

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

450 W. Ohio • Marquette, Michigan

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Divine Worship. Postponed

Sunday School. Postponed

Bible Study. Postponed

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EASTER THREE

April 26, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 23 (Pg. 128)

Prayers: Morning Prayer (Pg. 118); **3** (Pg. 102)

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 188 296 206:1-6 206:8-9

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 188 - "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Worship Supplement Pg. 12)

The Invocation... The Confession of Sins... Absolution. The Kyrie (Pg. 13)
... Gloria in Excelsis (Pg. 13) Prayer.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

EZEKIEL 34:11-16

¹¹ 'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country.

CLC CALL NEWS

Mr. Ross Kok has returned the call of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, to serve as high school math and science teacher beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Immanuel Lutheran has now called Teacher Neil Bernthal, who currently serves Immanuel in Winter Haven, FL. • Pastor Mark Weis of St. Luke's in Lemmon, SD, has been called to serve as Professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College and Seminary. He has accepted that call. • Miss Carly Meyer has returned the call extended to her by Redeemer Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY.

GREAT LAKES DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The 2020 Great Lakes Delegate Conference scheduled for June 1-2 in Fond du Lac Wisconsin may well be cancelled. The deadline for deciding that matter is May 1st and you should expect an announcement in the bulletin next week.

CLC COORDINATING COUNCIL/CLC CONVENTION

The CLC Boards were scheduled to meet April 20-23 in Eau Claire, but due to the Covid-19 situation the dates are pushed back to June 8-10, 2020. The CLC Convention has also been rescheduled from June 25-28 to July 30-August 2, 2020. If any male voter of Calvary wishes to serve as a delegate, he should speak with Pastor Schaller asap.

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.**

Amount Pledged 2020	Received as of 4/16	Amount Remaining
\$7000.00	\$980.00	\$6020.00

Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 4/16/20

General Fund	Loose Offerings	Missions CBP	Mike McCarty Memorial
\$2515.00	\$5.00	\$120.00	\$40.00
Offerings Total: \$2680.00			

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO

JULY GOAL	RECEIVED 4/16	JULY GOAL
\$15.00	\$0	\$15.00

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BIBLE READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS APRIL 27-MAY 2, 2020

Monday - Acts 2:36-47 Peter's case: "God did not treat Jesus as YOU treated Him when YOU rejected, tortured, and killed Him, for God exalted Him to Lordship and Messiahship. You are in big trouble with God!" They understood, they regretted what they had done to Jesus, and they wanted help. When Peter threw out the Life-line, three thousand lost souls were rescued by God; naturally, their life-style became knit into God's family (44-47), made up mostly of folks with Jewish heritage.

Tuesday - Luke 24:13-35 On Easter evening Jesus was watching over two disciples who needed help. How did He help? First by listening, then by connecting the dots (13-27). They not only enjoyed Jesus' Bible class, but the Holy Spirit also touched their hearts to understand God's grand salvation plan - - and that's what made them want to share the good news with their friends (33-35).

Wednesday - 1 Peter 1:17-21 We are living as God's children in the "here-and-now," so we lean forward, with our eyes focused ahead—because God has placed us on solid footing. What footing is solid enough to support us in these times of stress and peril? Our redemption! We are no longer tottering toward hell but striding forward to heaven, following Jesus all the way. Hallelujah!

Thursday - Psalm 67 With God's hand at our back (1), we are broadcasting God's ways via modern technology. May God grant that people of all nations praise the Holy Trinity for being in charge of this wobbling planet! God has proved Himself over and over—as winter turns into spring, spring into summer, and seed-time ripens into harvest. Indeed, the Lord of heaven and Earth has raised Jesus from His seed-bed and made Him the first-fruits of salvation!

Friday - John 19:25 One of God's obscure saints is Cleopas, whose wife we met on Good Friday at the foot of Calvary's cross in the company of Jesus' mother, His aunt, and Mary Magdalene. So what? So the Cleopas family was close to Jesus' family; maybe they hailed from Nazareth, and perhaps they helped Mary raise her boys to adulthood. Even though we know little about them, we know them well enough to call them our friends, our kinsmen in Christ, and we love them because Jesus loved them. Hello, God's obscure saints!

