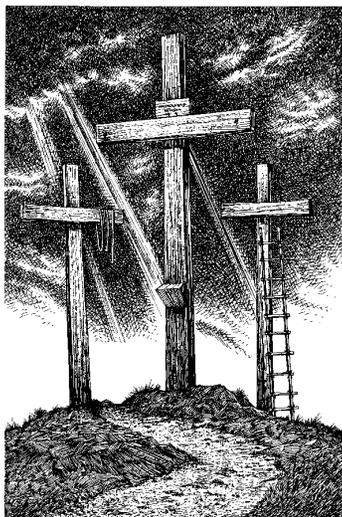


CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Divine Worship. 9:30am

Sunday School. . . . 10:45am

Bible Study. . . . 10:50am

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SEPTUAGESIMA

February 9, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 16 (Pg. 125)

Prayers: 52 (Pg. 107); **51** (Pg. 107).

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 279 143:1-5 342 51

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 279 - "Today Thy Mercy Calls Us"

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).

**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 with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before Thee whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy-seat!**

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

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Mark Bernthal has returned the call of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran in Morris, MN • Berea Lutheran of Sioux Falls, SD has called Pastor David Schaller who currently serves Redeemer in Sister Lakes, MI. • Mr. Caleb Noeldner has returned the call of Faith Lutheran School of Markesan, WI. • Pastor Mark Tiefel has returned the call of Living Savior of Eden Prairie, MN. • Mr. Darin Lau has returned the call of Immanuel Lutheran High School in Mankato MN, to be their science and math teacher for the 2020-2021 school year.

SUSPENSION OF THE PROFESSOR CALLING PROCESS

With the approval of the CLC President, the Regents are suspending the calling of the next professor. In the past year the Regents and ILC President have been reevaluating how to address all of ILC's administration functions. As this has developed, we considered this a timely opportunity to implement a full-time administrator position by keeping the faculty at 11 professors after this year's retirement of Prof. Paul Sullivan. We are working through the details with the faculty to determine if this is a viable option. If so, the intent is to present a proposal to the 2020 CLC Convention. May the Lord of the harvest continue to lead us in managing the available man-power within our church body so that our primary focus is on the preaching and teaching of His powerful Word.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2020

*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 2020	Received as of 2/2/2020
\$ 7000.00	\$345.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 2/2/20

General Fund	Loose Offerings	Missions CBP**	ILC Student Aid	Heideman Memorial
\$960.00	\$84.50	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00

Offerings Total: \$1194.50

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO

JULY GOAL	RECEIVED 2/2/20	JULY GOAL
\$15.00	\$0	\$15.00

* Scripture quotations (unless otherwise noted) are taken from the Holy Bible, New King James Version, © 1982 by Thomas Nelson Publishers. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS FEBRUARY 10-15, 2020

Monday - Isaiah 58:5-9a The question is whether you have the kind of religion that pleases you (5) – or the kind of religion that pleases God (6-7). When your religion is joined with God's, your life reflects your Sponsor. In picture language, your life resembles daybreak, you generate healing for sin-sick souls, your reputation precedes you, and God's splendor protects you (8). In point of fact, you and God are attuned to each other (9a). Blessings abound.

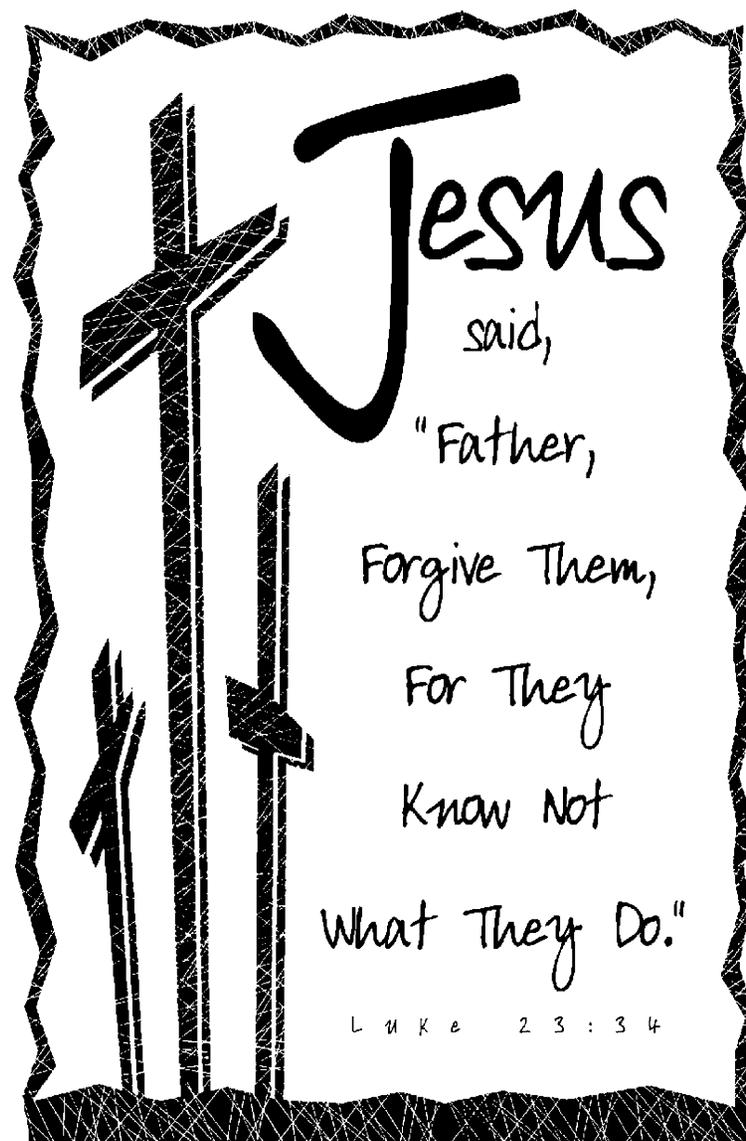
Tuesday - Matthew 5:13-20 When your religion matches God's religion, then you function like salt (13), like a bonfire (14), and like a living-room floor lamp (15-16). Jesus had a more difficult job on His hands—to compensate for humanity's failures, and get it done without fudging (17-18). Since you and I are lacking in humble obedience to God's will and fail to keep God's commandments (19), Jesus has supplied our lack; it's more than enough (20).

