

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 9:30am
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TRINITY SEVEN
 August 4, 2019

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 25 (Pg. 128)
Prayers: Morning Prayer (Pg. 118) 5-6 (Pg. 118).
Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe
HYMNS: 427 296 430:1-4 305 430:5-8

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 427 - “How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord”

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION (TLH Pg.15ff.)

The Invocation... The Confession of Sins... Absolution, -- “Amen.”
 The Introit... The Gloria Patri (Pg. 16)...The Kyrie (Pg. 17).
Gloria in Excelsis (Pg. 17-19)
 The Salutation (Pg. 19) The Collect (Prayer for the Day) -- “Amen.”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: **GENESIS 6:1-12**

Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ²that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

³And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” ⁴There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor James Albrecht has returned the call of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland, CO • Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN has called Pastor Andrew Schaller, who currently serves Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI. • Pastor Tim Daub has agreed to serve the pastoral vacancy at Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN, from July 22nd to the end of September based on a mutual agreement between the voters of Bethel (Morris) and Prince of Peace (Hecla). Faith Lutheran of Markesan, WI, has called Teacher Karl Olmanson to serve as principal and upper grade teacher.

CALL TO BETHEL LUTHERAN, MORRIS MN

On Sunday July 14th, Pastor Schaller received the call to Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN. Since he was going to be out of town last Sunday, he chose not to announce this call. It is now being reported. Please speak with Pastor Schaller if you have any opinion on this call and the ministry here at Calvary in Marquette.

THANK YOU FROM HAZEL PAULL

Hazel Paull would like to thank the Ladies of Calvary for their gift of flowers when she was in the hospital.

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 7/28/19
\$7000.00	\$5012.00 (-1988.00)

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO		
NOVEMBER GOAL	RECEIVED 7/28	NOVEMBER GOAL
\$35.00	\$25.00	\$10.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 7/28/19					
General Fund	Loose Offerings	Missions (CBP)	ILC SAF	Spokesman	CLCI Sem Student
\$920.00	\$28.00	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
Offerings Total: \$1393.00					

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS; AUGUST 5-10, 2019

Monday - Genesis 41:38-57 God Almighty leveraged Joseph into becoming Prime Minister of Egypt and marrying the ranking clergyman's daughter, who would become mother of Manasseh and Ephraim, two of the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph was not an office manager but got into the field, acquainting himself with farmers and plantation owners; he became Egyptian. Why? Because God had great plans for him in the course of world history—more precisely, in God's kingdom amidst a world hungry for the Bread of Life. Stay tuned.

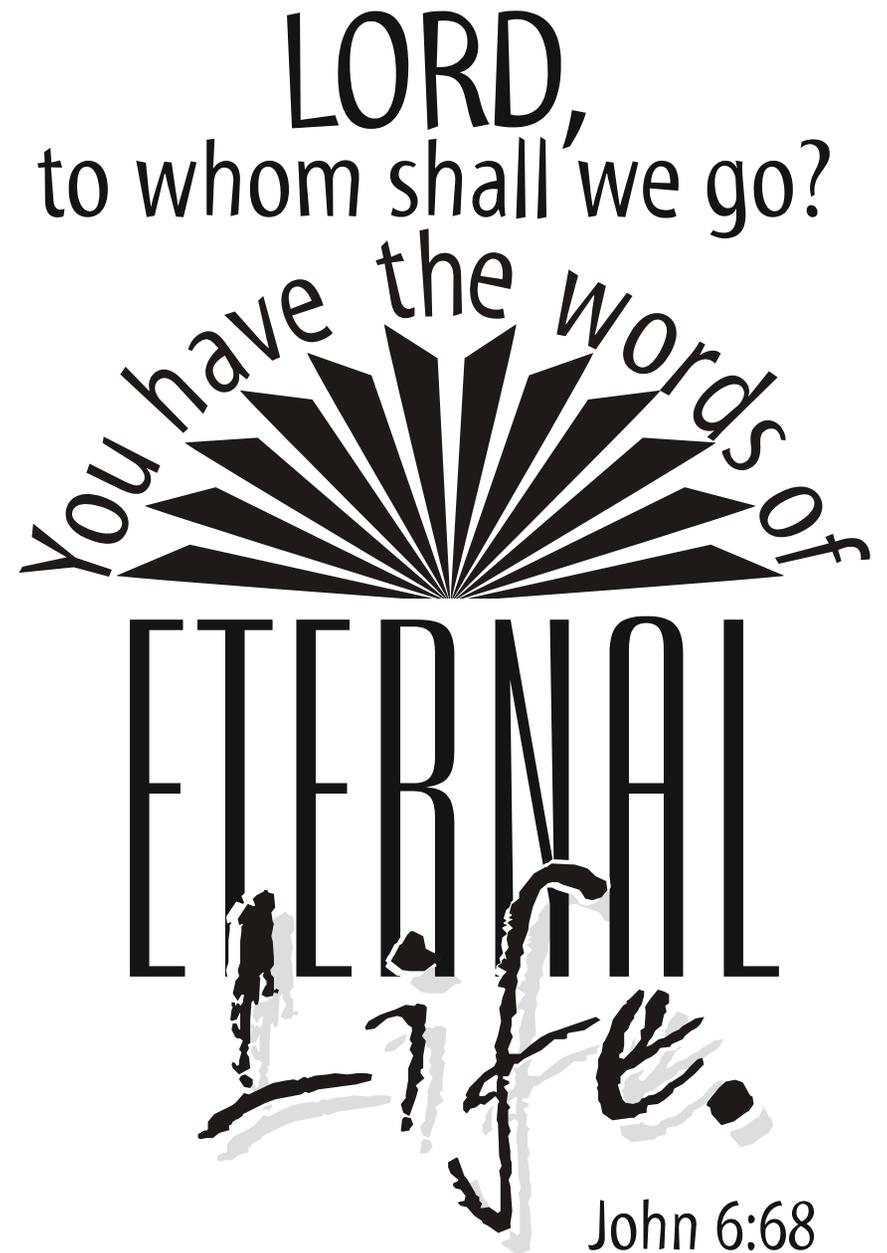
Tuesday - Matthew 15:1-11 "Cleanliness is next (second-best) to godliness" is an old saying, but it's not very perceptive. It didn't hold water with Jesus, who nailed the Pharisees for ranking godliness second-best to cleanliness. That was religious hypocrisy (7-9), as Jesus clarified: God is less concerned about germs entering our mouths and more concerned about filth coming out of our mouths (11). Falsehoods about God can be classified as filthy talk, too.

