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Welcome to Calvary Episcopal Church of Batavia.
We are delighted to have you with us today!



Fourth Sunday of Advent + December 24, 2023
10:15 AM + Rite 99

Welcome to Calvary. We invite you to join us for worship, for study, for spiritual enrichment, for outreach, and for fellowship – so that we all may be transforming lights within our parish and our community.

On Sundays, we normally have two distinct services with Holy Communion. During Advent and Lent, our 8 AM Sunday service follows the traditional Rite I Liturgy from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer and usually does not have music. Our 10:15 AM Sunday service celebrates with music and the more contemporary language of our Rite II Liturgy.

Everyone is welcome to our services. We encourage you to try each service and see which suits you best. We pray that these worship experiences will be meaningful and a way to connect with a community of faith, hope, and compassion at a church that welcomes all of God's children. Nursery care and/or Sunday school is available during the 10:15 AM service for young children.

Are you new? Please complete a visitor's card found in the pew rack and place it in the collection tray. Everyone is welcome to join us following the Sunday services for coffee and fellowship in the south end of the Education Wing.

Join us in prayer for The Mission of Our Parish:

Loving God, through your grace guide us, the people of Calvary Episcopal Church, to joyfully carry out our mission of growing faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may develop a living faith that deepens our understanding of you and strengthens our awareness of the needs of others. May we be a transforming light within our parish and within the community. All this we ask in the Name of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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+ The Word of God +

[The LEM, priest and the Sunday School Children bearing figurines for the creche, process down the south aisle and up the center aisle towards the Creche and Advent Wreath]

+ Lighting of the Advent Wreath +

Priest: +Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Priest: The Lord has made known his victory,

People: God's righteousness is shown to the nations.

Priest: In righteousness shall God judge the world.

People: And all the peoples in peace and equity.

Priest: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

People: In wisdom you have made them all.

Priest: Let us pray.

All: Jesus, Light of the World, Mary became your mother when she said "Yes" to God's messenger. Christmas is near; make us ready to say "yes" to whatever you ask us to do. Amen.

[The Children place the figurines for today into the Creche. They then proceed with their teachers to their class]

The Opening Hymn - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel..." H56

[Verses 1, 6 & 7]



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Sources Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt. Text. Meter LM with Refrain Tune Name: Veni, Veni, Emmanuel

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Faithful God, you fulfilled your promise to dwell with humankind when the Virgin Mary gave her assent to the message of the Angel: Let her faith inspire your people to welcome with joy your coming among us and make know the mystery of your love to all; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

[Please be seated]

The First Lesson

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

LEM: A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel,

did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

LEM: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Gradual

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

*[Please **pray** the Psalm by half-verse, dividing at the *]*

1 Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

4 'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: *
“I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.’”

The Second Lesson

Romans 16:25-27

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

[Please stand]

The Sequence - "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came..." - H 265

[Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel]

The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a basso continuo line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first two verses, and the second system contains the continuation of the second verse. The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a clear harmonic structure.

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say -

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

Priest: +The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Priest: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his

ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sequence - "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came..." - H 265

[Verses 3 & 4 after the Gospel]

The Homily

[Please be seated]

Fr. Michael Rasicci, Rector

Profession of Faith - The Nicene Creed

[Please stand]

**All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

***For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin
Mary, and was made man.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death
and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

Prayers of the People

Priest: Father, through the message of an Angel You astounded Mary with her invitation to bear your Son. Surprise us with your delight in us, with your invitation to do your will, with the light of Christ growing with in us. Hear us now as we pray.

LEM: We are your children. Increase the faith in us, day by day, season by season. Empower us to seek and do your will. Cause us to surprise ourselves by opening up our hearts to find that you are always there...*[Pause for silent prayer...]* We pray to you, Lord God:

People: Surprise us, Lord.

LEM: We pray that the leaders of this and of all the nations demonstrate wisdom and a heart for the good of their people and peace between neighbors, especially in the Holy Land, the Ukraine, and all of the world's troubled areas...*[Pause for silent prayer...]* We pray to you, Lord God:
People: Surprise us, Lord.

LEM: We pray that the peoples of all the nations come to experience freedom and an end to hunger and poverty. Enable a spirit of generosity to flow throughout the world...*[Pause for silent prayer...]*
We pray to you, Lord God:
People: Surprise us, Lord.

