

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession
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Divine Worship. Postponed
Sunday School. . . Postponed
Bible Study. . . Postponed
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 17, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 68 (Pg. 137)
Prayers: 33 (Pg. 105); 37 (Pg. 105).
Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe
HYMNS: 200:1-4 213 216 200:5-8

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 200:1-4 - "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

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. ● Redeemer Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY has called Mr. Dan Barthels of Gethsemane MI to be their teacher. ● 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 June, 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

GREETINGS

Barb Koval recently sent a card asking to say 'Hello' to everyone. She misses her church and her fellow believers also miss her.
Linda and Clint Libby have also sent their greetings and best wishes to the congregation. They are doing fine and hope we are all doing well. They are hoping to return but don't know when that will happen. It's getting warm down there. They are praying for us all.

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 5/13/20				
General Fund	Missions/CBP			
\$3205.00	\$0			
Total: \$3205.00				

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BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS MAY 18-23, 2020

Monday - Acts 17:22-31 I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth - - but not everybody does. That's the difference between all other religions and Trinitarian Christianity. Paul was knocking on heathen hearts to realize that their *Unknown God* was the almighty Creator, that He controls human progress, that He not only created humanity but that He also will hold humans responsible for their attitude toward Jesus. [That's a lot to chew on.]

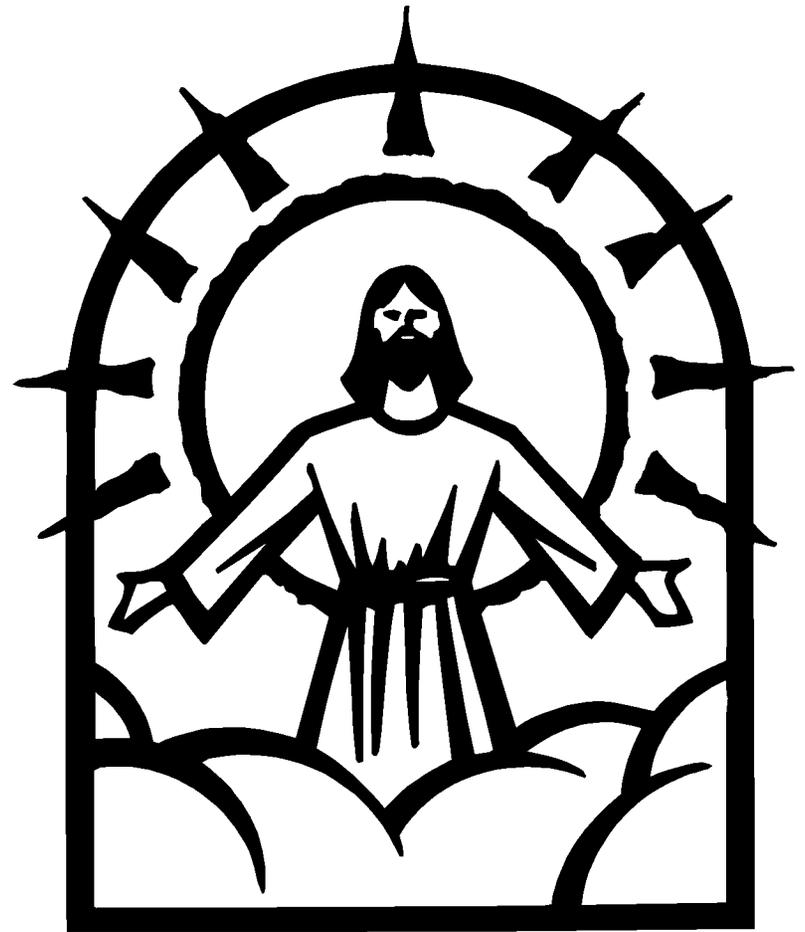
Tuesday - John 14:15-21 Christians hate idols, love Jesus, submit to His directives, and depend on the Holy Spirit (15-17). Since the disciples feared that Jesus was about to abandon them, He promised His Substitute would do for them what He could not—live inside them (17). Because the Holy Spirit heals souls from sin-virus, we can live as God's dear children (21).

Wednesday - 1 Peter 3:15-22 The way we live seems to provoke others: "*What makes you so sure that God favors you?*" (Now, be careful how you answer.) Respond with *meekness* toward the challenger and with *reverent respect* toward God (15). That got Jesus into trouble, but He survived. He not only survived but is still alive and productive, too (18-22). Thank You, dear Savior!

Ascension Day! - Acts 1:1-11 After Jesus beat death and walked out of the cemetery, He spent 40 days preparing others for their graduation ceremony scheduled in Jerusalem (2-5)—after which they would go out into the world not to produce social improvement (6-7) but to tell the truth about Jesus (8). Then Jesus walked off stage (9). Our reunion with Jesus is pending (11).

Friday - Luke 24:44-53 Review: Jesus fulfilled every Bible prediction and prophecy, including His death and resurrection (44, 46), so His earthly career was over. "*Now, what about us?*" We have a job to do (47-48), for which Jesus enables us (49). Parting greeting from Jesus: "*Goodbye, good friends; God bless you* (50)!" and parting greeting from His disciples: "*Goodbye, Jesus; we are ready to move when You give us the signal.*" (52-53).

Saturday - Ephesians 1:15-23 God knows we need improvement, so every day He turns the dial higher, endowing us with more *wisdom*, more *understanding*, more *enlightenment*; more comprehension of God's *power* directing us (17-18), in concert with His power evidenced in raising Jesus from death and for re-seating Him in heaven as Master of the Universe—to bring benefit to His Church, which is *His body* and the culmination of everything God has ever designed or destined, from beginning to end, in every-which way (19-23). Hallelujah and Amen!



"This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

ACTS 1:11, NRSV

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Fifth Sunday after Easter Sunday May 17, 2020

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

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

CLOSING HYMN: 200:5-8 – "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 17, 2020

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Choir Practice – Postponed; Final 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. After carefully reading the entire 17-page Executive Order No. 2020-77, it is noted that it does not forbid religious services, (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]."

After discussing the matter, the Calvary Council has decided to conform to the Extension of Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-77, until May 28th. We have voluntarily suspended face to face worship on: Sunday May 17th and May 24th. We fully understand that Executive Order 2020-77 does allow for religious worship. We will revisit the matter on May 28th. All other gatherings have also been suspended during that time period. It is our hope to resume services with some 'social distancing' measures in June.

Either way, you are free to make arrangements with the Pastor and come to the church for a devotion and private communion.

Once again, as before, written, audio and video sermons will be posted on the church website. The final Bible Class of the spring is also posted online. If you want or 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.

DEVOTION BOOKLET

Pastor Chad Seybt who serves Redeemer in Cheyenne, Wyoming, has made available a free devotion booklet. If you would like a copy (electronic or sent in the mail) please speak with Pastor Schaller.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

JEREMIAH 29:11-14

¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive. *



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:

ROMANS 8:24-30

²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. *

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

Pastor: God has gone up with a shout:

Congregation: The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Pastor: He has ascended on high:

Congregation: He has led captivity captive. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Pastor: The same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven;

Congregation: He will return in the same way! Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 17:1-19

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ²as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

⁶"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. ⁸For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

⁹"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. ¹²While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED (PG. 12)

HYMN: 213 - "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"

THE SERMON:

ACTS 1:9-14

⁹Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James *the son* of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas *the son* of James. ¹⁴These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. *

GONE NOT VISIBLE AND NOT FORGOTTEN

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: 216 - "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."