

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



*“They were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority.”*  
*Mark 1:22*

**WELCOME!** We extend a cordial welcome to everyone in the name of our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Visitors are always welcome in our midst and are asked to sign our guest book in the entrance to our church sanctuary.

**AS WE GATHER—“Jesus’ Amazing Authority”**

When the Israelites were about to enter the Promised Land and Moses was about to die, he announced that the Lord had promised another prophet to follow him. While the people saw Joshua as that prophet, centuries later, Jesus was the complete fulfillment of the prophecy. When He spoke, all creation—including unclean spirits—obeyed, to the amazement of the people in today’s Holy Gospel. Unfortunately, as Paul reminds us in the Epistle, we do not always hear a clear command from our Lord as we deal with one another. But Jesus’ sacrifice for us frees us to put our neighbor’s needs above our own.

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** *Divine Service, Setting 1, page 151*

**OPENING HYMN** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” *(LSB 809)*

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION** page 151

**SHARING OF THE PEACE** (Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “*Peace be with you,*” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.) [Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3]

**THE INTROIT, COLLECT OF THE DAY, GRADUAL AND SCRIPTURE READINGS CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR WORSHIP INSERT**

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**HYMN OF PRAISE** “*Gloria in Excelsis*” page 154

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY** page 156

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

+ **OLD TESTAMENT READING**—*Deuteronomy 18:15–20* (God promises a prophet to follow Moses.)

**GRADUAL** (*Read responsively*)

+ **EPISTLE READING**—*1 Corinthians 8:1–13* (Paul warns against hurting the faith of a weak brother.)

**ALLELUIA & VERSE** *“Alleluia. They were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority. Alleluia.” (Mark 1:22a)*

+ **GOSPEL READING**—*Mark 1:21–28* (People are amazed at Jesus’ authority over unclean spirits.)

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED** page 159

**CATECHISM** page 326  
Martin Luther’s Small Catechism: Confession and the Office of the Keys: What is Confession? What sins should we confess? Which are these?

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** “Don’t Hurt, but Love”

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “God Has Spoken by His Prophets” (LSB 583)

**SERMON** “God Surely Will Guide” (Deut. 18.15-20)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**  
*Each petition of the prayers ends by the pastor saying: “Lord, in Your mercy” and the congregation responding: “Hear our prayer”*

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**CONCLUDING COLLECT**  
Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You know that as we face so many dangers, one person is strong and another is weak. Grant us loving concern for our brothers and sisters as Your instruments to support one another in all dangers and 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.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** page 166

**CLOSING HYMN** “Son of God, Eternal Savior” (LSB 842)

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God!!!**

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**Attendance in Worship Last Sunday: 103**

**Church Information—**

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**Church Website:** [www.christlutheranwestbloomfield.com](http://www.christlutheranwestbloomfield.com)  
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**Officiant:** Pastor John M. Taggatz

**Organist:** Ila Robbert

**Elder:** Dan Strey

**Ushers/ Greeters:** Tom & Diane Hartzke & Aron Robbert family

**Altar Guild:** Karen Tesch

**Acolyte:** Meadow Masaros

**REMINDER! Pastor’s Office Hours for Christ & Calvary**

**Monday (Christ) 9:30 am-1pm**

**Tuesday (Christ) 10:15 am-1pm**

**Wednesday (Calvary) 9:30am -1pm**

**Thursday (Calvary): 9am - 1pm**

**Friday (Pastor’s Day Off)**

**Visitations: Monday through Thursday afternoons**

**For Appointments, Call Calvary or Christ Office or Pastor’s Cell Phone.**

**For an Emergency, Call Pastor Taggatz: 715-467-1231.**

**Our Prayer List:** Samuel Cartwright, Pleasance Robbert’s father; Sherry Blomberg; Shirley Rohan; Bob & Bev Buchholtz; Vickie Schwan, Mrs. Petrea McMahon’s mother; Dave Timm, Ryan Timm’s father; Pastor Mark Meier (recovering from heart surgery); Darin Triplett (cancer), son-in-law of Elvis Behm, and Jerry Dorsett, (recovery from surgery)

**In the Military:** Kaitlin Young, Fort Campbell, KY.

**Our Shut Ins:** Doris Buchholtz, Louis Hartzke, Mary Grambsch, Doris Behm, Lisa Liepert, Stanley Behm, and Elvis Behm.

**We mourn** with the family of Andrea Muench as they grieve over the recent death of her Grandma Sue. Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, deal graciously with the Muench family, as they mourn Grandma Sue’s recent death, that casting every care on You, he may know the consolation of Your love. Amen.

