

# 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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## LENT THREE

March 15, 2020

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

**Psalm: 25** (Pg. 128)

**Prayers: 36** (Pg. 105); **29** (Pg. 105).

**Organist:** Mr. Walter Priebe

**HYMNS: 344 154 367 375**

### PRAYER

**OPENING HYMN: 344** - "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"

### 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).

**Upon the cross extended, See, world, thy Lord suspended,  
Thy Savior yields His breath. The Prince of Life from heaven  
Himself hath freely given To shame and blows and bitter death.**

**Thy cross I'll place before me, Its saving power be o'er me,  
Wherever I may be; Thine innocence revealing,  
Thy love and mercy sealing, The pledge of truth and constancy.**

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

### CLC CALL NEWS

*Living Savior of Eden Prairie, MN, has called Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh, who currently serves Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL. • Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC has called Teacher Neil Bernthal to serve as Principal and Upper Grades Teacher. Teacher Bernthal currently serves at Immanuel Lutheran School in Winter Haven, FL. • Mrs. Sarah Ude of Middleton, WI, has been called by Faith Lutheran School in Markesan, WI to be their upper grades teacher. • Teacher Joshua Ohlmann has returned the call of Redeemer of Cheyenne, WY to be their principal/teacher.*

### CORONAVIRUS CONCERNS

*If you have concerns about contracting or passing on COVID-19 then you are urged to take the matter in prayer to the Lord Jesus and seek out information from a reliable source (CDC, Local Authorities...not Facebook). If you feel sick, stay home and don't bring your sickness to the rest of us. Cover your mouth if you cough, try not to touch your mouth. Above all, remain calm and constant in your prayers. If you don't want to shake the pastor's hand, just indicate it when you come to him. He won't be offended. If you want to shake his hand, that's fine too...lets just both wash our hands afterward. If you can't make church, feel free to check out the website where you can read, listen to and even watch the sermon. See to it that your relationship with Jesus doesn't weaken in the process.*

#### **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. The Fiscal year of the CLC runs from December 1- November 30 each year. In the event that our offerings exceed our pledge, additional funds will be placed in the General Fund.\*\**

<b>Amount Pledged 2020</b>	<b>Received as of 3/8</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>
\$7000.00	\$815.00	\$6185.00

#### **The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 3/8/20**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Loose Offerings</b>	<b>Missions CBP**</b>	<b>VBS/SS</b>
\$682.00	\$54.85	\$90.00	\$7.57

**Offerings Total: \$834.42**

#### **CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO**

<b>JULY GOAL</b>	<b>RECEIVED 3/8/20</b>	<b>JULY GOAL</b>
\$15.00	\$0	\$15.00

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## READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS MARCH 16-21, 2020

**Monday - Isaiah 42:14-21** God reacts to the sin-virus epidemic by breaking His painful silence (14) and completely reversing usual procedures (15) in order to rescue sin's victims (16-17). How? By having their disease taken on by God's Servant; He adopts their ailments in order to develop His antibodies (18-20). But why should Jesus bother? Because He wants to honor the LORD's moral standards—and not for His own benefit, but to benefit others!

**Tuesday - John 9:1-7** Do physical blindness and spiritual blindness go together (2)? Not necessarily, so Jesus rose above that theory with His own hands-on approach (3-7). **13-17** Others disapproved (on self-serving grounds), so we know they were spiritually blind. **34-39** Lest the healed fellow become confused about God and Jesus, Jesus clarified. Who were left in the dark?

**Wednesday - Ephesians 5:8-14** Light and eyesight go together; so do darkness and blindness. Figuratively speaking, heathen unbelief is a black hole that cannot produce light. However, God can enlighten dark souls, as we know (8-10). We who are enlightened steer clear of dangerous places, dark corners, cesspools, and swamps. We post warning signs, too (11) and sound the alarm for sleep-walkers (14). Why? Because we want to spare them from harm.

**Thursday - Psalm 143** True religion is intensely personal; it's one-on-one between God and me. I'm the one in trouble, and I depend on God to understand, to sympathize, and help. *"I am trying to be optimistic by recalling my blessings (4-6), but I still can't handle it (7); so please take control of my life (8), cancel the negatives (9), and refresh me with Your positives (10). Please! I really need Your help! Lord, have mercy (11-12)!"*

**Friday - John 12:35-41** Some ancient philosophers thought that vision happens via the eye producing rays of light that "grasp" objects and enlighten them for the viewer. So when Jesus said that He was the light of the world, He might be using that theory for His own higher purpose. He encouraged people to entrust themselves to the light which He cast (35-36). God also prompted Isaiah to delve into the negative side—that eyes can be blind to God's light—that is, remaining unconverted, unhealed, and therefore hell-bound.

**Saturday - Acts 9:10-19** After Jesus had set Saul straight, He put Saul into seclusion on Straight Street in Damascus. Since Ananias was scared of Saul (13-14), Jesus set him straight on that (15-16). Note: The first word that Saul heard from God's messenger was "*Brother*"—which meant that Jesus had heard his prayers, had forgiven his sins, and had accepted him into the family of saints. Saul never expected such blessings, and nobody else thought that such a sinner could be cured of his sin-virus, but God is good! Stay tuned.



