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Welcome, Friends! Thank you for joining us in worshiping the triune God this morning. As we celebrate the Lord's presence, we also give thanks for your presence among us.

To Parents of Small Children: We're so glad you brought your children to God's house! We encourage families to worship together, and want you to feel comfortable with your children in our church. If you have the need, please make use of the nursery located by the restrooms.

Worship Focus: The call to faith is powerful. It is able to overcome all obstacles to belief. And while the call to faith is general and always miraculous in that power to overcome obstacles, it is also always personal. God so rules history that he both allows and then overcomes the obstacles in each of us to heeding his call. Those who proclaim the gospel do well to take such obstacles into account as they share the good news.

Silent prayer before worship: Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for my eyes to see and my ears to hear. Help me to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

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Epiphany 5 February 4, 2018

Opening Hymn: 353
Order of Service: Service of Word and Sacrament (CW p.26)
First Lesson: Job 7:1-7 (*see back of bulletin)*

How powerfully has God gripped Job's heart through faith! Job does not paint a pretty picture about his life nor does he try to downplay his own suffering. But notice how he still prays to God and trusts in him to deliver—even when he believes the only deliverance from suffering he will see is death.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 103 (p.105)

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 *(see back of bulletin)*

The apostle Paul understood that there are many different obstacles that might get in the way of someone believing the Gospel. Therefore as he shares the good news he puts himself into the sandals of his audience that he may apply both law and gospel where it is needed the most to both convict and comfort.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia! Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia! (John 8:12 cf. NIV)
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 (*see insert)*

To say that Jesus loves everybody, while true, can often put an obstacle before the person who is suffering and may simply feel like a fly on the wall. How important to see him with individuals as we do in this lesson with Peter's mother-in-law! Jesus doesn't simply speak healing over the masses. He comes to us individually in our need to comfort and restore.

Hymn of the Day: 93
Sermonette: Mark 1:29-39

Saved to Serve

Creed: The Nicene Creed (Hymnal p.31)
Offering *Out of love for our Savior, we freely return to Him a portion of the material blessings He has given us. Visitors: Please do not feel obligated to present an offering.*

Communion Hymn: 784
The Sacrament: Hymnal p.33

ABOUT OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE: *The Bible tells us that those who take Communion together must: 1) recognize that Christ's true body and blood are present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 11:29), 2) examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), and 3) be united in faith with the congregation in which they commune (1 Cor. 10:17). For these reasons, it is our practice that only those who are members of our congregation or a congregation in our fellowship join us for Holy Communion. If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of our fellowship, please speak to the pastor after the service.*

Thanksgiving (Hymnal p.36)
Benediction
Closing Hymn: 760

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Welcome to our church! Calvary is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We believe, teach, and confess that the Bible is God's inspired, errorless Word, which tells us of a loving Savior who has saved us by His perfect life and death. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book. If you're looking for a church home, please consider us!