

# 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 FOUR

March 22, 2020

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

**Psalm: 119: I, II** (Pg. 149)

**Prayers: For the Sick** (Pg. 119); **74** (Pg. 109).

**Organist:** Mr. Walter Priebe

**HYMNS: 175 149 145 179**

### PRAYER

**OPENING HYMN: 175** - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

### 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. • Teacher Neil Bernthal has returned the call of Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC to serve as Principal and Upper Grades Teacher. • Mrs. Sarah Ude of Middleton, WI, has returned the call of 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. • Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, has called Mr. Ross Kok, of Holy Cross in Phoenix AZ, to serve as high school math and science teacher beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. • Teacher and Principal Kirsten Gullerud of St. Stephen Lutheran School of Mountain View CA has asked for a peaceful release from her call as teacher and principal to pursue a different path in Wisconsin. St. Stephen has called Claire Abbas, Gethsemane Spokane Valley, WA, to be their next teacher.*

#### **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 3/15</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>
\$7000.00	\$860.00	\$6140.00

#### **The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 3/15/20**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Loose Offerings</b>	<b>Missions CBP**</b>		
\$787.00	\$82.05	\$45.00		

**Offerings Total: \$914.05**

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

<b>JULY GOAL</b>	<b>RECEIVED 3/15/20</b>	<b>JULY GOAL</b>
\$15.00	\$0	\$15.00

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## READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS MARCH 23-28, 2020

**Monday - Hosea 5:15-6:3** Centuries rolled along, and Abraham's descendants rolled farther and farther from God into dirty idolatry. So God scolded them via Hosea; but why bother? Because facing facts and being invited, "*Come, let us return to the LORD*" might prompt them to repentance (15). In tough love (6:1) God will raise us up on the third day (2). Let us depend on it – just as we depend on springtime to roll around, right on schedule (3).

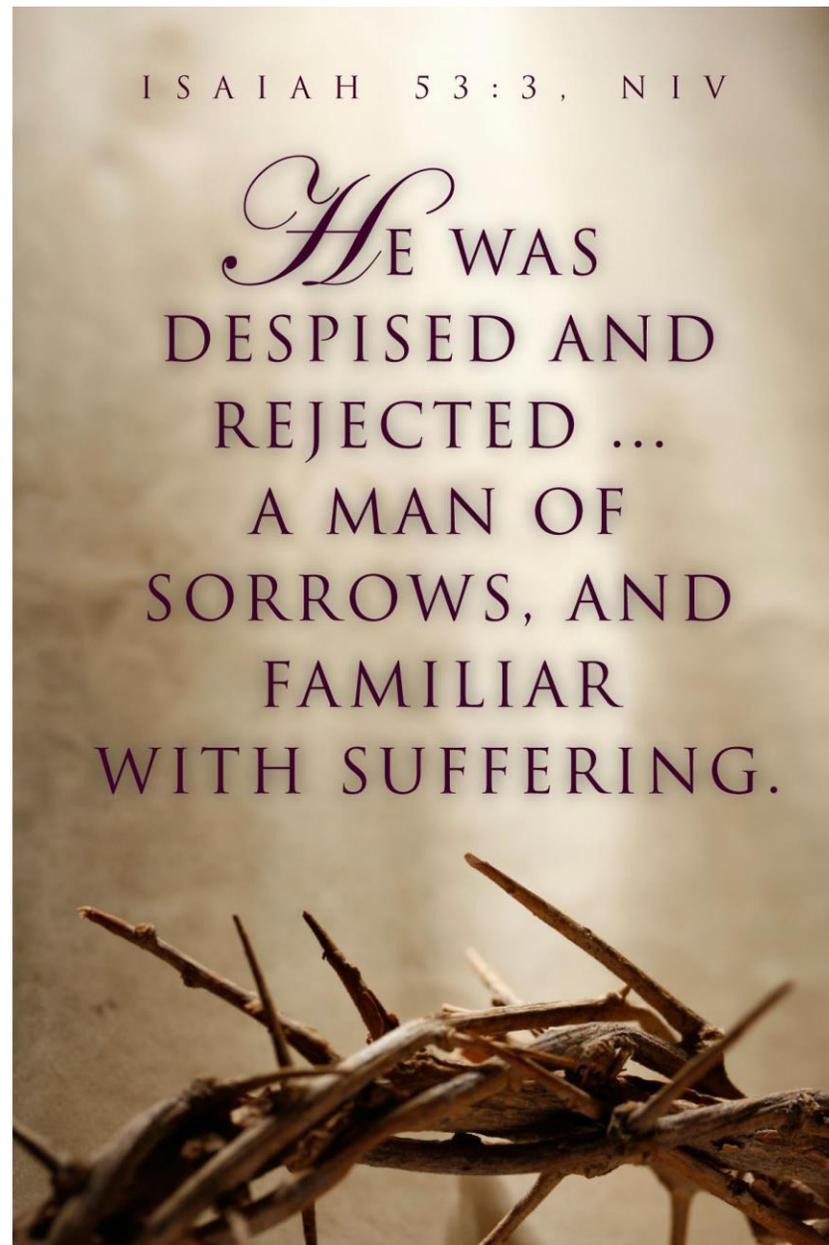
**Tuesday - Matthew 20: 17-28** Jesus gave advance notice that trouble was waiting for them in Jerusalem—dishonor, torture, and murder (18-19). Mrs. Zebedee, however, wanted her boys to receive honor, not dishonor. When Jesus declined, the bickering continued (23-24). So Jesus clarified that God's M.O. is the reverse of earthly protocol, for earth's honors will bottom out, and God turns things bottom-side up—matching Jesus' destiny, of course.

