

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 9:30am
Sunday School. . . 10:45am
Council Meeting...10:50am
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 13, 2019

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 51 (Pg. 134)

Prayers: 52 (Pg. 107); 54 (Pg. 107)

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 132:1-4 325 370 132:5

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 132:1-4 – “O God of God, O Light of Light”

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE

(TLH Pg.5ff.)

The Invocation... The Confession of Sins... Absolution, -- “Amen.”

The Introit... The Gloria Patri (Pg. 6)...The Kyrie (Pg. 7).

Ah, look on me with pity Though I am weak and poor;
Admit me to Thy kingdom To dwell there, blest and sure.
I pray Thee, guide and keep me Safe from my bitter foes,
From sin and death and Satan; Free me from all my woes.
And bid Thy Word within me Shine as the fairest star;
Keep sin and all false doctrine Forever from me far.
Help me confess Thee truly And with Thy Christendom
Here own Thee King and Savior And in the world to come.

The Salutation (Pg. 9)...The Collect -- “Amen.”

CLC CALL NEWS

Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA. has called Pastor Aaron Ude. who currently serves Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD • Pastor Edward Starkey has accepted the call of Our Redeemer's of Red Wing, MN. This means that Resurrection Lutheran of Corpus Christi, Texas will be calling in the future. • Pastor Richard Kanzenbach has returned the call of Bethel Lutheran of Morris, MN.

UN-DECORATING

Thank you to everyone who helped to take down and store the Christmas Decorations last Sunday afternoon!

GAME DAY

It's Game Day Time! We will gather in the church fellowship hall to play games on Sunday January 20th, February 17th and March 17th at 2pm. Please bring a game and a snack and join us!

KINSHIP COMMITTEE

The KINSHIP Committee would like to offer our sincerest thanks for your generous responses to our recent request for sponsors.

We praise the Lord for this generous outpouring of support! All of the Direct Sponsorships have now been filled, and we have begun a waiting list for anyone who would like to directly sponsor a seminary student or orphan in the future.

Group Sponsorships are still available, in which you, an individual, can contribute to larger pools of support for various groups overseas, such as The Children in Need in Togo and the two schools in Kenya. You can also always donate to the KINSHIP General Fund which is used to support those three groups, the medical needs of orphans, and widows of former pastors. If you are interested in contributing to a Group Sponsorship or the General Fund and have any questions, please contact us at kinship@clclutheran.com. Thank you!

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Sam Rodebaugh

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$35/MO		
APRIL GOAL	RECEIVED 1/6	APRIL GOAL
\$30.00	\$0	\$30.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 1/6/19			
General Fund	Loose Offerings	Missions (CBP)	
\$675.00	\$80.50	\$90.00	
Offerings Total: \$845.50			

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READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS; JANUARY 14-19, 2019

Monday - Habakkuk 1: God had prepared the Babylonians to punish Judah, so when Habakkuk asked, "How long will You put up with our sinfulness?" God answered, "Not much longer, for I am about to send foreigners to eat you up" (1-4). Habakkuk responded, "I don't understand how You can use wicked people to punish other wicked people" (12-2:1). **Habakkuk Chapter 2:** God's answer: "Take My word for it (2-4) that I am not overlooking anyone's sinfulness—neither Jewish nor heathen. *Woe* to them, one-and-all alike" (2:5-19).

