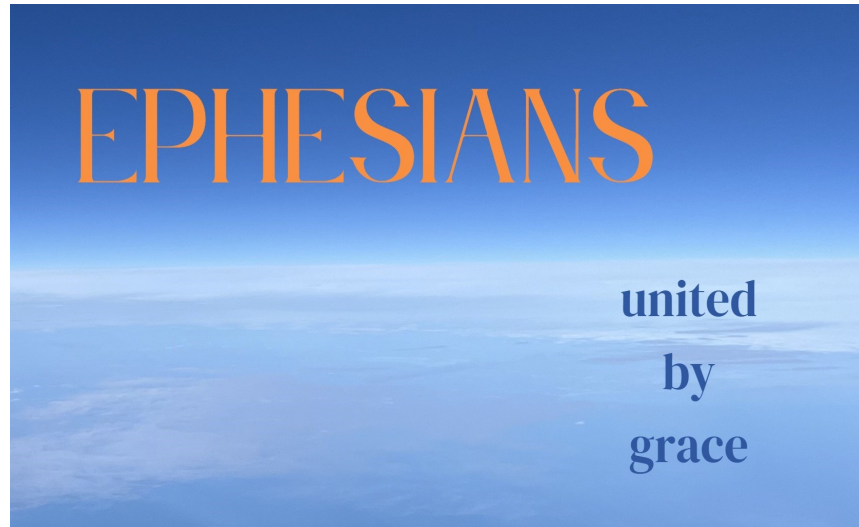
<u>Church Staff</u>	
Pastor	Pete Scribner
Director of Music	Susan Lechota
Music Minister	Chris Holmberg
Custodian	Vicky Haughey



Easter Boxes: The Martha-Mary Circle is once again leading a food drive for Easter. Please drop off food items in the vestibule at the church's front entrance. There are lists there of the items that are most needed. Money donated will be used to purchase meat, fresh fruit, potatoes, and other items on sale the week boxes are made.

If you know someone in need this Easter, sign-up for them to receive a box of food. You will find sign-up forms on the desk in the church office. Be sure to have them filled out and returned no later than April 4th. Contact Wanda Knight with any questions.

In addition to our Meditation for the Week (found on the bulletin insert), be sure to spend some time looking at next Sunday's sermon text (Ephesians 3:1-13) this week as you prepare your heart for corporate worship.



Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be Saturday, March 8th at 9am. All boys and men are welcome, and feel free to bring a friend or family member too! So that we can be sure to have enough food, please let us know if you are planning to attend, either by calling the office or by signing up (there is a signup sheet on the office desk).

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Our Mission - We exist to know, worship, serve, and enjoy the one true God.

Our Vision - We seek to love God completely, love others selflessly, and everywhere proclaim Christ: crucified, risen, and reigning forever.



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