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January 12, 2025    †    The Baptism of Our Lord

*St. John's Lutheran Church is a supporting congregation Calvary Lutheran High School, Jefferson City, 638-0228.*

**Today** the paraments are white as we celebrate and remember our Lord's Baptism, when He took our sins upon Himself to carry them to the cross in our place.

**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated today. If you have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and believe that with the bread and wine Christ gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins and belong to the LCMS fellowship, you are invited to join in this blessed Sacrament. Gluten-free wafers are available; speak with Pastor or an elder prior to worship. (If you are desiring to commune for the first time at St. John's as a Lutheran or you are a non-Lutheran, **please see the pastor prior to the service**).

Last Sunday, January 5, 2024:

Livestream: 23

Online giving: \$345

(Please note that online giving reports are one week late. This amount is what was reported on 1/4.)

You can give online at any time, whether a one-time offering or set up repeated giving. Connect via a link on the homepage of our website, using your bank account (using a credit card requires additional fees for the congregation; if interested, please speak with Pastor Whittle, William Kautsch, or Marla Young).

## Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

**CALVARY INSIDER** – What happened at Calvary last week, you ask?

- After two snow days and a late start, the second semester has begun!
- Pastor Heaton led chapel, sharing a message from Ephesians 4:14 & 6:10.
- Our Lady Lions played hard in the 13<sup>th</sup> annual basketball showcase! Go Lions!

**LION BASKETBALL** – Upcoming games at **Home**:

**Jan. 14 JV Boys/ V Girls/V Boys at 5:00 v. Tuscumbia**

**Jan. 20 V Girls/V Boys at 5:30 v. Climax Springs**

*Live stream the games: [twitch.tv/calvarylhs](https://www.twitch.tv/calvarylhs)*

*Visit [calvarylhs.org/calendar/](https://calvarylhs.org/calendar/) to view the full calendar!*

**DISCOVER CALVARY DAY!** – Plans are underway for a prospective student Visit Day event on February 6<sup>th</sup>! This day is intended for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to discover the advantages of a Lutheran high school education and the many opportunities available at Calvary. If you know a 7<sup>th</sup> grader (or 8<sup>th</sup> grader, if they haven't attended before) who would benefit from knowing more about the Calvary experience, contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 to learn more.

**NEXT CALVARY BLOOD DRIVE** – Mark your calendars for the next Calvary blood drive on Tuesday, February 18 from 1-6 p.m. in the Café at Calvary Lutheran High School. Please consider donating to help save a life!

**BE IN THE KNOW** – Stay up-to-date on upcoming events like open houses, calendar changes, and so much more! Visit Calvary's website and follow the social media accounts, all conveniently linked at [linktr.ee/calvarylhs](https://linktr.ee/calvarylhs).

**BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT** – Calvary's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Benefit Golf Tournament will be Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton. Flights will begin at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Start putting your team together now for a fun day supporting students at Calvary Lutheran High School! If you are interested in helping to plan this event, contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 to learn more.

**PERSONNEL OPENINGS** – Calvary is seeking a ministry-minded golf coach for this coming Spring season. Additionally, Calvary is seeking candidates for the part-time athletic director position to begin Summer 2025. Resumes and inquiries can be sent to [administrator@calvarylhs.org](mailto:administrator@calvarylhs.org).

**SAVE THE DATE** –

Jan. 16-18 Calvary Archery Tournament

Jan. 24 Homecoming Basketball Games 6PM

Feb. 7-8 Calvary Boys Basketball Showcase



# Confession and Absolution

## 405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—  
The Son of God in flesh disguised—  
To stand beneath the Father's will  
And all His righteousness fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
Descended on Him from above.
- 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound  
Came God's own voice with words profound:  
"This is My Son," was His decree,  
"The one I love, who pleases Me."
- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
To save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

LSB 151

- 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.*

## Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- 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.**

## Absolution

LSB 151

- 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.**

*Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.  
I will tell of | the decree:\*

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.  
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel.”

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise,\*  
 be warned, O rulers | of the earth.  
 Serve the |LORD with fear,\*  
 and rejoice with | trembling,  
 for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*  
 Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.  
**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.**  
 Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
 my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

## Kyrie

*LSB 152*

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** 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.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 154*

- A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- C** **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**  
**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**  
**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**  
**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**  
**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**  
**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 43:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**C** Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 3:15–22*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”



<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

#### 406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

- 1 To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord,  
To do His Father's pleasure;  
Baptized by John, the Father's Word  
Was given us to treasure.  
This heav'nly washing now shall be  
A cleansing from transgression  
And by His blood and agony  
Release from death's oppression.  
A new life now awaits us.
- 2 O hear and mark the message well,  
For God Himself has spoken.  
Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell  
And so receive this token.  
Our Lord here with His Word endows  
Pure water, freely flowing.  
God's Holy Spirit here avows  
Our kinship while bestowing  
The Baptism of His blessing.
- 3 These truths on Jordan's banks were shown  
By mighty word and wonder.  
The Father's voice from heav'n came down,  
Which we do well to ponder:  
"This man is My beloved Son,  
In whom My heart has pleasure.  
Him you must hear, and Him alone,  
And trust in fullest measure  
The word that He has spoken."

