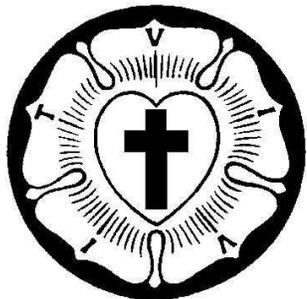


CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

450 W. Ohio • Marquette, Michigan

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Divine Worship. 9:30am
Sunday School. . . 10:45am
Bible Class...10:50am
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 Church: (906) 226-9372
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EPIPHANY FIVE

February 10, 2019

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 36 (Pg. 132)

Prayers: 52 (Pg. 107); **41** (Pg. 106)

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 477 5 400 465

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 477 – “Lord Jesus, Thou the Church’s Head”

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, and will be installed there on Sunday February 17th at 3:30pm. • Bethel Lutheran of Morris, MN, has called Pastor David Reim, who serves St. Paul Lutheran Church in Vernon, British Columbia, Canada.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2019	
<i>The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Calvary to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. The amount given to ‘Missions’ on your church envelope goes to this pledge. In the event that our offerings fall short of our pledge, the difference will be taken from the Calvary General Fund. In the event that our offerings exceed our pledge, additional funds will be placed in the General Fund.</i>	
Amount Pledged 2019	Amount Received as of 2/3/19
\$7000.00	\$555.00 (-6445.00)

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO		
APRIL GOAL	RECEIVED 2/3	APRIL GOAL
\$40.00	\$0	\$40.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 2/3/19				
General Fund	Loose Offerings	Missions (CBP)		
\$695.00	\$10.30	\$155.00		
Offerings Total: \$860.30				

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READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS; FEBRUARY 11-16, 2019

Monday - Mark's Gospel, 1:14-15 In these first words of Jesus as recorded by Mark, He tells us that God aligned the sprockets, eccentrics, and teeth to mesh so that He could apply power, and the dynamics of salvation moved. Since God has taken sinners to His heart, sinners should take God into theirs, come in out of the cold, and discover the warmth of His home and hearth.

