

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

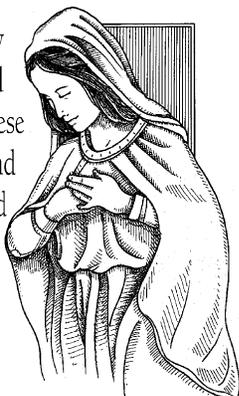
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But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 2:19



Divine Worship. 9:30am

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ADVENT TWO

December 8, 2019

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 19 (Pg. 126)

Prayers: 37 (Pg. 105); **46** (Pg. 106).

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 132 116 385:1-5 385:10

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 132 - "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).

**Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.**

**To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in heaven's fair homes We may reign in gladness.**

**We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a wonder?
Therefore praise God evermore Here on earth and yonder.**

The Salutation (Pg. 9) ...The Collect -- "Amen."

"In the event that services are cancelled, a call tree shall be established whereby the membership will be notified promptly."

While the 'call tree' has not yet been established, please note that in the event of a cancellation the Radio Results Network family of Radio Stations (100.3 The Point; The Maverick 96.7; The Bay 94.9, GLQ 97.1, Kool 105.5) and WLUC TV6 are notified and will relay our cancellation and a post will be made on our Facebook Page. If you are unsure, you may also call the Pastor.

CLC CALL NEWS

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran in Morris, MN has called Pastor Paul Tiefel, who currently serves Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. • Pastor Michael Eichstadt has returned the call of the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. • Pastor Schaller has returned the call of the CLC Board of Missions to serve as the 3rd Foreign Missionary. • Redeemer Lutheran of Bowdle and Zion Lutheran of Ipswich, SD, have called Pastor Norman Greve, who currently serves St. Peter's Lutheran in Iron River, MI. • Mr. Stephen Sydow has returned the call of Berea Lutheran of Sioux Falls, SD.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Thanks to all who gathered to visit and to decorate the church on Saturday November 30, 2019.

| Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2019 | | | |
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| <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 8/11/19 | |
| \$7000.00 | | \$7000.00 | |
| The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 11/24/19 | | | |
| General Fund | Loose Offerings | CLCI Sem Student | |
| \$727.00 | \$22.00 | \$25.00 | |
| Offerings Total: \$774.00 | | | |
| CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO | | | |
| MAY GOAL | RECEIVED 11/24 | JUNE GOAL | |
| \$5.00 | \$25.00 | \$20.00 | |

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READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS DECEMBER 9-14, 2019

Monday - Isaiah 11:1-10 has five scenes: Jesus will be born from the stock of Jesse (#1), become matured by the Spirit (#2), and then function as Judge to close this old world (#3). The New World will resemble the Garden of Eden (#4), for the old evil foe has been exiled (Rev. 20:16). Further, people of all nations have been drawn to Jesus (John 8:28, 12:32) during His days on Earth (#5).

Tuesday - Matthew 3:1-12 In those Advent days, God authorized John to proclaim that God's Kingdom had arrived in/with Jesus. But since some unrepentant Pharisees & Sadducees needed rebuke, not approval, John scolded them for their bad attitude and threatened them with axe and fire (7-10). Not one soft word for them, but prediction of flail and fire at the hand of Jesus. Woe!

Wednesday - Romans 15:4-13 God has written the experiences of earlier generations into His record—so that we read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest God's way of training them to be patient (4). God wants us to be patient with one another, just as He has been with us (5). Anything less will tarnish the way we treat one another (6-7). Let's share the blessings Jesus has won for us (8-13)!

Thursday - Psalm 130 When a person is drowning spiritually, he will beg for help from above; he is ready to admit that if God keeps a running record, he's sunk (3). That confession puts his case in the hands and heart of the Judge, who has set a record of His own: it's being merciful (4). We see the repentant sinner on his knees, awaiting a verdict (5-6) that exonerates sinners past, present, and future (7-8). This is our condition also; Lord, have mercy on us!

Friday - John 1:19-28 Why is it that common folk recognized John for who he was, but professional clergymen didn't? They came with questions, but as long as their interrogation didn't seem to be challenging, John responded in a calm and helpful manner—that he did not claim to be the Messiah, the Elijah of Malachi 4:5, nor the Prophet of Deut. 18:15. Then he turned back to his God-given commission of serving notice that God's Son was walking the earth.