- 4 There stood the Son of God in love,  
His grace to us extending;  
The Holy Spirit like a dove  
Upon the scene descending;  
The triune God assuring us,  
With promises compelling,  
That in our Baptism He will thus  
Among us find a dwelling  
To comfort and sustain us.
- 5 To His disciples spoke the Lord,  
“Go out to ev’ry nation,  
And bring to them the living Word  
And this My invitation:  
Let ev’ryone abandon sin  
And come in true contrition  
To be baptized and thereby win  
Full pardon and remission  
And heav’nly bliss inherit.”
- 6 But woe to those who cast aside  
This grace so freely given;  
They shall in sin and shame abide  
And to despair be driven.  
For born in sin, their works must fail,  
Their striving saves them never;  
Their pious acts do not avail,  
And they are lost forever,  
Eternal death their portion.
- 7 All that the mortal eye beholds  
Is water as we pour it.  
Before the eye of faith unfolds  
The pow’r of Jesus’ merit.  
For here it sees the crimson flood  
To all our ills bring healing;  
The wonders of His precious blood  
The love of God revealing,  
Assuring His own pardon.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

- P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own.

Therefore, depart, you unclean spirit, and make room for the Holy Spirit in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidate while saying:*

- P** Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

*One or both of the following may be prayed. When only one is prayed, the second is the preferred choice.*

- P** Let us pray.  
O almighty and eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray on behalf of Your servant(s) *[name(s)]*, who ask(s) for the gift of Your Baptism and desire(s) Your eternal grace through spiritual rebirth. Receive *[him/her/them]*, Lord, according to Your promise: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” Now give Your blessing to *[him/her/them]* who ask(s) and open the door to *[him/her/them]* who knock(s), so that *[he/she/they]* may obtain the eternal blessing of this heavenly bath and receive the promised kingdom that You give; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

- P** Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family,

eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold [name(s)] according to Your boundless mercy and bless [him/her/them] with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in [him/her/them], which has been inherited from Adam and which [he himself / she herself / they themselves] [has/have] committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that [he/she/they] be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, [he/she/they] would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate, and the congregation joins in praying:*

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.**

*If the baptismal party has stood at the entrance of the nave to this point, they now move to the font. A hymn may be sung during the procession.*

## **Processional Hymn**

- P** The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even  $\text{✠}$  forevermore.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

*The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:*

- P** [*Name(s)*], do you renounce the devil?
- R** *Yes, I renounce him.*
- P** Do you renounce all his works?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

## **Apostles' Creed**

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.**

**P** *[Name]*, do you desire to be baptized?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:*

**P** *[Name]*, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*A white garment may be placed on the newly baptized.*

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:*

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Peace † be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

*All return to their places.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the baptized people of God, that strengthened by His Holy Spirit we would walk as the new and holy people He has declared us to be in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all church workers, especially Matthew, our Synod president; Lee, our district president; and Brian, our pastor, also Pastor Bart Mueller (Schubert/Babtown), missionary Tom Park, and military chaplains Justin Krupsky, Chad Boggs, Ronald Martin, and Ryan Schnake, that the Lord would prosper the good work of preaching the Gospel and administering the life-giving Sacraments, let us pray

to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the family, especially all Christian homes; for husbands and wives, that God would turn them toward one another in love; for fathers and mothers, that God would equip them for their holy duty as teachers of the faith; and for all children, that God would preserve them in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the rulers of the nations, [*especially President Joe Biden and President-Elect Donald Trump,*] that they would submit to the preaching of God's Word and acknowledge Jesus as the Christ and true King, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For who find themselves in times of weakness, illness, despair and death, [*especially Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, LeeRoy Wunderlich, Tammy Deaver, Ken Meller, and Marilyn Brandt,*] that God would grant healing and relief according to His will; and that He would give us every aid of His Holy Spirit to endure afflictions and find comfort in the healing wounds of the Savior, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all the baptized as we receive abundant blessings from the Lord; especially for Abby Distler (1/12) and Camryn Paull (1/16) as they celebrate birthdays, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself with the Holy Spirit in the fullness of grace at the Baptism of Your dear Son. With Your voice, You directed us to the One who has borne our sins, that we may receive grace and forgiveness. Keep us, we implore You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your Son, strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

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

**C** **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.**

## **Benediction**

*LSB 166*

**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.**

## **590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy**

- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy,  
    O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
    Among Your saints, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,  
Your Spirit now shall live within.
- 2 My loving Father, here You take me  
    To be henceforth Your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, here You make me  
    The fruit of all Your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat'ning clouds around I see.
- 3 My faithful God, You fail me never;  
    Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever  
    If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.



4 All that I am and love most dearly—  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely;  
Help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but Yours alone.

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