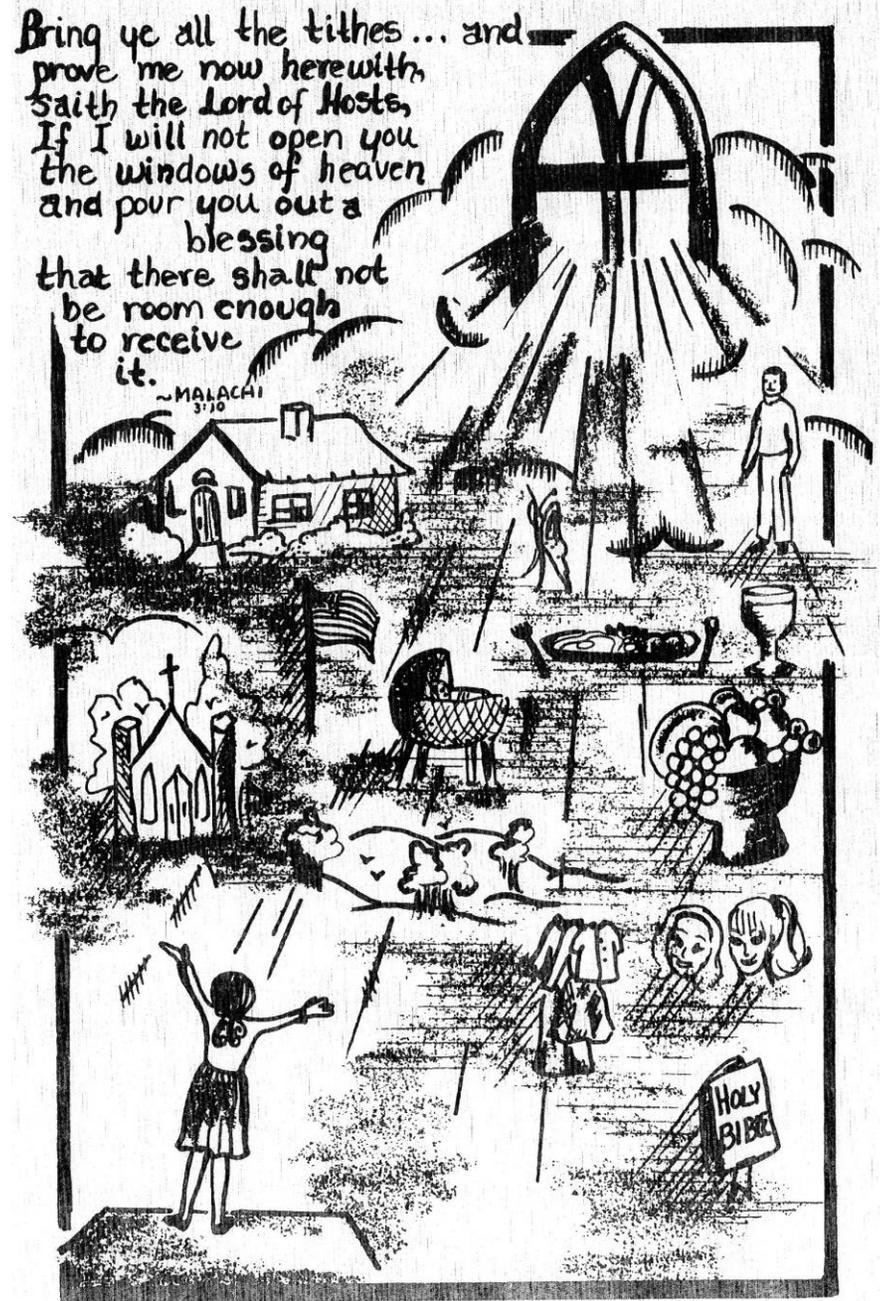
Tuesday - Mark 5:1-20 Jesus opened God's home to a derelict whose soul was so ravaged that he repelled all human intervention, couldn't rest or sleep, and screamed in torment [how close to hell can you get?]. The demons even faked being on God's side (7), but Jesus threw the demons overboard (8-13). While farmers misjudged Jesus as a financial threat (16-17), the man rescued from hell knew better . . . and became a missionary. Praise the Lord!

Wednesday - Mark 8:27-33 Some guesses about Jesus' identity came close (27-28), but you and I know better, don't we? He is the Son of God as well as the son of humans; He is the specific and special long-promised Anointed Savior. BTW, *Christ* is English for *χριστός*, which is Greek for *Anointed* (and in Hebrew it's *Messiah*). Peter waffled when Jesus predicted His suffering, death, and resurrection, so Jesus straightened him out on that (31-33).

Thursday - Mark 9:31-32 The fact that Jesus should get into trouble for being self-sacrificing is a conundrum to those who are afraid to ask for clarification (32). Another hurdle for human brains is Jesus' resurrection from the dead. How could He survive with no heart-beat, being brain-dead and stone cold for many hours? Well, Jesus cleared that hurdle for Himself and for us, too.

Friday - Mark 10:17-27 This young runner thought he had cleared the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th hurdles without stumbling, but he had avoided the BIG hurdle. Nobody can clear the hurdles of God's Law who doesn't have the heart to unload his sin onto Jesus. He turned away, saddened that he had to choose between God and self. [Stumbling at Jesus is fatal.]

Saturday - Mark 13:32-37 We daren't forget the point Jesus was making, and this reminder keeps us attuned to Him. Here's the issue: we can get so involved (even overwhelmed) in our workaday responsibilities (and in our diversions, too) that we forget the reason God lets us live another day – that we are still on Earth to be of service to Him and to our neighbor. And what Jesus said in olden days to His handful of disciples He is still saying to all of us: Be on the alert for His return to station Earth. *"Watch therefore, for you do not know when the Master of the house is returning . . . whether in the evening, at midnight, at first light, or at full morning. And what I say to you, I say to all: WATCH!"* Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen!



