

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 98 (Pg. 144)

Prayers: 38 (Pg. 105); **39** (Pg. 106).

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 23 276 30 31

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 23 - "Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring!"

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).

**Jesus lives! The victory's won! Death no longer can appal me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
Freely God doth aid dispense; This shall be my confidence.**

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

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact Pastor Schaller by phone or by email, Church 906-226-9372, Cell: 605-880-7886 (Text or Call) E-mail: schtubby@gmail.com Please check out the website (calvary.clclutheran.org) where you can read, listen to and even watch past and present messages.

CLC CALL NEWS

Immanuel Lutheran High School in Mankato, MN has called Teacher Neil Bernthal to serve as high school math and science teacher beginning the 2020-2021 school year. • 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. • Redeemer Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY has called Mr. Dan Barthels of Gethsemane MI to be their teacher. • The Call Committee for ILC Graduates has extended the call of Berea Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD to Seminary Graduate Cory Drehle. He has accepted that call. • The Call Committee for ILC Graduates has extended the call of St. Stephen Lutheran School of Mountain View CA to Teaching Graduate Mikkela Hammond. She has accepted that call. • Teacher Quinn Sprengeler, K-8 teacher/principal at Redemption, Lynnwood, WA, has been called by Holy Trinity, West Columbia to teach grades 4-8. • St. Luke's of Lemmon, SD, has called Pastor Michael Gurath who currently serves Holy Cross in Phoenix, AZ.

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: May 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 906-249-3544.

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

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 4/27/20				
General Fund	Missions/CBP			
\$1895.00	\$110.00			
Total: \$2005.00				

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BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS MAY 11-16, 2020

Monday - Acts 17:1-12 The Apostle Paul enjoyed clarifying that Jesus and Messiah were identical—a revelation that enlightened many Bible-believers (1-4). Satan wasn't on vacation, however (5), so the plot thickens. Paul and Silas were placed into a safe hide-out; a few days later they were obliged to leave town so their friends would not lose the "bail" they had posted (6-9). Moving along—the behavior of the Berea Christians has become the model for Bible-believing, God-pleasing Christians ever since; praise the Lord!

Tuesday - John 14:1-11 Jesus explained, clarified, and laid out the ABC's of divine truth, step by step. God is our Father (1), so His home has become our home (2), and all because of Jesus (3). Is this for sure (4-5)? Absolutely (6)! Review: What facts underlie/support the gospel truth (7-8)? The facts that God can't be two-faced (8-9) or fork-tongued (10-11). Simple ABC's.

Wednesday - 1 Peter 2:4-10 We are described as *living stones* because we are warm rather than stone-cold, we are lively rather than static, and we are loaded with the potential of uranium ore (4-5). God aligns us with Jesus and puts us into His building project (6-7). Of course, that frustrates Satan's crew, for wherever God is building His Church, Satan will try to sabotage (8). Dear friends, let's appreciate who we are: God's special children (9-10).