Saturday - Acts 10:9-23 Some weeks after Easter, Peter was facing a tough decision. Because he had lived all his life in the Jewish mode, his heart and habits were still rooted in the past. This background had been an advantage when Peter brought the gospel to Jews, but it could well be a handicap among non-Jews, and Peter might disdain to help the gentile Cornelius (even though Cornelius had been converted to Judaism). SO that's why God shook Peter up with a scary movie (11-16) and gave him some explicit instructions (17-21). Peter went along with the scenario—not knowing how God was about to use him to salvage a Roman army veteran of foreign wars. Stay tuned.

'I AM the
resurrection
and the life.
Those who
believe in me,
even though
they die,
will live"
John 11:25

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REGARDING CALVARY OFFERINGS

To the members of Calvary,

As the Treasurer, I can with confidence assure you that we are currently meeting our financial obligations. As the ban on gathering extends into April, it may be prudent for members who make their donations on a weekly basis to consider making their donations by mail to the church at 450 W. Ohio and marking the outside envelope "Atten: April Ushers". For those members who on occasion miss church and then add the missed offering to the next service they attend, they can feel free to contribute at the time regular services are resumed by Council. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 906-249-3543.

*With the Lord's help we will persevere through this difficult time,
Jim Goodman*

PRIVATE HOLY COMMUNION

If you have need of the Lord's Supper there may be a way to receive private communion without defying the Governor's 'Stay Home, Stay Safe' Order. Please contact Pastor Schaller to make arrangements.

¹⁴ I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment." *

EPISTLE LESSON:

HEBREWS 13:20-21

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, ²¹ make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 5:22-30

²² For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

²⁴ "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. ²⁵ Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, ²⁷ and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. ³⁰ I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me. *

ALLELUIA (WS Pg. 14)

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES CREED (WS Pg. 15)

HYMN: 296 – "Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth"

SERMON:

JOHN 5:24-29

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JESUS LIVES...SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Jesus has authority to give life eternal.
Jesus has delivered us from all judgment.
Jesus enables us to live for Him.
Jesus will raise us and all the dead.

OFFERTORY: (WS Pg. 16)

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

THE OFFERING HYMN:

(TLH 441:1-2,6)

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!
And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.**

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

HYMN: 206:1-6- “Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Spoken) "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 206:8-9 - “Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 26, 2020

THIS MORNING

Sunday School: Postponed

Bible Study: Postponed

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Choir Practice – Postponed; Bible Class – Postponed.

Sunday: Worship 9:30am; SS 10:45; BC – Postponed.

“STAY HOME, STAY SAFE EXTENDED – MAY 15TH”

On Friday April 24th, Governor Whitmer extended the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Executive Order through May 15th, 2020. While this extension has relaxed some of the social distancing features it still makes ‘all public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring among persons not part of a single household...prohibited.’ It further requires that masks be worn when entering an enclosed public space like a grocery store.

We had hoped to resume services this coming Sunday, May 3rd but it appears that our online services will have to continue until May 15th (Including Sunday May 3rd and Mother’s Day May 10th).

As before, written, audio and video sermons will be posted on the church website. This week Pastor Schaller will also begin posting an online Bible Class. Check it out at: calvary.clclutheran.org.

If you are in the Marquette Area and don’t have internet access, you may park in the Calvary Parking Lot and have access to the Calvary Internet, which would enable you to download sermon video, audio, bulletin and Bible Class Video for use at home...call Pastor Schaller for information.

DAILY REST RENEWAL – INDIVIDUAL or BULK

As many of you know, our church body (Church of the Lutheran Confession – CLC) produces a daily devotion book quarterly with devotions for every day of the year. If you subscribed last year, then you have received 3 Daily Rest Booklets (or 4). The Board of Education and Publications, which is responsible for its printing has offered to handle this like the Spokesman Subscriptions, through the congregation.

The individual subscriptions will expire with the issue that ends on May 31, 2020. You may renew directly (by e-mail or phone in the front of the booklet) at a cost of \$18 per year.

*If we handle it as a bulk subscription through the congregation the cost would be \$15 per year. **If you currently subscribe, please express yourself to Pastor Schaller as to how you would like to do it in 2020-2021.** If you don’t wish to do so like the Spokesman, please take care of it personally. **This needs to be taken care of by April 30, 2020.***