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Epiphany Five.....February 10, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 10, 2019

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Confirmation Class, 3pm

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

Thursday: Ladies of Calvary, 7pm

Sunday: Worship 9:30am; SS 10:45am; Bible Class, 10:50am

CHOIR PRACTICE/BIBLE CLASS

The Choir practices Wednesday at 6pm. The Choir will not meet on Wednesday February 20th. Midweek Bible Class continues at 7pm with a brief overview of the Prophets Nahum, Zephaniah and Jeremiah. This will be the final Midweek Bible Class until after May 1st due to the Lenten Season.

LADIES OF CALVARY

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

GAME DAY

Next Sunday at 2pm we will gather in the church fellowship hall to play games. Please bring a game and a snack and join us! We will also gather March 17th at 2pm.

BRIEF VOTER'S MEETING/ELECTION

Since we did not complete the business of elections at the Annual Voter's Meeting on Sunday January 20th, the Voters will meet briefly on Sunday March 3rd for the purpose of conducting elections. After this is done, the Council will meet and conduct their elections.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

PSALM 24:1-10

¹ The earth *is* the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. ² For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters.

³ Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully. ⁵ He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation. ⁶ This *is* Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah

⁷ Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. ⁸ Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle. ⁹ Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He *is* the King of glory. Selah *

EPISTLE LESSON:

2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-15

Now concerning the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you; ² for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority. ³ Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready; ⁴ lest if *some* Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) should be ashamed of this confident boasting. ⁵ Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which *you had* previously promised, that it may be ready as *a matter of* generosity and not as a grudging obligation.

⁶ But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ So let each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work. ⁹ As it is written [Psalm 112:9]:

*"He has dispersed abroad,
He has given to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever."*

¹⁰ Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, ¹¹ while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. ¹² For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, ¹³ while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, ¹⁴ and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! *

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

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all you nations;

Congregation: Praise Him, all you peoples!

P: For the LORD has made known His Word;

C: **Even the Word of His Salvation. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: Arise, shine, for Your Light has come;

C: **The Glory of the LORD is risen upon us! Hallelujah!**

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

MARK 12:41-44

⁴¹ Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many *who were* rich put in much. ⁴² Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. ⁴³ So He called His disciples to *Himself* and said to them, "**Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury;** ⁴⁴ **for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.**" *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED (PG. 12)

HYMN: 5 – "Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear"

SERMON:

MALACHI 3:6-10

⁶ "For I *am* the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. ⁷ Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept *them*. Return to Me, and I will return to you," Says the LORD of hosts. "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?'

⁸ "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, *Even* this whole nation. ¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you *such* blessing That *there will not be room enough to receive it*."

SOME THINGS SEEM NEVER TO CHANGE...

Human Sin
God's Mercy and Faithfulness

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: 400 – "Take My Life and Let It Be"

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

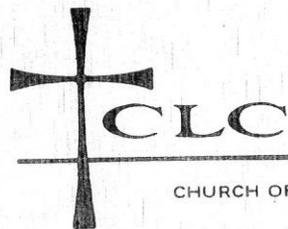
CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen, Amen, Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 465 – "Christ Is Our Corner Stone"

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Malachi brings down the curtain on the Old Testament prophecy. Malachi the prophet and Nehemiah the builder **were** contemporaries, and the problems Nehemiah faced became the basis for the sermons Malachi preached. Corrupt priests, mixed marriages, calloused consciences--these were the conditions under which Malachi wrote. Using a question-and-answer style, Malachi highlights the arrogances and insensitivity of God's people. His convicting words of judgement usher in 400 years of silence during which God's prophetic voice is no longer heard. But the last book of the Old Testament anticipates the first book of the New, where the silence is broken by John the Baptist declaring, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord"(Matthew 3:3).

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