

Biblical Communion Practice

When we celebrate the Lord's Supper we welcome to the Lord's Altar those who are of the same confession of faith as are we. Ordinarily this includes other members of Lutheran Church Canada, and members of congregations with whom we share Altar and Pulpit Fellowship (i.e. Lutheran Church Missouri Synod).

To come to the Lord's Table is to confess you:

- Believe Jesus' body and blood are truly present in, with and under the Bread and Wine and are truly received by the Communicant.
- Are repentant of all your sin and desire the forgiveness of sins as Christ offers in this Sacrament...to do otherwise, as the Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 11, is harmful to one's entire being.
- And finally, are of the same faith as the members of Lutheran Church Canada in matters of Biblical teaching as outlined in Luther's Small Catechism.

Prior to receiving the Lord's Supper at Mount Calvary for the first time we ask you to speak with the Pastor. If you have not had that opportunity we welcome you to come to the rail for a blessing. Please indicate you wish to receive a blessing only, by crossing your arms across your chest.

TO REGISTER FOR HOLY COMMUNION PLEASE FILL OUT THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTRY LOCATED ON THE CHAIR AND INDICATE BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE BOX.

Mount Calvary Ministry

Our mission statement is:

"Dependent upon the grace of God, we enrich and support each other in Christian growth, and we reach out to make disciples for Christ."

Our vision statement is:

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church is a joyous family of God.

- Living together — all members of the family gather regularly around Word and Sacrament and for fellowship and faith building. We actively care for and love one another and diligently seek ways to do so, building stronger and deeper relationships with every family member at all times.
- Living in this world — all we do is for the sake of our neighbor, and therefore we actively and visibly declare Christ, and bring Him to our neighbors through Word and deed. Living in God's grace we show love and care for people of all ages, beliefs, race and status. We do this as a church family and as individuals in our daily lives. We trust the Holy Spirit uses these God given efforts to draw more and more people into God's family.
- Living in this world — we know we are part of the larger Body of Christ on earth and therefore passionately support Lutheran Church—Canada and our brothers and sisters in Christ in all aspects of the larger work of the Church.

In all things we desire that God will use us according to His will.

Our Week With the Lord

Today Jan 21 9:00am 10:30am	Bible Study Divine Service (Sunday School)
Mon. Jan 22	
Tues. Jan 23	
Wed. Jan 24 9:00am 1:30pm	Study Session Bible Study
Thu. Jan 25 7:00pm	Bible Study
Fri. Jan 26	
Sat. Jan 27	
Sun. Jan 28 9:00am 10:30am	Bible Study Divine Service (Sunday School)



Prayer List

If you would like a loved one added to the prayer list you can add them in one of these manners: contact Pastor Don, either by speaking to him in person, calling him 403-346-3798, email pastordh@telus.net or by calling the church and speaking with one of the assistants. The prayer list is updated each week, so you will need to connect with the Pastor or the office weekly to add your loved one onto the prayer list.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30am

Divine Service

January 21, 2024



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(Lutheran Church – Canada)



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As We Gather

Ever had those days that felt like weeks or those weeks that felt like days? Those minutes that felt like hours, or the hours that felt like minutes? Time is a fickle thing on this earth, as we are bound by it yet our perspective of it is ever changing. Our Scripture Readings today all deal with time. As God deemed it time for Nineveh to have the opportunity to repent and know His grace, He came to Jonah a second time. In the Epistle, Paul reminds us time is short, and the physical world is passing away. In the Gospel, Jesus would begin His earthly ministry and call His disciples, echoing the words of John the Baptist, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand” (Mark 1:15). Though to the Lord a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a day, we live each day knowing that all time is in His hands. Until He calls His people to glory, we rejoice for the time to gather where His Spirit is, be blessed by His Word of Law and Gospel, rejoice in mercy and forgiveness, and make use of the time given to be witnesses to others.

Confession of Sins for Today

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.

Scripture Readings

Today

Old Testament: Jonah 3:1-5,10

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Next Week:

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Announcements

You, Me & He - You, Me, and He is a visitation/phone call Task Team under the Board of Elders. The Task Team is looking for two individuals who would be willing to co-ordinate this important task. The coordinators would ‘match’ people who are willing to do visits or make phone calls with those who are in need of this fellowship. The Task Team is also looking for those who would be willing to visit or make phone calls to those who are lonely. A list of those who would benefit from a visit or regular phone call already exists, and is increasing over time. If you are interested in either making visits or phone calls, please talk with a member of the Board of Elders, or with Pastor.

MCLC Permission Form - We are updating our permission form and the following information is for use by the church. We may have this information in the computer, but please provide this update, if you are willing. Please provide baptismal birthdays if you know them. Forms can be found on the counter in the Narthex.

Pastor Don on Holidays – While Pastor Don is away, congregational members are welcome to contact any members of the Board of Elders for Christian care, or to have pastoral care arranged.

Board of Elders:

- Garry Murdoch
- Dave Darbel
- Nathan Maskowitz
- Rod Vikse
- Clayton Jahn
- Mike Bell

Announcements

Family Bowling Night - The Board of Church Life will be sponsoring a Family Bowling Night, February 10, 2024, from 6:30 PM-8:30 PM at Heritage Lanes. Please be there by 6:00 PM to register and get your bowling shoes. Cost will be \$10.00 per person for 2 games of bowling and shoe rental. If you wish to order food or drinks you may do so at your own cost. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the Narthex. For more information or to prepay, please contact Shelley Jahn at 403-550-3104 or sjahn@telus.net We need to confirm numbers 2 weeks prior to this event so please sign up before 26Jan2024.

Contribution Box Sets – New Box Sets can be found in your church mail slots. It is very important that you **DO NOT** use any envelopes from previous years, as the envelopes have been renumbered. If you have any questions please talk to Alicia at the office.

Pre-Authorized Giving – If you would like to make changes to your Pre-Authorized giving please see Alicia at the office during office hours.

Lutheran Women’s Missionary League - Business Meeting - Tuesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm in Luther’s Lounge.
Hostess: Amanda Wolf, Devotion/Mites: Phyllis Kober

Voter’s Meeting – February 25, 2024

Contribution Statements – *Please collect your Contribution Statements from your mail slot in the mailroom. If you do not have a mail slot, your statement has been mailed out.*