

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship. Online

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EASTER SEVEN

May 24, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 19 (Pg. 126)

Prayers: 33 (Pg. 105); **16** (Pg. 103)

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 214 224 234 47

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 214 - "Lo, God to Heaven Ascendeth"

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 36:25-27

²⁵ Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*.*

CLC CALL NEWS

Teacher Neil Bernthal has returned the call of Immanuel Lutheran High School in Mankato, MN to serve as high school math and science teacher beginning the 2020-2021 school year. • Teacher Dan Barthels has returned the call of Redeemer Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY. • 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. • Redeemer of Bowdle and Zion of Ipswich, SD, have called Pastor Paul Tiefel, who currently serves Messiah in Eau Claire, WI.

GREAT LAKES DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The 2020 Great Lakes Delegate Conference originally scheduled for June 1-2 in Fond du Lac Wisconsin has been rescheduled for June 7-8, 2021 in Fond du Lac.

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 5/17/20	Amount Remaining
\$7000.00	\$980.00	\$6020.00

Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 5/17/20

General Fund			
\$3205.00			
Offerings Total: \$3205.00			

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO

JULY GOAL	RECEIVED 5/17	JULY GOAL
\$15.00	\$0	\$15.00

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BIBLE READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS MAY 25-30, 2020

Monday - Acts 1:9-11 We memorialize the day when Jesus was taken up from the Earth. Who took Him? The heavenly Father, who made the call to close down Jesus' earthly mission and get Him back to where He had left off 33 years earlier. Next, when the timing is right, Jesus will return to be in charge of the proceedings on Judgment Day. Lord Jesus, speed the day!

Tuesday - John 17:1-11a Here we are standing on the sidelines, eavesdropping on Jesus speaking to His Father about His mission on planet Earth cycling down to the grand finale (1-5). In a few hours Jesus will be hanging on the cross, bleeding His life away for our salvation. Note: Jesus is more concerned about His disciples than He is about Himself. Their future depended on remembering the words He had given them—the words on which we depend, too.

Wednesday - 1 Peter 4:12-17 God's children are different, which seems to irritate non-Christians—to the point of persecution. The plus side of persecution is that it proves we are partners with Jesus and on God's side. We are law-abiding and don't engage in civil disobedience; if that makes us unpopular, so be it! We rest our case with the highest court (16-17).

Thursday - Psalm 8 We have reasons aplenty to praise our heavenly Father, telling Him, "*How great Thou art!*" (1-2). Although we amount to very little as earth-born creatures, and we shrink before the immensity of God's Universe (3), God has bestowed special honors on the human race (4-5) and entrusted special responsibilities to us on planet Earth (6-8). Let us join our hearts and voices with the heavenly host in praising God! Praise the Lord!

Friday - John 17:11b-19 God vindicates His name (His reputation) as our heavenly Father (11) by bonding us together with Jesus (12). Note: The *name* of God and the *Word* of God are inseparable; that's how Jesus puts it: "*Keep them through Your name*" (11) and "*I have given them Your Word*" (14). God favors us with experiences that show we are not *of the world*; we keep close to God via His Word (17), and Jesus is on duty for us (18-19).

Saturday - Acts 11:11-18 Jewish Christians (in the early days of the New Testament Church) were quite sure that God loved Jews above everyone else and despised the rest of humanity, so they were affronted when Peter reached out to Gentiles, shared God's Word with them, and accepted them into fellowship. Peter had to set them straight, just as God had set him straight (5-10) that God sees all humans as lost souls, no matter what bodies they animate. And since all souls (both Jews and Gentiles) are headed for hell unless God intervenes, God loved them enough to intervene, redeem them from sin and hell, and rescue them. Praise God for such generosity!



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Easter Seven.....May 24, 2020

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.

A FEW NOTIFICATIONS AND 'COMMON SENSE' REQUESTS

1) If you don't feel well, feel weak or have a fever, please stay home...whether you 'think' you have the virus or you 'think' you have something else. This is really common sense. As before, you can call Pastor for an in-home visit.

2) Please make an effort (for the time being) to keep a six-foot distance from those not in your immediate family (with whom you have been living the last two months).

3) A face mask is not necessary (per the Governor's Executive Order 2020-92, Part 16) **but if you feel compelled to wear one, you may do so...especially if coughing.**

4) Sunday School and Bible Class are out for the Summer (not because of Covid-19, but because they are out for the summer).

5) The Offerings will be received on the table in the fellowship hall. Please simply place your offerings in the plate on the back table.

6) After worship please file out at the direction of the ushers. No one is trying to curtail your fellowship time, only to allow others to depart should they feel the desire to do so without having to wait for a gaggle of people - blocking the way out - to disperse.

7) Pastor Schaller will not be shaking hands for the time being (as much as He would like to). It's not because he's afraid of getting the virus from you. It's more a concern about passing it on to others.

8) If you stay behind to visit after worship (which you may certainly do) **please practice 'social distancing'** (stay at least six feet apart).

9) If you do come down with the virus (meaning you have the test administered, not self-diagnosis), **please do let the rest of us know so that we can look for symptoms in ourselves.**

10) On Sunday, June 7th our worship may include Holy Communion, with some changes for social distancing. We will use sealed personal host/wine servings. Those servings will be spread out on the tables in the fellowship hall and each communicant is to pick up their own personal serving to be distributed during the service. If you wish not to use these, please request private communion of Pastor Schaller.

11) Our online services will continue May 24th and will continue to be posted for the foreseeable future. Once face-to-face services have resumed, the online services won't be posted until later on Sunday afternoon and may not be as extensive.

EPISTLE LESSON:

ROMANS 8:29-39

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.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. ³⁴ Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written [Psalm 44:22]:

*"For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."*

³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 17:20-26

²⁰ "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²² And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

²⁴ "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. ²⁶ And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them." *

ALLELUIA (WS Pg. 14)

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

HYMN: 224 – “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!”

SERMON:

ACTS 2:1-12

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? ⁸And how *is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?* ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” ¹²So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?” *

THE VACCINE FOR THE VIRUS OF SIN

Is not communicated by breath of wind or fire.

Is received by hearing the Word of God.

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: 234 - “Holy Ghost, with Light Divine”

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Spoken) “Amen.”

CLOSING HYMN: 47 - “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 24, 2020

THIS MORNING

Sunday School: Sunday School out for the Summer

Bible Study: Bible Class out for the Summer

THIS WEEK

Sunday (5/31): Tentative Divine Worship, 9:30am

“STAY HOME, STAY SAFE” EXECUTIVE ORDER RELAXED”

*On Monday, May 18th, Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-92, which has relaxed the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Executive Order in the Upper Peninsula. Where formerly it was declared that ‘**all public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring among persons not part of a single household are prohibited**’ the new order allows ‘**a social gatherings of up to 10 people.**’ This doesn’t change much for face-to-face worship because as noted before the Executive Order does not apply to churches.*

We are looking at resuming face-to-face worship on Sunday May 31st or June 7th if the Church Council is agreed and only after the church has been sanitized (best it can be) and some social distancing measures are put in place (Please use every other pew).

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.