Wednesday - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Human limitations are opportunities (1) for God to get His religion across to humans (2). In fact, God loves people enough to by-pass human philosophy, psychology, and linguistics—convincing us to turn to Jesus' righteous self-sacrifice and accept His holy blood to compensate for our unrighteous self-service and our bloody behavior. We rest our souls on Jesus for our eternal salvation; genuinely and totally. Thank You, Jesus!

Thursday - Psalm 111 reveals how a child of God responds to God's saving love. *"I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, and I will do so publicly (1), for I know He loves me (2-4) along with a host of other mortals (5-6). I depend on God to never change His tactics and/or protocol with us humans, but will stick to the redemption plan that is in Christ Jesus (7-9). I recommend that everyone revere God and live accordingly (10). Praise Jesus, my Lord!"*

Friday - Matthew 5:20 "We need to understand who is speaking to us here: it is the perfect Savior. Surely, this is His righteousness that He is describing for us and demands of us; this is the life He lived, and He lived it for us! God sent Him to fulfill all righteousness in our stead, as though we had worked it. For God has given the righteousness of His Son to us as our own, that thus we might cover our sins and shortcomings. Thus in Jesus we have the better righteousness—through faith and trust in what He did for us." [From *Selected Sermons* of E. Schaller; Vol.II]

Saturday - Acts 7:51-60 Stephen was facing hostile Jews, who were making it clear that they didn't like the way things were going. Stephen picked up on their anger; he shifted gears to spell out the danger they were falling into (51-53), which *cut them to the heart*. But that was rebellion, not repentance (54). God knew what was coming, so He reassured Stephen of His support (54-56). Seeing heaven opened and Jesus at the door to welcome him home strengthened Stephen to face bodily death; with his last breath he even blessed his murderers. How surpassingly wonderful! Praise the Lord!



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Septuagesima.....Sunday February 9, 2020

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

THE OFFERING HYMN:

(TLH 127:3-4)

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: 342 – “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

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

CLOSING HYMN: 51 – “Now May He Who from the Dead”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 9, 2020

TODAY:

10:45am: Sunday School – NT#17 – Parable of the Sower and the Seed

10:55am: Bible Study – Our Enemy

3pm: Game Day

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Choir Practice, 6pm; Bible Study, 7pm

Thursday: Ladies of Calvary, 7pm

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

GAME/SNACK DAY

Our February Game Day will commence this afternoon at 3pm.

CHOIR PRACTICE/BIBLE STUDY

The Church Choir will practice this Wednesday at 6pm. Bible Study follows at 7pm.

LADIES OF CALVARY

The Ladies of Calvary meet on Thursday at 7pm in the Pastor's office. During that meeting they will nominate and elect ladies by ballot to serve in 2020.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

JEREMIAH 1:4-10

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶ Then said I: “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I *am* a youth.”

⁷ But the LORD said to me: “Do not say, ‘I *am* a youth,’ For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ Do not be afraid of their faces, For I *am* with you to deliver you,” says the LORD.

⁹ Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.” *

EPISTLE LESSON:

ACTS 17:22-34

²² Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³ for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴ God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ ²⁹ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. ³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

³² And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this *matter*." ³³ So Paul departed from among them. ³⁴ However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them. *

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

Pastor: The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed:

Congregation: A refuge in times of trouble.

Pastor: Those who know Your name will trust in You:

Congregation: You will not forsake those who seek you.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Pastor: Out of the depths I have cried to you, O Lord:

Congregation: Lord, hear my voice. Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 25:14-30

¹⁴ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵ And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. ¹⁶ Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷ And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also. ¹⁸ But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

²⁰ "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' ²¹ His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' ²² He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' ²³ His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

²⁴ "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what is yours*.'

²⁶ "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. ²⁷ So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents.

²⁹ 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED (PG. 12)

HYMN: 143:1-5 – "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"

THE SERMON:

LUKE 23:32-39

³² There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. ³³ And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

And they divided His garments and cast lots. ³⁵ And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God."

³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself."

³⁸ And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS

³⁹ Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." *

THREE MEN DIED ON CALVARY

ONE DIED IN SIN