

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Divine Worship. 9:30am
Sunday School. . . 10:45am
Bible Class...10:50am
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LENT FOUR

March 31, 2019

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 31 (Pg. 130)

Morning Prayer: (Pg. 118)

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 375 323 371 380

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 375 – “If Thy Beloved Son, O God”

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).

Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light, My Strength by day, my Trust by night, On earth I'm but a passing guest and sorely with my sins opprest.

Lord, in Thy nail-prints let me read That Thou to save me hast decreed and grant that in Thine opened side My troubled soul may ever hide.

Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just. I take my homeward way in trust. The gates of heaven, Lord, open wide When here I may no more abide.

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

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Mark Bernthal has returned the call of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Corpus Christi, Texas • Teacher Andrew Roehl has returned the call of St. John’s Lutheran School in Okabena, MN. • Bethel Lutheran of Morris, MN, has called Pastor George Dumann, who currently serves Salem in Eagle Lake, MN. Missionary Peter Evensen will serve Bethel until he travels to Togo, Africa in the beginning of May. • Faith Lutheran School in Markesan, WI, has called Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran School in Winter Haven, FL to serve as teacher and principal. • Teacher Nathan Wales has resigned his teaching call at Holy Trinity Lutheran School effective the end of the school year. This was not the result of any conflict within the congregation or school, nor was it the result of an incident. Mr. Wales is looking for new challenges and opportunities for personal growth in a different calling. He will remain in South Carolina and his children will attend the school. Holy Trinity Lutheran School in West Columbia, South Carolina has called Teacher Seth Schaller to serve as teacher and school principal.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2019

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.

Amount Pledged 2019	Amount Received as of 3/24/19
\$7000.00	\$1525.00 (-5475.00)

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO

APRIL GOAL	RECEIVED 3/24	MAY GOAL
\$10.00	\$20.00	\$30.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 3/24/19

General Fund	Loose Offerings	Missions (CBP)	CLCI Sem Student
\$899.00	\$59.00	\$140.00	\$20.00
Offerings Total: \$1118.00			

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READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS; APRIL 1-6, 2019

Monday - 1 Corinthians Humans are self-centered (**chapter 1:10-17**), whereas Jesus was self-sacrificing (20-31). Paul was self-effacing (**chapter 2:1-10**), yielding to the Holy Spirit (ch.2:11-16). Selfish Christians tout their favorite clergymen, whereas faithful clergymen disdain such acclaim (**chapter 3**). As we consider these things in our hearts, we are thankful that God is concerned enough to warn us against our on-board selfishness – and still love us all the same (**chapter 4**).