LEM: We pray for our neighbors with whom we work and live. Surprise us with what can be accomplished when we work together for the common good. Open our eyes to see you in each person we meet. Open our hearts and hands to each need we encounter...*[Pause for silent prayer...]* We pray to you, Lord God:
People: Surprise us, Lord.

LEM: We pray for healing for those with troubled spirits, who suffer from addiction, loneliness, and despair. We ask for healing for those who struggle with the consequences of illness or recovering from surgery, especially those on the Intercessory Prayer List, those listed in today's bulletin and those inscribed in the Intention books, and those for whom we now pray...*[Pause for intercessions...]* Reveal to us how to join in your saving and healing work through the power of your Spirit. We pray to you, Lord God:
People: Surprise us, Lord.

LEM: We pray for those who have died and now rest in your eternal embrace, especially those for whom we now pray...*[Pause for*

intercessions...] May the light of your love surround them and comfort those who grieve their deaths. Surprise them with the sure hope of the Resurrection. We pray to you, Lord God:

People: Surprise us, Lord.

LEM: We are your people. Increase the faith in us day by day. Surprise those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week with your loving, liberating, and life-giving presence, especially Ruben Sanmiguel, and Jack and Jerri McCabe...Are there other birthdays or anniversaries?...*[Pause for intercessions...]* We pray to you, Lord God:

People: Surprise us, Lord.

Prayer for the Mission of Calvary Episcopal Church

The Prayer for Mission may be found inside the front cover of the bulletin.

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

[Silence for examination of conscience]

**All: Most merciful God,
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ [+], strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

+ The Holy Communion +

Offertory Prayer

All: Lord, let the Holy Spirit, who overshadowed the Blessed Virgin Mary and made her womb fruitful, now make our Eucharist bear abundant fruit in the service of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Instrumental - Mark Kline

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is the One foretold in the words of all the prophets; the child awaited by his virgin mother with love that surpasses telling; the judge whom John announced and whose presence he revealed. Now, for the feast of his nativity Christ fills us with the joy of expectation, that his coming may find us ready, eager and waiting in prayer and praise to greet him..

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus - [S - 130]

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, heaven and earth are

full, full of your glory. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Priest: Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father. In Jesus, you showed us yourself. Our hope is built on him, the First, the Last, the Living One. Obedient, even to accepting death, He opened the gate of glory and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

The LEM strikes the chime to call our attention to the Institution Narrative.

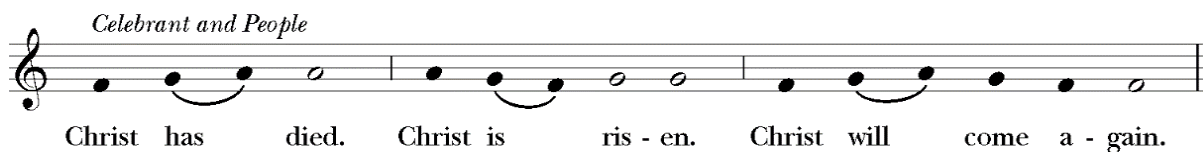
Before he was given up to suffering and death, alight with the vision of a feast that heralded a kingdom yet to come, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

The LEM strikes the chime to acknowledge Christ's presence under the form of bread.

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant. It is poured out for you, and for the many, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

The LEM strikes the chime to acknowledge Christ's presence under the form of wine.

Memorial Acclamation - [S - 133]



Father, we recall your Son's command, his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

The LEM strikes the chime to acknowledge the invocation of the Holy Spirit.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, prophets, Blessed Dorothy Sayers, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Doxology and Great Amen

Priest: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Almighty Father, now and forever.¹

People: Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem - "Jesus, Lamb of God" [S - 164]

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us."

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us."

¹ Eucharistic Prayer II, 1982: Episcopal Church of Scotland, *Appropriate for Advent*, slightly adapted.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

[Act of Spiritual Communion for those unable to receive in person]

“In union, blessed Jesus, with the Christian faithful across the world gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me...[pause to give thanks in silence]...”

“I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

“Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.”

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church]



Hymn after Holy Communion - "Tell Out, My Soul..." H438



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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Prayer after Holy Communion

Priest: Let us pray.

All: God, our hope, grant that we, receiving the promise of redemption, may prepare ourselves well for the coming of Christmas, so as to celebrate worthily the mystery of your Son's birth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing for Advent

Priest: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

People: Amen.

Priest: May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

People: Amen.