**In the case of inclement weather please check with WDUX radio 92.7 FM to see if our congregation's worship service has been cancelled.**

**We are so blessed by God that Christ Lutheran Church West Bloomfield has a Lutheran Elementary School...**

- They have 3-year-old preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Quality Christian Education
- Boys & Girls Volleyball, Boys & Girls Basketball, Co-ed Soccer, Boys & Girls Track & Field for Grades 3-8
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**Consider a student's view of Christ Ev. Lutheran School**—*“Christ Lutheran provides proper study and memorization skills, thanks to memory work. It also teaches you how to write essays and speeches, and has produced several state level speech winners. The children gain responsibility through classroom jobs and the ability to work because of after lunch clean up duty. All kids participate in games at recess and gym, and are involved with the yearly school musical. Sports such as soccer, volleyball, basketball and softball are all played. There is a lot of one on one time with your teacher, which is a great help in gaining confidence in your abilities. Christ Lutheran has no bullies and everyone at the school considers the others their friends; the older kids even help and play with the younger ones. I am 100% sure that Christ Lutheran has made me a kinder, more patient, and smarter student.” Carson, former 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student.*

**Our regularly scheduled Christ Lutheran Council meeting is on Tuesday January 30 at 7:00 pm.** The regular occurring **Christ Lutheran Voter's meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018** immediately following the Worship Service. Please plan on attending our February Voter's Meeting, as your input and involvement in our Lutheran Church and School are deeply needed, and greatly appreciated. Thanks for your support of our ministries here at Christ Lutheran Church & School!!!

**CALLING ALL USHERS FOR CELC**--We are in need of ushers here at Christ Lutheran for 2018. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to help out. If interested, please contact Bryan Brazil at: [920-867-3646](tel:920-867-3646).

**THIS WEEK AT CHRIST**

<b><u>Sunday – January 28<sup>th</sup></u></b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult Bible Class
<b><u>Monday – January 29<sup>th</sup></u></b> 3:30 – 5:00 PM Boys & girls basketball practice, just girls until 5:15
<b><u>Tuesday – January 30<sup>th</sup></u></b> 8:30 AM Chapel 4:30 PM Away A & B girls basketball game vs. All Saints Berlin 5:30 PM Away B boys basketball game vs. All Saints Berlin 7:00 PM Council Meeting
<b><u>Wednesday – January 31<sup>st</sup></u></b> 6:00 – 7:00 PM Public School Confirmation Class at Calvary
<b><u>Thursday – February 1<sup>st</sup></u></b> 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study @ Calvary
<b><u>Friday – February 2<sup>nd</sup></u></b> Pastor's Day Off
<b><u>Sunday – February 4<sup>th</sup> COMMUNION</u></b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult Bible Class

**THRIVENT CHOICE GIVING FOR CHRIST & CALVARY**— Giving back has always been important to our Thrivent members. Thrivent Financial has provided more than \$170 million through the Thrivent Choice® program to help congregations, educational institutions and other nonprofit organizations since the program launched in 2010. The Thrivent Members of our congregations of Christ & Calvary are eligible to give to the charitable organization of their choice, including our churches of Christ & Calvary Lutheran our own Christ Lutheran School of West Bloomfield, WI!!! Eligible members are designated Choice Dollars, based on insurance premiums, contract values, and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of nonprofit organizations nationwide, including your local congregation.

**\*\*\*Special notice regarding the Thrivent Choice Program:** Thrivent members wishing to continue their automatic withdrawal to the charity of their choice will have to let Thrivent know either by e-mail or phone. All you have to do is call this 1-800 number in order to see if you have Thrivent Choice dollars to give. To continue to direct your Choice Dollars to the charity of your choice call: 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and state "Thrivent Choice." **PLEASE NOTE: Your eligible Thrivent Choice dollars from 2017 are still good through March of 2018.** All you have to do is call the Thrivent Choice phone number to direct your choice dollars to the charity of your choice. Thanks for your generosity and support!!!

**THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:** Gratefully acknowledges a memorial gift of \$1,000 given by Mr. & Mrs. Orville Behm in memory of their parents. This gift is designated to the pew cushion fund.

**BOX TOPS AND MILK CAPS:** This is just a reminder that our school collects Box Tops and Kwik Trip milk caps, bag tops, glazed donut ovals and ice cream bar codes. If anyone has any to drop off, please put them in Aimee's church mailbox or on her desk in the school office. Thank you!