**Wednesday - Romans 8:1-10** [*Law* in v. 2 means ruling principle, but in vv. 3-4 it's the Mosaic Law.] Jesus shared our humanity in order to finish off everything God has a right to require of humanity. Since His perfection compensates for our imperfections, and His un-sinfulness compensates for our sinfulness, Jesus has changed our earth-bound existence into heaven-bound living. Hallelujah!

**Thursday - Psalms 42 and 43** are twins. When we're too spiritually distressed to show up in church (4) and are trying to make sense of it all (5), we take it up with God, reminding ourselves that God is still our heavenly Father (6-11). And even if our society goes down the tube (43:1-2), we stay attuned to God's Word (3) and available worship services (4). Bottom line: I depend on God to be my God, and so do you (5). Lord, have mercy on us!

**Friday - John 10:22-31** Every time Jesus showed up in Jerusalem, He faced people who weren't truly interested in knowing Him better, for challenge was their M.O. (22-24). They masqueraded as godly people, but they were unbelievers (not even weak believers). Yet Jesus opened the gate for them to enter His flock, which is the heavenly Father's flock. How tragic for them that they slammed the door of heaven shut against themselves (31)!

**Saturday - Acts 9:19-31** God blessed Saul with Christian fellowship (19) before sending him out on his new career as Jesus' public defender (20-22). After a rough turn of events in Damascus (23-24), God gifted Saul/Paul with a new friend, Barnabas, who managed to convince the Christian congregation to accept God's newest saint. Those folks were also street-smart enough to thwart another plot to murder Saul/Paul (29-30). Then, with Paul out of circulation, things settled down for a while (31). Hallelujah for/to Jesus!



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Lent Four.....Sunday March 22, 2020

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

March 22, 2020

### **TODAY:**

**10:45am: Sunday School** – Cancelled

**10:55am: Bible Study** - Cancelled

### **THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** *Choir Practice; Midweek Lenten Worship - Cancelled*

**Sunday:** *Worship, Sunday School, Bible Study – Cancelled.*

### **CHOIR PRACTICE**

*The Church Choir will not practice this Wednesday at 6pm.*

### **MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP**

*The Penitential Season of Lent is nearly over. Our regular Midweek Lenten services have been cancelled March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Schaller will be providing the message this coming Wednesday and posting it to the website.*

### **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP**

*We hope to resume services on Palm Sunday of Holy Week and have our usual Maundy Thursday Communion Service 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 we hope to have our annual Easter Breakfast served by the men of Calvary.*

### **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. Please also seek out information from a reliable source (CDC, Local Authorities...there is a lot of misinformation or unsubstantiated information on Social Media).*

*These are responsible practices to follow at all times:*

- 1. If you feel sick, stay home and don't bring your sickness to the rest of us – whether it's COVID-19 or the flu or the common cold.*
- 2. Cover your mouth if you cough, try not to touch your mouth.*
- 3. Above all, remain calm and constant in your prayers. See to it that your relationship with Jesus doesn't suffer during this time of uncertainty.*

*Pastor Schaller will send out hard copies to the membership unless they have internet access. If you would like a DVD copy of the sermon, please ask and it will be sent. If you have internet access, please check out the website ([calvary.clclutheran.org](http://calvary.clclutheran.org)) where you can read, listen to and even watch past and present messages. If you would like a personal visit from the Pastor, just ask. He will take all necessary precautions.*

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:**

**ISAIAH 49:8-13**

<sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD:

“In an acceptable time I have heard You, And in the day of salvation I have helped You; I will preserve You and give You As a covenant to the people, To restore the earth, To cause them to inherit the desolate heritages; <sup>9</sup> That You may say to the prisoners, ‘Go forth,’ To those who *are* in darkness, ‘Show yourselves.’

“They shall feed along the roads, And their pastures *shall be* on all desolate heights. <sup>10</sup> They shall neither hunger nor thirst, Neither heat nor sun shall strike them; For He who has mercy on them will lead them, Even by the springs of water He will guide them. <sup>11</sup> I will make each of My mountains a road, And My highways shall be elevated. <sup>12</sup> Surely these shall come from afar; Look! Those from the north and the west, And these from the land of Sinim.”

<sup>13</sup> Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people, And will have mercy on His afflicted. \*

### **EPISTLE LESSON:**

**2 PETER 1:2-11**

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, <sup>3</sup> as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, <sup>4</sup> by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

<sup>5</sup> But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, <sup>6</sup> to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, <sup>7</sup> to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. <sup>8</sup> For if these things are yours and abound, *you will be* neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; <sup>11</sup> for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. \*

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

**Pastor:** I was glad when they said to me:

**Congregation:** Let us go into the house of the LORD.

**Pastor:** Peace is within His Walls:

**Congregation:** Prosperity is within His Palaces. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Pastor:** Those who trust in the LORD shall be like Mount Zion:

**Congregation:** Which can't be moved! Hallelujah!

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

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

**GOSPEL LESSON:**

**JOHN 6:36-51**

<sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>39</sup> This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. <sup>40</sup> And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

<sup>41</sup> The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

<sup>43</sup> Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.

<sup>47</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

<sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." \*

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

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

**APOSTLES CREED (PG. 12)**

**HYMN: 149** – "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

**THE SERMON:**

**JOHN 19:23-24**

<sup>23</sup> Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. <sup>24</sup> They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

*"They divided My garments among them,  
And for My clothing they cast lots."*

Therefore the soldiers did these things. \*

**ANOTHER REMARKABLE EVENT IN HOLY WEEK**

CASTING LOTS FOR JESUS' TUNIC

**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: 145** – "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

**THE COLLECT:** Pastor

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

**THE BENEDICTION:** Pastor

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

**CLOSING HYMN: 179** – "On My Heart Imprint Thine Image"