Saturday - Acts 5:12-16 A few years later, with Jesus enthroned in heaven, His apostles carried on their commission to serve Him by serving others (12)—while clergymen with “skin in the game” hedged their bets (13). Nonetheless, the Holy Spirit salvaged those who could be salvaged (14), and Jesus proved that His representatives were on God's side: urgent care was given as each case required; health care was received—not assembly-line fashion, but one at a time, from Peter or Matthew, Philip or Nathanael, Andrew or Thomas. People who had gone through stressful years with debilitating ailments were brought into the Lord's healing circle so they could endure the stresses of forsaking family and former friends for Jesus' sake and for theirs, too. Amen.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Choir Practice 6pm, Midweek Advent Service, 7pm

Thursday: Ladies of Calvary, 7pm

Sunday: Caroling 9:15am; Worship 9:30;

SS 10:45; BC 10:55am; Caroling Jacobetti 2pm

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – BEFORE SERVICE

We will sing Christmas Carols before worship at 9:15am on the first three Sundays in Advent, December 1st, 8th and 15th. If you would like to sing please make plans to be a little early on those Sundays.

CHRISTMAS BAGS

Christmas Bags will be prepared again this year for the children and for some of those who attend on Christmas Eve. If you would like to give toward the Christmas Bags – there is no need for a special offering -- simply indicate so on your regular Sunday Envelope.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Midweek Advent Services will continue this coming Wednesday December 11th at 7pm. Midweek Advent Services will conclude on Wednesday December 18th. We will be considering the First Christmas Promise, The First Advent Hymn and the First Christmas Decoration.

LADIES OF CALVARY

The Ladies of Calvary meet this Thursday December 12th at 7pm in the Pastor's office. During that meeting they will nominate ladies by ballot to be elected by ballot on their next meeting.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – JACOBETTI

*The last couple of years we have gathered at Jacobetti Veterans Home to sing Christmas Carols on a Sunday afternoon. We will do the same this year except **in the Memory Care Unit rather than the Chapel**. We will gather there next **Sunday December 15th at 2pm**. Join us to bring joy to the hearts of some of our veterans.*

CALVARY INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

As you have noted, due to recent snows we did not have worship on Thanksgiving Eve or last Sunday, Advent One. Please check your mailboxes (note they have been rearranged) for the last two church bulletins. If you would like a copy of either sermon, simply ask Pastor. Our weather policy is as follows:

“In the event of a snowstorm of a serious nature, the Pastor in conjunction with the President and Vice President will determine whether or not to hold services. This will be done based on conditions and the official statements and recommendations of local authorities. This will be done recognizing that the government authorities have been established by God, (cf. Romans 13:1ff) and ought to be obeyed unless their commands conflict with God’s Word.”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

MICAH 4:1-7

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days *That* the mountain of the LORD’s house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And peoples shall flow to it. ² Many nations shall come and say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths.” For out of Zion the law shall go forth, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ³ He shall judge between many peoples, And rebuke strong nations afar off; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁴ But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, And no one shall make *them* afraid; For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

⁵ For all people walk each in the name of his god, But we will walk in the name of the LORD our God Forever and ever.

⁶ “In that day,” says the LORD, “I will assemble the lame, I will gather the outcast And those whom I have afflicted; ⁷ I will make the lame a remnant, And the outcast a strong nation; So the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on, even forever. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

ROMANS 2:1-16

Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. ² But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. ³ And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? ⁵ But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ who “*will render to each one according to his deeds*”: ⁷ eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸ but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, ⁹ tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; ¹⁰ but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹¹ For there is no partiality with God.

¹² For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law ¹³ (for not the hearers of the law *are* just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; ¹⁴ for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵ who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves *their* thoughts accusing or else excusing *them*) ¹⁶ in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel. *

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

Pastor: The Testimony of the Lord is sure:

Congregation: Making wise the simple.

Pastor: The Statutes of the Lord are right:

Congregation: Rejoicing the Heart. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Pastor: May the Words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart:

Congregation: Be acceptable in your sight, O Lord. Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

THE PROPHECY AND BETHLEHEM CANDLES

CHURCH CHOIR

SEE IN YONDER MANGER LOW

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 1:26-35

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

²⁹ But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.* *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED (PG. 12)

HYMN: 116 – "To the Name of Our Salvation"

SERMON:

LUKE 2:19

¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. *

THE SILENCE OF MARY

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: 385:1-5 – "Now I have Found the Firm Foundation"

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

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

CLOSING HYMN: 385:10 – "Now I have Found the Firm Foundation"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 8, 2019

THIS MORNING:

10:45am: Sunday School – OT#4 – The Flood

10:55am: Bible Study – The Athanasian Creed