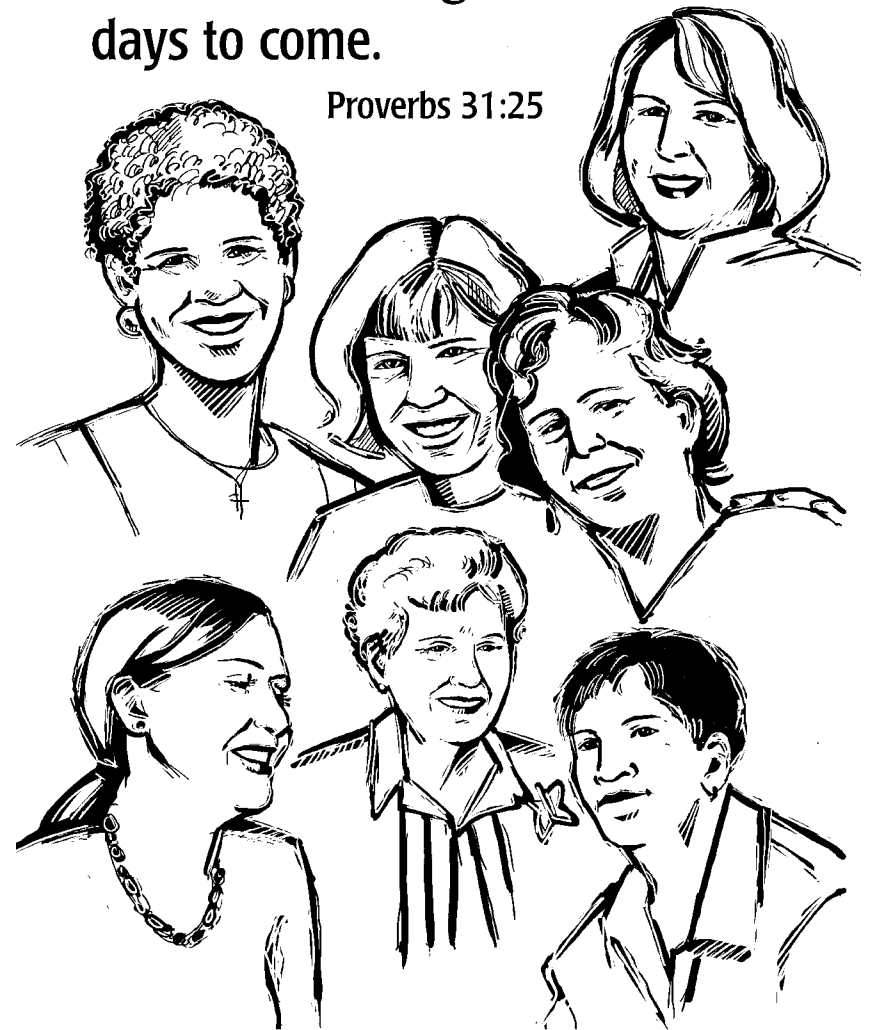
Thursday - Psalm 33 And let's sing our praises (1-3), for God has created our blue planet via the power of His Word (6-7). Further, everyone should realize that the LORD has jurisdiction over nations (10-11) and blesses those who revere Him (12). While God attends to humanity in general (13-15), He focuses on us in particular (18-19), and that's why we behave as God's children (20-22).

Friday - John 14:12-21 Jesus connects us with Himself so closely that we work as a team (12), He validates our petitions (13-14), and we pledge our loyalty (15). Jesus knows that we need a lot of help in our daily lives, so He supplies us with the heavenly Helper, who makes Himself at home in our hearts (16-17). What a privilege it is to provide housing for Jesus and His Spirit (20), and what a golden circle of love God has given us (21)! Praise the Lord!

Saturday - Acts 10:34-48 Peter was a good student and a good teacher of the lesson that God is fair and square with humans (34-35). Here's how Peter laid it out: God was generous with Jews, placing them at the head of the line to receive remission of sins via Jesus (36-43), and He has been equally generous with Gentiles. God proved His generosity by squaring accounts with everyone, regardless of their ethnic and/or racial heritage. When this truth impacts the human heart/soul, and confession is made unto salvation, such persons are received into God's family to enjoy fellowship (47-48).

**She is clothed with strength
and dignity;
she can laugh at the
days to come.**

Proverbs 31:25



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Fourth Sunday after Easter Sunday May 10, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 10, 2020

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Choir Practice – Postponed; Bible Study - Postponed

Sunday: Worship – Online

STAY HOME, STAY SAFE EXTENDED

On Thursday May 7th, Governor Whitmer again extended the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Executive Order through May 28th, 2020. While this extension has relaxed some of the social distancing features it still declares that ‘all public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring among persons not part of a single household...prohibited.’ After carefully reading the entire 17-page Executive Order No. 2020-77, it is noted that it says, (16. on Pg. 16):

“...neither a place of religious worship nor its owner is subject to penalty under section 20 [making the willful violation of Executive Order 2020-77 a misdemeanor] of this order for engaging in or traveling to engage in religious worship at a place of religious worship, or for violating section 15(a) of this order [requiring a face mask in any enclosed space].