“The  
Son of Man  
came  
not to  
be served but  
to serve,  
and to  
give his life  
as a ransom  
for many.”

MARK 10:45, ESV

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Lent Three.....Sunday March 15, 2020

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 15, 2020

### TODAY:

**10:45am: Sunday School – NT#35 – The Lord’s Supper**

**10:55am: Bible Study – Our Enemy Satan – Spiritualism/Ouija**

### THIS WEEK

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

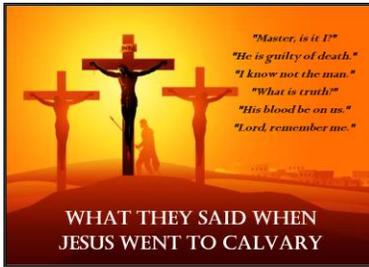
**Sunday:** Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Bible Study 10:50am

### GAME/SNACK DAY

*Our March Game Day is complete as are our game days for this year. We will resume them again early next year.*

### CHOIR PRACTICE

*The Church Choir will practice this Wednesday at 6pm.*



### PREACHING SCHEDULE

3/18 – **“I do not know the Man!”**

Pastor Paul Tiefel

3/25 – **“His Blood be on us and on our Children”**

Pastor Andrew Schaller

4/1 – **“Jesus, remember me”**

Pastor Norman Greve

### MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

*The Penitential Season of Lent is almost half over. We plan to continue to have a pulpit exchange with St. Peter’s of Stambaugh and Messiah of Eau Claire, WI. Midweek Lenten services run until April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Pastor Paul Tiefel will be our preacher this coming Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Our Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be held on Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> and our Good Friday Worship on Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>. Easter Sunday falls on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> and will be preceded by our annual Easter Breakfast served by the men of Calvary. The menu for Easter Breakfast has been posted in the fellowship hall.*

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

**2 SAMUEL 22:1-7**

Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. <sup>2</sup> And he said:

“The LORD *is* my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;

<sup>3</sup> The God of my strength, in whom I will trust;

My shield and the horn of my salvation,

My stronghold and my refuge;

My Savior, You save me from violence.

<sup>4</sup> I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised;

So shall I be saved from my enemies.

<sup>5</sup> “When the waves of death surrounded me,

The floods of ungodliness made me afraid.

<sup>6</sup> The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me;

The snares of death confronted me.

<sup>7</sup> In my distress I called upon the LORD,

And cried out to my God;

He heard my voice from His temple,

And my cry *entered* His ears. \*

### EPISTLE LESSON:

**REVELATION 2:1-7**

“To the angel of the church of Ephesus write,

‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: <sup>2</sup> “I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil.

And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; <sup>3</sup> and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary.

<sup>4</sup> Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.

<sup>5</sup> Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent. <sup>6</sup> But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

<sup>7</sup> “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.” ’ \*

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

**Pastor:** Arise, O LORD, do not let wicked men prevail:

**Congregation:** Let them be judged in your sight.

**Pastor:** Unto You I lift up my eyes:

**Congregation:** You who dwell in the heavens. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Pastor:** Have mercy upon us, O LORD:

**Congregation:** Have mercy upon us! Hallelujah!

**(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"**

**GOSPEL LESSON:**

**JOHN 8:42-51**

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. <sup>43</sup> Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. <sup>44</sup> You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and *does not* stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it. <sup>45</sup> But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. <sup>46</sup> Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? <sup>47</sup> He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

<sup>48</sup> Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

<sup>49</sup> Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. <sup>50</sup> And I do not seek My *own* glory; there is One who seeks and judges. <sup>51</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death." \*

**"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

**APOSTLES CREED** (PG. 12)

**HYMN:** 154 – "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

**THE SERMON:**

**MARK 15:6-13**

<sup>6</sup> Now at the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested. <sup>7</sup> And there was one named Barabbas, *who* was chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion. <sup>8</sup> Then the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask *him to do* just as he had always done for them.

<sup>9</sup> But Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup> For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

<sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them. <sup>12</sup> Pilate answered and said to them again, "What then do you want me to do *with Him* whom you call the King of the Jews?"

<sup>13</sup> So they cried out again, "Crucify Him!" \*

**ANOTHER REMARKABLE EVENT IN HOLY WEEK**

THE CROWD'S CHOICE -- BARABBAS

**THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS**

**THE OFFERING HYMN:**

(TLH 171:6-8)

The load Thou takest on Thee, That pressed so sorely on me,  
It crushed me to the ground. The cross for me enduring,  
The crown for me securing, My healing in Thy wounds is found.

A crown of thorns Thou wearest, My shame and scorn Thou bearest,  
That I might ransomed be. My Bondsman, ever willing,  
My place with patience filling, From sin and guilt hast made me free.

Thy cords of love, my Savior, Bind me to Thee forever,  
I am no longer mine. To Thee I gladly tender  
All that my life can render And all I have to Thee resign.

**PRAYER(S)...THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN:** 367 – "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

**THE COLLECT:** Pastor

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

**THE BENEDICTION:** Pastor

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

**CLOSING HYMN:** 375 – "If Thy Beloved Son, O God"