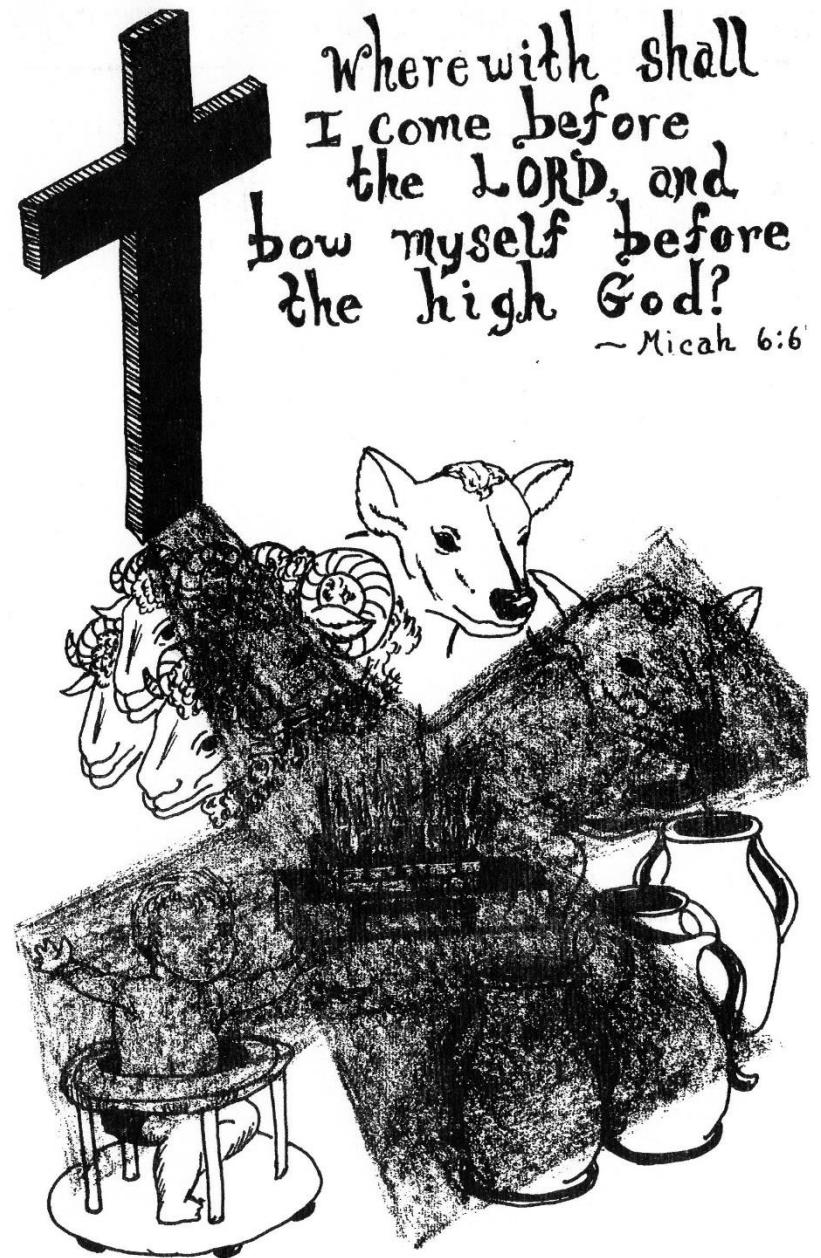
Tuesday – Habakkuk 3: So Habakkuk went home and implored the LORD to remember mercy (2). "O Master of Earth, nature, and nations (3-12), surely You are concerned for the *salvation* of Your people!" Though things looked bad in the short term (14-17), Habakkuk had faith in Jehovah, "Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation" (18). We share his prayer.

Wednesday - Nahum 1: Back to the problem of Nineveh: Because *the LORD is slow to anger* and is good to His people (2-7), Nineveh was going down (9-14), while Judah was headed up (15). For anyone not yet convinced about Nineveh, **Chapter 2** spells out some details, and **Chapter 3** broadcasts God's anger against a city that had degenerated since Jonah's day and gone viral in wickedness.

Thursday - Zephaniah Chapter 1: Now, what about God's special project—the one that had gone sour? He was about to stretch out His hand against Hebrews for their addiction to the weed of idolatry growing in their own backyard (2-6). No excuses and no exemptions (7-13)! How bad would it get for idolaters? *Wrath, distress, devastation, desolation, darkness*—every alarm bell ringing (14-16)—*because they have sinned* (and stuck to it) *against the LORD* (17).

Friday – Zephaniah Chapter 2 Here's your last chance: before the hammer falls, *seek the LORD; seek humility!* Perhaps you will escape (1-3). Otherwise, you are in for the same fate which God will bring upon your heathen neighbors: the Philistines, Moabites, Ethiopians, and Assyrians . . . and you don't want that (4-15).

Saturday - Zephaniah Chapter 3 reminds us that God had not been sleeping at the switch but knew how polluted everyone had become—including princes, judges, and clergy (1-4), so He was about to parcel out penalties fair and square (5). After doing that house-cleaning, God would inspire the remnant to renewed respect for Him in heart, home, and church (9-10), and to behave as His children (12-13). "Only then will it be the time to rejoice (14-15) and to relax (16-17), for the LORD God will adopt you all over again and give other folks good reason to admire and envy you (20)." We close this week's Bible readings with our *Hallelujahs* and *Amens*.



Wherewith shall
I come before
the LORD, and
bow myself before
the high God?
~ Micah 6:6

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The Baptism of the Lord.....January 13, 2019

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

THE OFFERING HYMN:

(TLH 127:1,3,4)

As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;
 As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright,
 So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee!
 As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
 So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
 All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King!
 Holy Jesus, every day Keep us in the narrow way;
 And when earthly things are past. Bring our ransomed souls at last
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

PRAYER(S)...THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 370 – “*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*”

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen, Amen, Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 132:5 – “*O God of God, O Light of Light*”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 13, 2019

AFTER WORSHIP

- † *Sunday School* (10:45am)
- † *Council Meeting* (10:50am)

THIS WEEK

Monday: Study Conference, Marquette

Tuesday: Confirmation Class, 3pm

Wednesday: Choir Practice 6pm; Bible Class, 7pm.