Priest: May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

People: Amen.

Priest: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, [+] and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn - "Savior of the Nations, Come..." H 54

1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

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The Advent Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

This Week's Bible Lessons				
Day	1st Lesson	The Psalm	2nd Lesson	The Gospel
Sunday	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
Monday	Micah 4:1-5, 5:2-4	Psalm 2, 85; Psalm 110:1-5(6-7), 132	1 John 4:7-16	John 3:31-36
Tuesday	2 Chronicles 24:17-22	Psalm 28		Acts 6:1-7
Wednesday	Proverbs 8:22-30	Psalm 97, 98		John 13:20-35
Thursday	Isaiah 49:13-23	Psalm 2, 26		Matthew 18:1-14
Friday	2 Samuel 23:13-17	Psalm 18:1-20	2 John 1-13	John 2:1-11
Saturday	1 Kings 17:17-24	Psalm 20, 21:1-7(8-14)	3 John 1-15	John 4:46-54

This Week's Commemorations

Sunday	
Monday	The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Day
Tuesday	Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr
Wednesday	Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
Thursday	The Holy Innocents
Friday	Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1170
Saturday	

Our Birthdays for the Week:

Dec 27	Ruben Sanmiguel
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Our Anniversaries for the Week

Dec 28	The McCabes
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Events and Announcements

One Of Our Own Is Still in Need: Parishioner Michele Delaney is recovering from a broken foot and broken tibia. She's got a ride to church. And she's using a walker. Because Michele has a dog, Sweet Pea, that needs to be walked, are there any Batavians that could lend a hand? Ideally, we would have 5-7 people who could take one day a week to help Michele take care of her pup. If you can volunteer or have any questions, please call or text Mary at 626-376-2496.

Red Bowl: Our December Red Bowl collection is TODAY, SUNDAY, December 24, and will benefit Fox Valley Hands of Hope, formerly Fox Valley Volunteer Hospice. Please remember those in need; it takes a village.

Christmas Community Meal: Our Calvary Christmas Community Meal will take place TOMORROW, Monday, December 25, at 12:00 noon in Rector's Hall, following the 10:30 Holy Eucharist. You're still welcome to sign-up and join in.

Tap into Theology: A Q & A session held at Sturdy Shelter Brewing, 10 S. Shumway, Batavia, the Third Thursday of the month, January 18, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. If you have a topic to discuss, let Fr. Mike know.

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Church: Join Fr. Mike for this slightly hilarious and always informative Q & A session on the last Monday of every month at 7:00 PM. You will see your Church in a whole new light! [Next Class on Monday, January 29!]

Clergy-led Studies: Fr. Mike leads a Bible study every 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Wednesday at 10:30 AM. Join this study group for fellowship and a deeper understand of the Bible's relevance. [The Batavia Ministerial Association

has resumed its monthly meetings at 10:30 AM on the First Wednesdays, and that's the reason for the change].

2023 Stewardship: Please remember the stewardship commitment that each of you made for calendar year 2023 – there is still time to fulfill your commitment to this historic and beautiful parish and your church family.

Deuteronomy 15:10-11 “Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this, the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.”

Happenings: Check the bulletin board outside of the kitchen for the latest in what's happening at Calvary Episcopal Church! Look for more news in the bulletin, on our website, and in our social media channels!

Church Calendars: The annual Liturgical Calendar for the Episcopal Church, tailored to our parish, is available on the display case outside the kitchen. You may make a donation of any amount, but it's not required.



Worship Ministry: For the most recent version of the worship ministry schedule, please check the schedule on the bulletin board and/or contact Michelle Berkos at mumberkos@gmail.com. Thank you!