Wednesday - Hebrews 12:12-17 Besides working on your inner core, follow God's formula for strengthening: Get your hands busy with God's interests (12), do long-distance running (spiritually) in order to build up your endurance (13), cultivate your people-skills religiously (14), and don't let yourself slip away from God's grace (15). Esau despised his birthright, and pressuring his father to change his mind and re-direct the blessing to himself didn't work (17).

Thursday - Psalm 141:1-5 Why do I pray? A) Because I know I am a sinner, and I need God's forgiveness (1-2). B) I pray because I know God listens to me, feels sorry for me, and wants to help me (1-2). C) Because I know Satan and the world prompt my heart to love evil, to hang out with them and join them in wicked works (3-4). Dear friend, you can help me by correcting me when I need it; I will accept your intervention as a blessing from God (5). Thank you.

Friday - Mark 7:14-23 After all, diet does not make us who we are, but our ethics, the principles by which we breathe and live. The problem we have with our identity lies within our inner core, our hearts. Are we lustful, hateful, selfish, egocentric, foolish? If so, what's to be done about our hearts? We need a heart transplant. God can do it, and he does it by embracing us in love, which prompts us to repent of our sinfulness and hug Him close to our hearts.

Saturday - 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 Here's God's training program for our spiritual health: respect pastors as your spiritual mentors (12-13); help your team members when they need help, and do so generously (14-15). Keep active with other spiritual activities—toward God first of all (16-20), evaluating everything according to God's standards and directives. And steer clear of anything and everything that is not God-pleasing. Lord, have mercy on us!



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⁵Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. ⁶And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷So the LORD said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” ⁸But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

1 JOHN 1:1-2:13

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—²the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—³that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

⁵This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

2 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

³ Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

⁴ He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. ⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

⁷ Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. ⁸ Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

⁹ He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. ¹⁰ He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. ¹¹ But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

¹² I write to you, little children,
Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

¹³ I write to you, fathers,
Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning.

I write to you, young men,
Because you have overcome the wicked one.

I write to you, little children,
Because you have known the Father. *

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

Pastor: Come, you children, listen to me, says the LORD;

Congregation: 'I will teach you the fear of the Lord.'

P: Look to Me, says the LORD, and be enlightened;

C: 'Let your faces never be ashamed.' Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Clap your hands, all you peoples;

C: Shout unto the LORD, Praise His Name! Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 9:1-25

Now as *Jesus* passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. ⁴ I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the night is coming when no one can work.* ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶ When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. ⁷ And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

⁸ Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?"

⁹ Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am *he*."

¹⁰ Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

¹¹ He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

¹² Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³ They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

¹⁶ Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath."

Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

¹⁷ They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸ But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. ¹⁹ And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

²⁰ His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." ²² His parents said these *things* because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed *that* He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴ So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."