Sunday: Worship 9:30am; SS 10:45am; Voter's Meeting, 10:50am

CHOIR PRACTICE/BIBLE CLASS

The Choir practices Wednesday at 6pm. Midweek Bible Class resumes at 7pm.

CALVARY COUNCIL/VOTERS MEETINGS

The Council Meeting to prepare for the Annual Meeting is scheduled for this Sunday January 13th following worship. The Annual Voters Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday January 20th following worship.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

MICAH 6:1-5

Hear now what the LORD says:

“Arise, plead your case before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, O you mountains, the LORD’s complaint, And you strong foundations of the earth; For the LORD has a complaint against His people, And He will contend with Israel.

³ “O My people, what have I done to you? And how have I wearied you? Testify against Me. ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage; And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O My people, remember now What Balak king of Moab counseled, And what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, From Acacia Grove to Gilgal, That you may know the righteousness of the LORD.” *

EPISTLE LESSON:

HEBREWS 10:1-25

For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. ² For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. ³ But in those *sacrifices there is* a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

⁵ Therefore, when He came into the world, He said [Psalm 40:6-8]:

“*Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me.* ⁶ *In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure.* ⁷ *Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.’*”

⁸ Previously saying [Psalm 40:6],

“*Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them*”

(which are offered according to the law), ⁹ then He said [Psalm 40:7],
 “*Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.*”

He takes away the first that He may establish the second. ¹⁰ By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

¹¹ And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. ¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵ But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before [Jeremiah 31:33-34],

¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,"

¹⁷ then He adds,

"Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

¹⁸ Now where there is remission of these, *there is* no longer an offering for sin.

¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. *

THE GRADUAL -- (A Prayer for the Sunday *read responsively*)

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel;

Congregation: Who only does wonderful things.

P: Praise be to Him;

C: Praise be to His Glorious Name Forever. Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

P: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all you lands;

C: Serve the Lord with Gladness. Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 3:13-17

[cf. also Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23]

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ And John *tried to* prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

¹⁵ But Jesus answered and said to him, "**Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.**" Then he allowed Him.

¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED (PG. 12)

HYMN: 325 – "O Thou that Hear'st when Sinners Cry"

SERMON:

MICAH 6:6-8

⁶ With what shall I come before the LORD, *and* bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn *for* my transgression, the fruit of my body *for* the sin of my soul?

⁸ He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

HOW CAN I MAKE THINGS RIGHT WITH GOD?

NOT...Outward Offerings

NOT...Holy Living

TRUST...that Jesus has made things right with God!

Micah

Micah prophesies during a time of great social injustice in Judah. Those in positions of power and authority are using their influence over the poor and weak for selfish ends. Corrupt rulers, false prophets, ungodly priests, judges bought with bribes, merchants using deceptive weights--all become the targets of Micah's prophetic barbs. The whole earth is called to witness God's indictment against Israel and Judah. Clearly, there can only be one verdict: Guilty! And the sentence for such wickedness is severe: Destruction and Captivity. After sin is punished and justice is accomplished, Micah holds out hope for his countrymen, for God will have compassion on them and "cast all their sins into the depths of the sea" (7.19).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Judah's Day of Judgment	Judah's Day of Triumph		Judah's Day in Court			
Violence	Victory		Vindication			
Judgment for Injustice in Micah's Day						

PASTOR KEVIN MCKENNEY

Pastor Kevin McKenney, who served our CLC congregation in Cambridge, WI, departed this world and entered into eternal glory with Jesus his Savior on January 7th. Pastor McKenney had been battling with multiple sclerosis for the past sixteen years. Now the Lord in His mercy has taken him forever out of this world of sorrow and trouble. His memorial service will take place at Messiah of Hales Corners, at a date and time yet to be announced. Please keep Pastor McKenney's wife, Kim, and the rest of his family in your prayers. Correspondence may be addressed to: The Family of Kevin McKenney, 321 Armenia St, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538.

LADIES OF CALVARY

The Ladies of Calvary will meet next on Thursday February 14th in the Pastor's Office. Since attendance this week was insufficient for elections, elections will take place in February.

