

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 9:30am

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REFORMATION

November 3, 2019

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 46 (Pg. 134)

Prayers: Morning Prayer (Pg. 118) 5-6 (Pg. 118).

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 262 261 377:1 377:9 264:1,5 755 313

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 262 - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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:

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

³¹ "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—³² not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. ³³ But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴ No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." *

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Timothy Wheaton has announced that Living Word in Blue Springs (Kansas City Area) MO will cease operations at the end of 2019. Pastor Timothy Wheaton has since been called by Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland, CO, to serve as their pastor. Pastor Wheaton has accepted that call. • Pastor David Ude has returned the call of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran in Morris, MN. • The CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions has called Pastor Michael Eichstadt to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. • The CLC Board of Missions has called Pastor Andrew Schaller, who currently serves Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, MI, to serve as the 3rd Foreign Missionary. • Trinity in Spokane WA has called Pastor Ben Libby who serves Ascension in Tacoma, WA.

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 Paid as of 8/18/19
\$7000.00	\$7000.00

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO		
MARCH GOAL	RECEIVED 10/27	MARCH GOAL
\$20.00	\$0	\$20.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 10/27/19				
General Fund	Loose Offerings	ILC Student Aid	VBS/SS	Missions **
\$750.00	\$87.00	\$20.00	\$28.00	\$295.00
Offerings Total: \$1180.00				

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS; NOVEMBER 4-9, 2019

Monday - Ezekiel 36:26-38 The two verses prior to our text are crucial, for God is speaking to those whose hearts had been resurrected from *rigor mortis* by God's Holy Spirit. Under those conditions God condescended to grant earthly prosperity (28-30). Repentance comes first (31-32); then many blessings may follow (33-36)—not the least of which is the firm conviction that God wasn't a fake but LORD Jehovah, who still loved them. We understand and agree.

Tuesday - Mark 1:21-28 Jesus put first things first by presenting God's Word (21), and they got the message (22). Secondly, a miracle would prove Jesus was more than a premier rabbi, for when He was confronted by a demon who was soiling his human residence, He accepted the challenge. No contest (25-26). And although the demon admitted that Jesus was God's Son, it seems that nobody else caught on. How obtuse of them!

Wednesday - James 5:13-20 We need each other to help cope with arthritis, cancer, the flu, and our hereditary virus of sinfulness. Confession is good for the soul, as are prayers for one another (16). In point of fact, when we focus on a specific (effective) problem and are distressed (fervent) as Elijah was, then God moves heaven and earth to produce a good result (18). Same with us.

Thursday - Jeremiah 30:12-17 Although God had blessed the Hebrews abundantly, they turned from Him to other gods; so God let them pay the price of cheating on Him (12-15). And if His tough love would bring them to repent, God would turn the tables on their adversaries and restore His people to spiritual health. Lord, have mercy on us likewise!

Friday - John 9:24-34 Since he enjoyed a unique closeness to Jesus, John was eye-witness to this miracle and ear-witness to the scolding that followed. We marvel at the stupidity of the Pharisees, who saw Jesus as nothing more than a renegade Rabbi. The healed fellow has sharper insight, for which we praise the Holy Spirit. Lord, please enlighten those who sit in spiritual darkness!

Saturday - Acts 4:13-22 God's Holy Spirit has connected us with Jesus (which is obvious to others, v. 13), but that doesn't make Christians popular. In point of fact, being Christian qualifies us/them for public threats and intimidation (15-18). The Holy Spirit gave Peter and John the splendid response: "*Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.*" In other words, "We decline to be intimidated, for we are on God's side in this matter, but you are not! So we (being on God's side) cannot go along with your command that we stop testifying that Jesus has healed this man, *for we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.*" [Who knows, we may meet some of them in heaven.] Stay tuned.



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Reformation.....November 3, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THIS MORNING

Sunday School: NT #22 – *The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant*

Bible Class: The Nicene and Athanasian Creeds

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: *Sunday School Teachers, 7pm*

Wednesday: *Choir Practice 6pm; Bible Study Messianic Psalms 7pm*

Thursday: *Confirmation 3pm; Ladies of Calvary 7pm*

Sunday: *Worship 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45am, Bible Study 10:55am*

CHOIR PRACTICE/BIBLE CLASS

The Choir will practice Wednesday at 6pm. We will resume our study of Messianic Psalms at 7pm.

LADIES OF CALVARY

The Ladies of Calvary are scheduled meet next this Thursday October 10th at 7pm in the Pastor's Office.

MYANMAR CHILDREN'S ASSISTANCE

Pastor Edward Charles of the National Lutheran Church of Myanmar (NLCM) has provided financial support for school fees, uniforms, and books for over three-hundred under-privileged children and orphans. The Kinship Committee has determined to help with this charitable work for these children. The Ladies of Calvary have decided to provide financial support for these children at a cost of \$200 per year. If you would like to help the Ladies but do not attend Ladies of Calvary meetings, speak with President Paulette Parent or Treasurer Pat Johns.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY CALL

As you know, I have been called by the CLC Board of Missions to serve as the 3rd Foreign Missionary. This call is unlike a call to serve another congregation. In that case, I would compare the ministry at Calvary and at the other location and try to determine if my ministry here is complete or whether there is something keeping me here at Calvary. The call to be the foreign missionary is different in that it isn't a call into the pastoral ministry but in many ways a call out of it. It wouldn't be a parish ministry like those I've served the last 26 years. It would be more of a teaching (in a foreign seminary) and visitation call. My question is whether the Lord wants me to continue in the parish ministry or whether I have the gifts necessary to serve in another type of ministry. It would mean 1) being based in Tanzania, or 2) based in Asia, or 3) based in the US traveling overseas and stateside. As always, the call is about serving the Lord Jesus. If you have any opinion on this matter, please speak with me asap.

CALVARY CHURCH CHOIR:

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

EPISTLE LESSON:

ROMANS 3:19-28

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.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. *

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

Pastor: Thy Word is a lamp to my feet;

Congregation: Thy Word is a light to my path.

P: We therefore conclude that a person is justified by faith;

C: Apart from the deeds of the Law. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: We have been delivered from sin, death and Satan;

C: Christ has set us free! Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 8:31-36

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, **"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."**

³³ They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* You say, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

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

HYMN: 261 - "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word"

SERMON: EPHESIANS 2:1-9/2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

GRACE ALONE

TLH: 377:1

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

FAITH ALONE

TLH: 377:9

¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

SCRIPTURE ALONE

TLH: 264:1,5

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 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: 755 – "What Is This Bread?"

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: 313 – "O Lord, We Praise Thee"