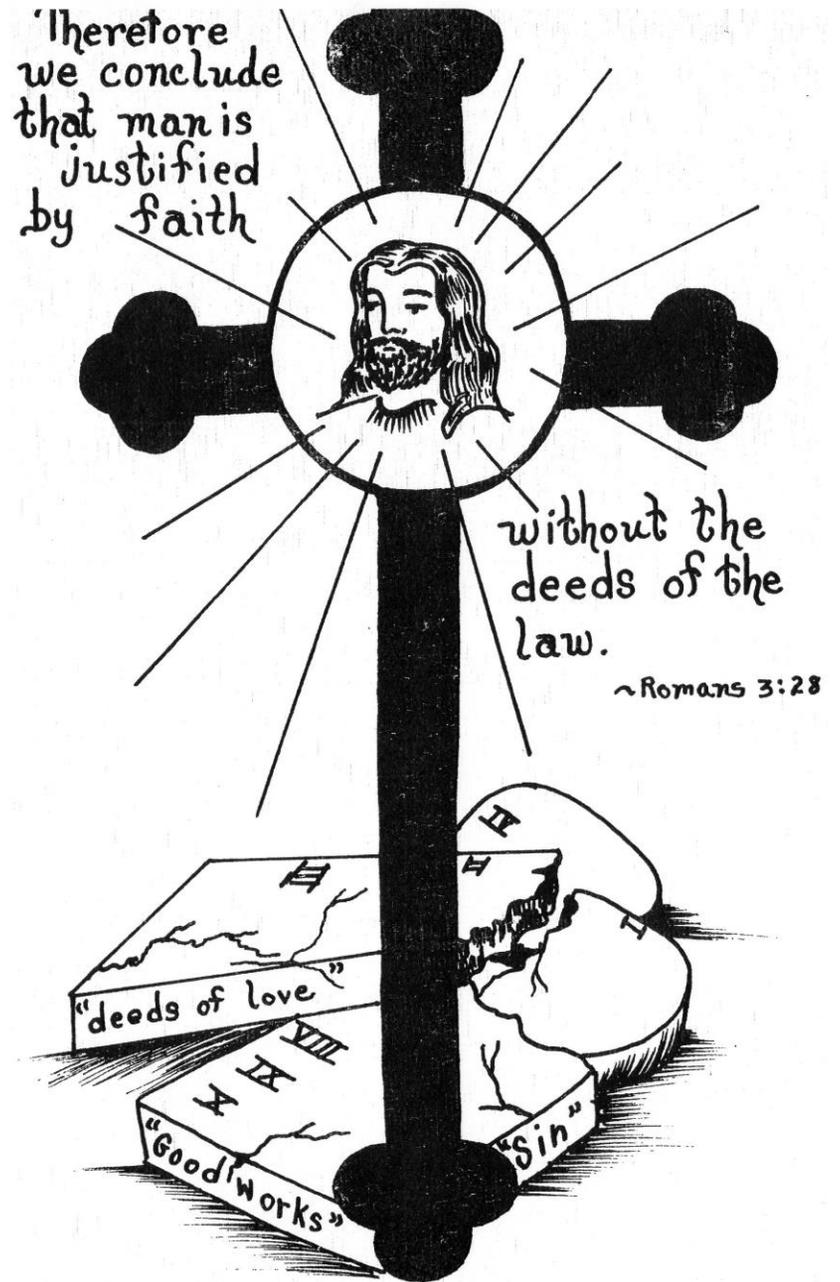
Tuesday - Sexual immorality is a sub-division of selfishness, so we stay away from carriers of filth (**chapter 5**). Selfishness fuels litigation (**chapter 6:1-11**), just as it fuels prostitution (**6:12-18**). Christians spouses have a great blessing (**chapter 7:1-6**), but partners in a “mixed” marriage carry a heavy burden (**7:10-16**), while unmarried Christians are spared a lot of tribulations (**7: 25-40**).

Wednesday - Sensitive Christians cope with life by avoiding situations that will put themselves or someone else in harm’s way (**chapter 8**). Paul’s life was governed not by self-centeredness but by his love for others. In reaching out to others, he sublimated his “rights” and his “freedoms,” for doing so made him a better conduit for Jesus’ self-sacrificing love and mercy (**chapter 9**).

Thursday - Bad things happened to people who cheated on God (**10:1-10**), and *those things happened to them as examples* for their neighbors, and those events were recorded in the Bible *for our admonition* likewise (**10:12-14**). We do not fall for the temptation to grant equal status to false religions (15-22), even though there’s no law against it (23). Situations arise regularly which require our perceptivity and compassion (24-33). Lord, help us!

Friday - God’s ABC’s supersede social and/or religious customs (**chapter 11:2-16**), and that impacts the way we celebrate the Lord’s Supper (11:17-34). God is versatile in coping with the wide variety of human needs (**chapter 12:1-11**) in the Holy Christian Church (**chapter 12:12-31**). In a congregation with many native languages, these language problems can be solved by love for one another (**chapter 13**). In point of fact, all congregational endeavors should be done with respect for God and proceed in an orderly fashion (**chapter 14**).

Saturday - 1 Corinthians 15:20-58 The cornerstone of our (and God’s) religion is Jesus’ resurrection from death, for that’s how God changed death from curse to blessing! How does resurrection work? It works like the miracle of seed sprouting (35-38); our resurrected body will differ from other bodies (39-44), for our resurrected body will be spirit-natured (45-49). When? In the split second when Jesus descends in glory from heaven, trumpets everyone awake from their sleep, and immortalizes us. We thank God for giving us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Hallelujah to Jesus and Amen!



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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:**PSALM 15**

¹ LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? ² He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart; ³ He *who* does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend; ⁴ In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the LORD; He *who* swears to his own hurt and does not change; ⁵ He *who* does not put out his money at usury, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these *things* shall never be moved. *

EPISTLE LESSON:**ROMANS 3:1-20**

What advantage then has the Jew, or what *is* the profit of circumcision?

² Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God. ³ For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? ⁴ Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written:

*“That You may be justified in Your words,
And may overcome when You are judged.”*

⁵ But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? *Is* God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.)

⁶ Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world?

⁷ For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? ⁸ And *why* not say, “Let us do evil that good may come”—as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their condemnation is just.

⁹ What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.

¹⁰ As it is written [Psalm 14:1-3, 5:9; 140:3; 10:7; Isaiah 59:7-8; Psalm 36:1]

“There is none righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. ¹² They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.” ¹³ “Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit”; “The poison of asps is under their lips”; ¹⁴ “Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.” ¹⁵ “Their feet are swift to shed blood;

¹⁶ Destruction and misery are in their ways; ¹⁷ And the way of peace they have not known.” ¹⁸ “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. ²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. *

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

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me;

Congregation: Let us go into the house of the LORD!

P: Those who trust in the LORD shall be as Mount Zion;

C: It cannot be moved, but remains forever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: As the mountains are round about Jerusalem;

C: So the LORD is round about His people from now on! Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 5:17-48

¹⁷ “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. ¹⁹ Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘*You shall not murder*, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘*Raca!*’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘*You fool!*’ shall be in danger of hell fire. ²³ Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be

thrown into prison. ²⁶ Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘*You shall not commit adultery.*’ ²⁸ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

³¹ “Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

³³ “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.’ ³⁴ But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne; ³⁵ nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

³⁸ “You have heard that it was said, ‘*An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.*’ ³⁹ But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. ⁴⁰ If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have *your* cloak also. ⁴¹ And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. ⁴² Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘*You shall love your neighbor* and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more *than others*? Do not even the tax collectors do so? ⁴⁸ Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH: **APOSTLES CREED** (PG. 12)

HYMN: 323 – *“With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh”*

SERMON: **ROMANS 3:21-28**

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. **

CASE DISMISSED!!

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

THE OFFERING HYMN: (TLH 442:1-2)

**Lord of Glory, who hast bought us With Thy life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that hast freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil With Thine own unsparing hand;**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.**

PRAYER(S)...THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: 371 – *“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”*

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

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

CLOSING HYMN: 380 – *“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 31, 2019

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: *Sunday School Teachers, 7pm*

Wednesday: *Choir Practice 6pm; Midweek Lenten Worship, 7pm.*

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

CHOIR PRACTICE

The Choir practices Wednesday at 6pm.

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Our Midweek Lenten worship continues this Wednesday at 7pm. Pastor Caleb Schaller will bring the Word of God to us. Our Lenten Series is entitled Sermons by the Suffering Servant. There will be coffee and snacks to follow those services.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, April 14th and includes our Maundy Thursday Communion Service April 18th at 7pm and our Good Friday Worship at 1pm on Friday April 19th.

DAILY REST DEVOTIONAL -- The first “Daily Rest” devotional, a project of the CLC Board of Education and Publications and contributed to by many CLC Pastors, has been placed on the back table. “Daily Rest” is a subscription-based devotion periodical delivered **four** times per year with daily devotions for the subsequent fourteen weeks. If you are interested in subscribing to receive these devotions delivered to you, subscriptions are **\$15** a year. **If you wish to subscribe, please send your check to the address inside the front cover.**

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

The celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus begins on Sunday April 21st with Easter Breakfast served by the men of Calvary at 8am. There is no Bible Class or Sunday School on Easter Sunday so our worship will follow Breakfast at 9:30am.

ROMANS

GENERAL:

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PURPOSE:

The Purpose of Paul's writing -- Paul wrote the letter as preparation for his visit (Rom. 1:11-13; 15:24, 28). Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Paul wrote this letter knowing the spiritual needs of the Romans.

Paul's purpose in writing to Christians was often the same (Ephesians 4:12; Rom. 1:11-15; 15:24) to equip the saints and to strengthen and encourage their faith. In this epistle Paul is fulfilling his Apostolic calling over toward the Roman Christians. He is giving them a substitute for his oral preaching, and he urges them to live together as members of one spiritual family, and he hopes to receive their encouragement and support as he does missionary work in the west. A woman named Phoebe delivered this letter (16:1-2).

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