**Church Announcements Deadline:** The deadline for getting church announcements into the bulletin for Christ and Calvary is on Wednesdays by 9am.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BIBLE STUDY?** Pastor John is leading Bible Study on Thursdays at Calvary Lutheran Waupaca at 10:00am. Come join us as we study God's Word together! We are currently studying Focus on the Family's "The Truth Project."

**SCRIP AT CELC**—SCRIP is being sold following the 8:30am service in the church basement. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**"The Challenges of Islam"** is the topic of the Adult Bible Study which is held at 9:45 AM on Sundays here at Christ Lutheran. This study is part of the Lutheran Hour Ministries Bible Study topics. Please sign up for this study in the narthex so we can make copies of the study for you.

**Would you like to read through the entire Bible chronologically in the New Year?** If so, we have a schedule at Christ Lutheran to read through the Bible available for you on the table in the Narthex. If you would like a digital copy you can email Lydia Wacker at: [lwackerlwml@gmail.com](mailto:lwackerlwml@gmail.com)

**Calvary Men's Group Chili Supper**—Please mark your calendars! The Calvary Men's group is hosting a chili supper immediately following the worship service on Sunday February 11th, 2018 from noon until 2:00 PM, or until gone. Members of Calvary, Christ Lutheran, and the public are welcome. The menu includes chili (with fixings on the side), French bread, desert, milk, juice, and coffee. The cost is \$6.50 adults, \$3.00 children 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. All proceeds will go to the Christ Lutheran West Bloomfield School. **We are asking for volunteers to help with the event, and also donations of baked goods.** A signup sheet will be posted in the Narthex. This event is also being supported by a "Thrivent Action Team" grant. Your support would be greatly appreciated!  
Blessings,  
Calvary Men's Group

**New Martin Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation for 2017 through Concordia Publishing House is still available for you to check out in our church's Narthex.** There's a sign-up sheet if you would like to purchase the New Catechism. Please sign up for the catechism through Concordia Publishing House by the end of the month and bring your payment in as well. Please make checks payable to: *Christ or Calvary Lutheran Church.* (depending on the church you sign up for the Catechism)...

**The Congregation at Prayer Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Catechism:** Confession and the Office of the Keys: What is Confession? What sins should we confess? Which are these?

**Verse of the week:** Psalm 130:3-5, "*If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? 4 But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared. 5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope.*"

**Psalms of the week:** Psalm 95

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 607) "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" (stanzas 1-3)

**Bible Stories for the Week:**

**Sunday**—The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard—Matthew 20:1-16

**Monday**—The Parable of the Prodigal Son—Luke 15:25-32

**Tuesday**—The Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin—Luke 15:1-10

**Wednesday**—David's Sin with Bathsheba—2 Samuel 11:1-27

**Thursday**—The Prophet Nathan Confronts David—2 Samuel 12:1-25

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR**—"Cause I Said So" Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. Many have pretended to be the Messiah. In today's text, Jesus authority is recognized and obeyed by His competition. (Mark 1:21-28) The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lhm.org](http://lhm.org) scroll down the page and click on, "listen now." Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

5:30am The Lutheran Hour, WTMJ (AM 620)

7:30am The Lutheran Hour, WJMQ (FM 92.3)

8:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WDUX (AM 800)

10:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WRVM (FM 102.7)

"Our throw-away culture values ability and perfection. Those values increasingly and unfairly characterize the preborn diagnosed with disability as not even worthy to be born. But God's Word is clear in King David's Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV): 'For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and

wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)* Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679

**Stewardship Minute**— In God’s Word, we find Biblical stewardship truths God has given us relating to giving. God wants us to honor Him with the first portion of our incomes. He exhorts us to give in proportion to how we are blessed. He encourages us to give regularly and cheerfully. He wants us to excel in the grace of giving. God tells us that our giving tests the sincerity of our hearts and that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Through our giving, we worship and glorify God, and, through our faithful giving, God blesses us.

**GIVING ISN’T JUST GOD’S WAY OF RAISING MONEY—IT’S HIS WAY OF RAISING CHILDREN.**



“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor so that you by His poverty might become rich” (2 Cor. 8:9).

**Multi-Cultural Mission Event in Appleton** – The Lutheran Women in Mission at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, together with the Lutheran Men’s Fellowship, invite you to participate in our first "Super Mission Saturday" to be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Appleton on Saturday, February 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This is a family event that is open to all. Non-perishable food items, paper products, personal and hygiene products will be collected and distributed to the French African Congregation and the Fox Cities Hmong Lutheran Church. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. At 9:15, there will be a worship service with special music, multi-language scripture readings, and a mission message by Rev. Rex Rinne. The offering will go to support missions.