We may decide to extend our postponement of public worship services in agreement with the spirit of Governor Whitmer’s order. If we were to resume services, it ought to be done with social distancing. Either way, as this order (and the former one) reads, you are free to make arrangements with the Pastor and come to the church for a devotion and private communion.

Council Members are asked to contact President Terry Weigold or Pastor Schaller to express their thoughts on the matter. Frankly, any church member may do so.

Once again, as before, written, audio and video sermons will be posted on the church website. This week Pastor Schaller will also again post online Bible Class. Check it out at: calvary.cclutheran.org. If you need a little technological instruction, contact Pastor. If you are in the Marquette Area and don’t have internet access, you drop by the church and have access to the Internet. Please contact Pastor Schaller for information.

ONLINE HOLY COMMUNION

The last time that we celebrated Holy Communion at Calvary was Sunday March 1st. In a number of cases, CLC congregations have arranged for online communion. Individual Bread/Wine packets have been ordered for this purpose. **However, since no one has expressed the desire to do so, Pastor Schaller has not done so. It appears that everyone wants to simply wait until corporate worship resumes to return to our celebration of the Lord’s Supper.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

ISAIAH 12:1-6

And in that day you will say:

“O LORD, I will praise You; Though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. ² Behold, God *is* my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; ‘For YAH, the LORD, *is* my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.’ ”

³ Therefore with joy you will draw water From the wells of salvation.

⁴ And in that day you will say:

“Praise the LORD, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, Make mention that His name is exalted. ⁵ Sing to the LORD, For He has done excellent things; This *is* known in all the earth. ⁶ Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, For great *is* the Holy One of Israel in your midst!” *



He is arisen! Glorious word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord; The gates of heaven are open. My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell's direst weapon. Oh, hear What cheer! Christ victorious Riseth glorious, Life He giveth-- He was dead, but see, He liveth!

EPISTLE LESSON:

ACTS 5:17-25

¹⁷ Then the high priest rose up, and all those who *were* with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, ¹⁸ and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. ¹⁹ But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ “Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.”

²¹ And when they heard *that*, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

²² But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, ²³ saying, “Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!” ²⁴ Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be.

²⁵ So one came and told them, saying, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" *

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

Pastor: The right hand of the LORD is exalted:

Congregation: The LORD has done wonderful things.

Pastor: The LORD has sent redemption to His People:

Congregation: In His Son, Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Pastor: Christ being raised from death will not die again;

Congregation: Death has no power over Him! Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 8:21-36

²¹ Then Jesus said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come."

²² So the Jews said, "Will He kill Himself, because He says, 'Where I go you cannot come'?" ²³ And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

²⁵ Then they said to Him, "Who are You?"

And Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him."

²⁷ They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father.

²⁸ Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. ²⁹ And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him." ³⁰ As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

³³ They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED (PG. 12)

HYMN: 276 - "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

THE SERMON:

PROVERBS 31:28-30

²⁸ Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband *also*, and he praises her: ²⁹ "Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all."

³⁰ Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman *who* fears the LORD, she shall be praised. *

THANK GOD...FOR GODLY MOTHERS!

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: 30 - "Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices"

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

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

CLOSING HYMN: 31 – "When All Thy Mercies, O My God"

CLC Financial Report - April

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2019	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 10 Months	Balance 4/30/2020
General Fund (See below)	0	890,796	873,695	885,750	17,101
ILC Operations (incl CLC subsidy)	0	1,221,795	1,128,940	1,203,400	92,855
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	138,303	61,451	12,159		187,595
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	17,072	184,897	180,000		21,969
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	45,020	161,182	153,996		52,206
Kinship	56,634	124,537	103,486		77,685
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,442,490	686,615	280,055		1,849,050
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	50,707	137,992	117,939		70,760
Reserve Fund	278,088	17,552	0		295,640
Total Auxiliary Funds	\$2,028,314	\$1,374,226	\$847,635		\$2,554,905

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I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. -John 15:5

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