CLC Mission Opportunities Prayer List

1. **Missionary to India** – Our missionary to India is planning a late January return to India. Pray that the Lord will bless his travel plans. Pray that he will have a safe and uneventful trip and that there will be no issues clearing through immigration upon his return to India.
2. **Visiting Missionary** – Missionary Ohlmann departed on Wednesday, January 9th for visits to Tanzania, Zambia, Myanmar, Nepal, and Bangladesh. He will be gone from home for almost nine weeks. He is scheduled to return home in mid-March. Pray for safe and uneventful travel and for his family while he is away.
3. **CLC Mission Helper Program** – The application period for the 2019 trip to India has come to close. The 2019 Mission Helper Team will be announced after the Board of Missions has had an opportunity to approve the applicants for participation. Pray for the volunteers over the next several months as they make preparations to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to thousands of children in July. Pray also for the pastors and leaders of the CLCI and BELC in India as they prepare to host the 2019 Mission Helper volunteers.
4. **Tanzania** – The leaders of the CLC-Tanzania will meet with Missionary Ohlmann in January to finalize plans before classes begin in February at the newly established Wartburg Lutheran Seminary in Arusha, Tanzania. There are currently twelve men from four districts who are planning to attend. Pray for both students and teachers that the Lord will bless this effort and that He will provide all that is necessary for this important work to go forward.

5. Zambia – Missionary Ohlmann will be in Zambia in late January and early February. He will have the opportunity to teach pastoral training seminars in the Lusaka, Livingstone, and Kitwe districts. Pastor Ibrahim has recently moved the headquarters of the CLC-Zambia from Lusaka to Livingstone. They hope to property that can serve as a church, Bible Institute, living quarters, and student dormitory. Pray that the Lord will bless their plans and provide the resources necessary to serve the sheep of God's CLC-Zambia flock and train men to serve as faithful preachers and teachers of His saving word.

6. Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) – Due to the current political climate, refugee crisis, and on-going armed conflict, it has been a few years since our CLC missionaries have been able to acquire the necessary visa to visit DRC. Leaders of the CLC-D.R. Congo will travel over the border into Zambia in late January to meet with Missionary Ohlmann while is making his annual visit to the CLC-Zambia.

7. Myanmar – Seminars in Kalaymyo and Yangon will be conducted while Missionary Ohlmann visits in February. Pray that the Lord will bless these seminars that many will be strengthened in their faith and that those who hear the truth for the first time will be led by the Holy Spirit to repent and in saving faith rejoice in the forgiveness of sins, salvation, and eternal life through Jesus Christ.

8. Nepal – Translation of Luther's Large Catechism into Nepalese has recently been completed and five-hundred copies will be printed and ready for distribution to the pastors of the HCLC-Nepal in February. The pastors will then begin leading congregations and preaching stations through a study this book. This project was made possible through a grant from the CLC Mission Development Fund (MDF). Thank the Lord for providing the gifts, abilities, and resources to complete this project. Pray that the Lord will bless the study of His word and strengthen the faith of those who are given the opportunity to study this book together with their pastor.

9. Nepal – CLC Board of Missions Chairman, Joel Krafft will join Missionary Ohlmann in Nepal in mid-February. Together they will visit several congregations and meet with the pastors and students of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal for a training seminar. While in Nepal they will also have the opportunity to travel to the recently established Dang district to meet with the pastors and students who are training to be faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving word. Pray for safe travels and success in the proclamation of God's saving word.

10. Bangladesh – After more than three years of extensive Online Theological Studies correspondence courses, Board of Missions chairman Joel Krafft and Missionary Ohlmann will visit Bangladesh for our first face to face meetings with the president and leaders of the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM). Pray that the Lord will these meetings as we work toward establishing agreement in doctrine.

11. Nigeria – Rejoice in the Lord's provision as two men who have successfully completed the five-year seminary course of the NCLC Luther Bible Institute graduated in December. These two men were ordained and assigned to the congregation they will serve. Pray that the Lord will bless their ministry!

12. Nigeria – Our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Nigeria-CLC are facing a variety of challenges as they work together to provide both spiritual and bodily care for orphaned children. They are currently working to develop guidelines and policies that are in compliance with the regulations of the Nigeria Ministry of Women and Children's Welfare. If and when they are able to re-open the NCLC Children's Home the CLC Kinship Committee will be involved in providing support for these children. Please pray that the Lord will provide the NCLC the wisdom, compassion, and all that is needed to carry out this important work of love, care, and compassion.

13. CLC Online Theological Studies – continue to pray for individuals in the following countries around the world who are studying God's word through email correspondence courses as they continue to train to be faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving word:

1. Senegal, West Africa
2. D. R. Congo, Central Africa
3. Togo, West Africa
4. Liberia, West Africa
5. Bangladesh, South East Asia
6. Zimbabwe, Africa
7. Myanmar, South East Asia
8. Tanzania, East Africa
9. Kenya, East Africa
10. Uganda, East Africa