	10-Dec	17-Dec	24-Dec	25-Dec	31-Dec
Celebrant	Fr. Rasicci	Fr. Rasicci	Fr. Rasicci	Fr. Rasicci	Fr. Rasicci
Co-producer	Curt B	Curt B	Curt B	Curt B	Curt B
Co-producer	Joel M.	Joel M.	Joel M.	Joel M.	Joel M.
Video Graphics	Heather D	Heather D	Heather D	Heather D	Heather D
Social Media	Mary B	Mary B	Mary B	Mary B	Mary B
Digital	Brenda S	Brenda S	Brenda S	Brenda S	Brenda S
Music Direction	Mark K	Mark K	Mark K	Mark K	Mark K
Nursery Care	Cora L	Cora L	Cora L	Cora L	Cora L
8AM LEM	Dan H	Patti L	Dan H	Joel M.	Joel M.
8AM Reader	Dan H	Maggie W	Dan H	Terry A	
8AM Coffee Host	Ginger A	Pancake Breakfast	The Sperrys		
10:15AM LEM	Jessica H	Heather D	Minnie Titus-Glover	Michelle B	Jessica H
10:15AM Reader	Jason B	Bill Call	Chris P	Sherri J	
12.24.23 5:00PM LEM			Patti L		
12.24.23 7:00PM LEM			Dan H		
12.25.23 8:00AM LEM				Joel M	Joel M
12.25.23 10:30AM LEM				Michelle B	Jessica H
6:30PM 12.31.23 LEM					
10:15 AM Coffee Host	Rebecca B	Pancake Breakfast			
Vestry Lock Check	Jessica H	Curt B	Nick W		Terry A

Please remember....

Please pray for the forgotten, lonely, and oppressed			
Alex Houtkooper	David Vega	Judy Sentman	Pam Weller
Andrew Lehman	Don Johnson	Julie Schimelpfenig	Patricia Lusted
Annie Johns	Doris Calwell	Karen Petersen	Paul Todd
Becca Smith	Doug Friedlander	Kathy Cihak	Perry Barham
Ben Chambless	Ed Jenkins	Ken Graff	Rev. E. Stingley
Ben Erwin	Elizabeth Mueller	Kenny Wall	Ricci Flynn
Bill Calwell, Sr.	Emily Bingaman	Kevin Bullock	Robin White
Carli Reger	F. Woodworth, III	The Anastasio Family	The Rogers Family
Charles Burnell & Family	Fr. John Hamilton	Layla Ann Dvorak	Sarah Ginter
Christine Verchota	Gaither Green	Leann S.	Sharon Lofrano
Christopher Kuhl	Mary Willis	Marc Young	Stacey B.
Cindy VanDeVeire	Mark Hoeksma	Trudy J.	C. Sommerfield Family
Mark Gaydek	Kim Formaler	Cooper Flannagan	Erik TreKell
David-John	Dan Gaydek	Jeannine McCarron	The Minott Family
David Smith	Jack & Jerri McCabe	Nancy Brimer	
Joyce deMartelly	Nancy Harless	Sandy Zalesky	



More About Calvary Episcopal Church:

Become a Member – If you are interested in joining the Calvary community, please contact Fr. Mike. Our services include:

- **In-person Services –**

- Sunday:
 - 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 - 10:15 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (also streamed live via Zoom)
- Monday:
 - 5:45 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- Tuesday:
 - 7:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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- Wednesday:
9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Healing Rite
 - Thursday:
5:45 pm Holy Eucharist, Healing Rite
 - Friday:
9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 - Saturday:
9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- **Baptism** – Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. All parents of children to be baptized or adults wishing to be baptized should make an appointment with the Rector to learn more about this important first step as a Christian.
 - **Marriage** – Calvary is available for weddings of most denominations. Couples wishing to be married by our Rector with the Episcopal Liturgy must attend pre-marriage counseling sessions. More information may be found in the Church Office.
 - **Visiting and Anointing of the Sick** – Please notify the Church Office if you or someone you know will be confined to home or hospitalized and would like to be anointed by the Rector. Wednesday and Thursday Holy Eucharists include the Healing Rite. Our Lay Eucharistic Visitors will come to your home to provide Holy Communion if you are unable to attend scheduled services due to disability or illness.
 - **First Holy Communion and Confirmation** – Youth preparation for Holy Communion or Confirmation in the Episcopal Church is coordinated by the Director of Youth Christian Formation. Adults interested in taking either of these steps should contact the Rector.

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- **Youth Christian Formation and Development** – Youth Christian Education begins at 10:00 AM each Sunday. Our program emphasizes “Love Thy Neighbor,” service to others, and that God loves everyone.
 - **Information for Parents** – We take the development of our children seriously. The entire staff at Calvary as well as those volunteers directly responsible for your child’s Christian Education are subject to a background investigation and must complete the Safe Church, Safe People program.

For Your Safety – AED’s (Automated External Defibrillators) are available on each floor outside of the restrooms. First Aid Kits are available in marked locations in Memorial Hall, the Parish Office, and in the Parish Kitchen. Telephones are available in the offices and in the Parish Kitchen if you should need to call 9-1-1.