Seven to nine community and mission displays in the gymnasium will be colorful, descriptive, and informative with printed literature, cultural and hand-made items and photographs. Each display group will also make a brief presentation to explain their mission.

The event will close with an ethnic potluck lunch. Mission groups will bring a favorite dish from their tradition to share with all. For more information or to reserve a place, please contact one of the following: Carolyn Berg ([920-810-2422](tel:920-810-2422)), Helen Johnson ([helenjohnsonnow@yahoo.com](mailto:helenjohnsonnow@yahoo.com)), Sara Long-Radloff ([920-734-5289](tel:920-734-5289)) [sradloff@milwpc.com](mailto:sradloff@milwpc.com).

**Hygiene Kits for Orphan Grain Train** – Last year at this time, Calvary’s Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) collected donations to assemble health/hygiene kits for people who had just been through some type of disaster. They were able to complete 50 kits that were given to Orphan Grain Train for them to distribute wherever they were needed.

There is still a tremendous need for these kits. The members of their LWML group were just beginning to plan for another series of donations for a new set of 50 kits when we learned that an area congregation had a number of items left over from their program. Seven different items are needed to complete a kit. They had close to or over 100 items for each of 4 of the required supplies, but they had none of the other 3 items. They agreed to take over the incomplete sets and finish as many of them as we could. Our goal is 100 kits this year. They are inviting the members of CELC, West Bloomfield, to join them in reaching this goal. Lydia Wacker will help to coordinate the donations.

These are the items that we need to complete the sets along with the Sundays when they will be collected:

- February 4: Stick deodorant – No aerosols or gels can be accepted.
- February 11: Sturdy combs – Please avoid combs that can be easily bent. The teeth should be well-spaced to accommodate a variety of hair textures.
- February 18: Bath towels – The towels should be full-sized bath towels, **not** hand or kitchen towels. The towels may be used, but they should be in good condition and not torn or frayed. Darker colors are preferred. Avoid towels that are too thick and difficult to dry. Most of these recipients do not have laundry facilities available to them.

Please consider helping us reach our goal for the benefit of those who have suffered some type of major disaster in their lives. Thank you, Cheryl Coe Calvary LWML

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT AT CHRIST AND CALVARY**— Lenten midweek services are on Wednesdays at Calvary starting at 7:15pm with Soup Suppers from 5:30-7pm and on Thursdays at CELC at 7pm)... Lent Starts with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday Feb. 14th and continues through to Easter on April 1<sup>st</sup>—

**The Lord’s Prayer: A Prayer for All Seasons (during our Lenten Midweek services)...**

1. Ash Wednesday: Seasons of Needing Forgiveness, *Fifth Petition*  
-Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> at Calvary—7:15pm  
-Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> at CELC—7:00pm
2. Lenten Midweek 2: Seasons of Lifting Up the Lord, *First Petition*  
-Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup> at Calvary—7:15pm  
-Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at CELC—7:00pm

3. Lenten Midweek 3: Seasons of Wondering Who's in Control, *Second Petition*  
 -Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup> at Calvary—7:15pm  
 -Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> at CELC—7:00pm
4. Lenten Midweek 4: Seasons of Seeking God's Will, *Third Petition*  
 -Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> at Calvary—7:15pm  
 -Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> at CELC—7:00pm
5. Lenten Midweek 5: Seasons of Thanks for Simple Things, *Fourth Petition*  
 -Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> at Calvary—7:15pm  
 -Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> at CELC—7:00pm
6. Lenten Midweek 6: Seasons for Standing Up to Evil, *Sixth and Seventh Petitions*  
 -Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> at Calvary—7:15pm  
 -Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at CELC—7:00pm

**Catechetical Sermon Series: The Ten Commandments (On Sunday Mornings during Lent and during Holy Week)...**

1. First Sunday in Lent: Commandments Nine and Ten, 1 Kings 21:1–16
2. Second Sunday in Lent: Commandment Eight, Matthew 26:59–61
3. Third Sunday in Lent: Commandment Seven, John 12:1–8
4. Fourth Sunday in Lent: Commandment Six, 2 Samuel 11:1–5
5. Fifth Sunday in Lent: Commandment Five, 2 Samuel 11:1–27
6. Sixth Sunday in Lent: Commandment Four, Luke 2:41–52
7. Maundy Thursday: Commandment Three, Mark 14:12–26; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17
8. Good Friday: Commandment Two, Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9
9. Easter Day: Commandment One, Mark 16:1–8