²⁵ He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner *or not* I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED (TLH PG. 22)

HYMN: 296 - "*Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth*"

SERMON: 1 JOHN 2:14-17

¹⁴ I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one. ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. *

STAYING STRONG...IN A CRUMBLING WORLD

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)

HYMN: 430:1-4 - "*What Is the World to Me*"

THE LITURGY: (Pg. 24ff)

The Preface, The Sanctus (Pg. 26), The Lord's Prayer, The Words of Institution, The Pax Domini, The Agnus Dei (Pg. 28).

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:



The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good.

We ask all communicants to speak to the pastor before coming forward for the sacrament, especially if you have not communed here before. The Lord's Supper will be received standing or kneeling before the communion railing. Communicants are asked to come forward together. Those who would like the common cup please indicate it to the pastor. Those who would like the individual cups please take one and then dispose of it in one of the small disposals near the front.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 305 – "*Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness*"

THE LITURGY: (Pg. 29ff)

The Nunc Dimittis, The Thanksgiving; Prayer, "Amen." The Salutation; The Benedicamus.

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

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

CLOSING HYMN: 430:5-8 – "*What is the World to Me*"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 4, 2019

THIS WEEK

Sunday: *Worship 9:30am*

THE EPISTLES OF JOHN

WRITER

There is no doubt that these letters were written by the Apostle John, the brother of James and the son of Zebedee. This seems very clear since he refers to himself as an eyewitness (1:2, 4:14) of Jesus' glory.

So what did John do after Jesus' ascension? The book of acts tells us (8:14) that John remained in Jerusalem serving as one of the leaders of the congregation. During this time, John also remained and cared for Jesus' mother, Mary, until her death (John 19:25-27). But we are told nothing else about John's whereabouts during this time. We hear from him in Scripture for the last time in the book of Revelation, which was written near the end of his life from the Island of Patmos. It is believed that John was the last of the Apostles to die, and the only one to die a natural death.

So what did John do between Jerusalem and Patmos? We do not know for certain because the Scriptures don't tell us. However, it may be that John preached the Gospel in the city of Ephesus and in some of the other cities of Asia. This is a possibility because in the book of Revelation, John writes seven letters to seven churches in Asia, including Ephesus. According to Church History, John had 3 disciples or pupils: Polycarp, Papias and Ignatius.

TO WHOM DID JOHN WRITE?

1st John is not addressed to a particular people in a region or city. Clearly John writes to Christians, who have known the truth for some time, and were not new converts (2:13, 14, 20, 21). Since John uses personal terms like 'beloved' and 'my little children' it seems that he had a very personal, loving relationship with these people. He may also have written these letters at an advanced age.

2nd and 3rd John are more personal letters, written to a certain 'chosen lady and her children' and a certain 'Gaius.' Some think that 'the chosen lady and her children' is a simple reference to a congregation, with the children being individual members (cf. 2 John 13). Similarly, the 'Gaius' mentioned in 3rd John may well be the same man as is mentioned in 1 Corinthians 1:14 and Romans 16:23. We cannot be sure, however, because the name Gaius was very common in those days. In his 2nd and 3rd letters, John calls himself 'the elder'. Some think this is because He was the last of the Apostles yet alive.

PURPOSE

It seems clear that some false teachers had come from the congregation itself (1 John 2:19). These men were dangerous because they appeared to be very 'religious' (1 John 4:1). These men did not deny that Jesus was God, but rather they denied that He was truly man.

They denied that the man Jesus was truly the Christ, the Chosen of God (1 John 2:22, 4:3; 4:15; 5:5).

Now, history tells us that a man named Cerinthus lived at this time and taught that Jesus was a great man, but only a man. He claimed that Jesus was not God from birth, but became God at His baptism. He also claimed that Jesus stopped being God at Calvary so that only a man died. This however destroys the whole meaning of the Cross of Christ.

These teachings of Cerinthus are similar to what is today known as Gnosticism. Gnostics say that Jesus was God, but really didn't have a human body, but only appeared to have a human body. However, John shows that Jesus was fully God and fully man and that He had to be for His sacrifice to cleanse us from all sins (1 John 1:7).

John also speaks of 'love'. John, however, is not speaking merely of feelings, but how the love of Christ is reflected in His people. God is love – Christians reflect God's sacrificial love. God loved us – so it is that we love God, as a result of His love in Christ. God gave His Son for us – We will want to give to those in need.

In the 2nd Letter John warns against the deception of the false teachers. We are not to play around with false teaching. John tells us not even to receive false teachers into your house or greet them (10).

TIME

We think that John wrote these letters at the same time he wrote the Gospel of John account. When both were written, John expected to make a visit soon. These letters were probably written sometime before 95 AD.

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- I. The Great Blessing that is ours through Christ's Incarnation and Death (1)
- II. How we should show our gratitude for His Blessing (2-3)
- III. A Warning not to be turned aside by false teachers (4-5)

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