

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

450 W. Ohio • Marquette, Michigan

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Divine Worship. 9:30am

SS/BC. . . . 10:45/10:50am

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ADVENT ONE

November 29, 2020



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: Hymn Insert

Prayers: Hymn Insert

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 66 291 72 52

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 66 - "Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"

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).

**Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save And give them victory o'er the
grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly
home: Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to
misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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

CLC CALL NEWS

Redeemer in Cheyenne, WY has called Pastor Michael Gurath, who currently serves Holy Cross in Phoenix, AZ. • Living Savior in Eden Prairie, MN has called Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh, who currently serves Immanuel in Winter Haven, FL. • Teacher Matt Thurow of Berea Lutheran School in Inver Grove Heights MN has been called to teach grades 4-8 and serve as principal for Holy Trinity Lutheran School in West Columbia, SC. • Recently colloquized Terry Stringer, a member of St., Stephen, Heyward, CA has been called and has accepted the call of Trinity, Spokane, WA to serve as "Assistant Vacancy Pastor" in a one year call. Pastor Wayne Eichstadt is the vacancy pastor.

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 11/22/20	Amount Remaining
\$7000.00	\$5240.00	\$1760.00

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO

DECEMBER 2021 GOAL	RECEIVED 11/22	DECEMBER 2021 GOAL
\$5.00	\$0	\$5.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 11/22/20

General Fund	Loose	Missions (CBP)		
\$1450.00	\$80.00	\$160.00		
Total: \$1690.00				

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 5, 2020

Monday - Isaiah 63:16b-64:1-8 When a sinner strays so far that he dares blame God for his degeneracy, did God stop being God? Indeed, such sinners need help from the only One who controls all forces of nature (64:1-4) --and although God knows how despicable we are (5-6), He still deals with us as our Father, and we are but clay shaped by His hand. From where You abide, O Lord God, come down to where we live, and have mercy on us!

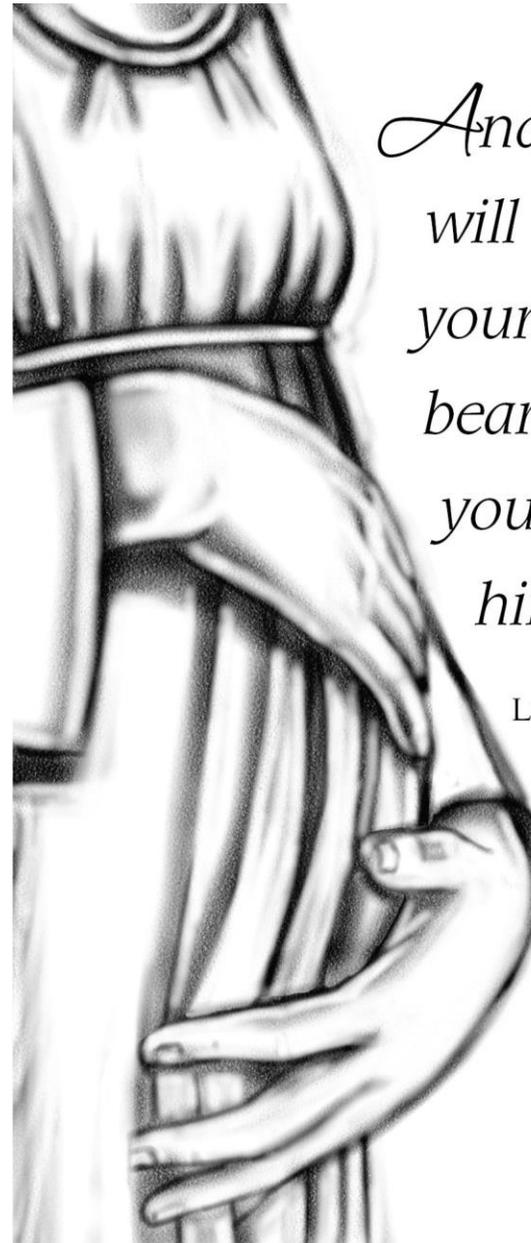
Tuesday - Mark 13:32-37 The Advent of Jesus has many facets: He arrived long ago in His prophetic Word, later in Bethlehem, then in our hearts, and He will arrive finally . . . at midnight? 4:27 a.m.? 6:06 p.m.? Nobody knows, so let's stay prepared (awake in heart and soul) for our Lord and Master to make His final, once-and-for-all appearance on our troubled planet.

Wednesday - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 While we are waiting, we depend on *the grace of God given to us via Jesus Christ* (and received by us in repentant hearts) in order to *enrich us* in every way possible. And we intend to remain dependent on God to not forget us but preserve us for the end of Time's weary course... and re-enliven us in the *fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord*. Amen!

Thursday - Psalm 24 Our planet belongs to Jesus, who doesn't play games with Earth as His toy but nurtures it as His special project (1-2). Who wants to thank Him (3)? Well, I do, and so do you (4-6). We open all our gateways in private and in public (7) for Jesus, who is ready to come in glory/splendor with the retinue of His holy angels, *strong and mighty*— and all for us! Selah!

Friday - Luke 12:41-48 It seems like a good question, "Does God want everyone to understand Him and His ways?" Yes, He does, and therefore every servant of God is responsible for how he handles God's business. The servant who is abusive, despises others, or is self-serving is headed for disaster (45-46), and likewise for the servant who is negligent (47). Dear readers, let's step up to the privileged responsibilities God has placed on our shoulders (48).

Saturday - Acts 19:1-10 Evidently Paul walked around the city on the lookout for fellow disciples. The ones he came across had a lot to learn (1-3), so Paul started at the beginning, taking time and effort to enlighten them about baptism (4-5) to prepare them for some advanced service-gifts from God the Spirit (6-7). Then he helped other Jews absorb God's good news (8-9) and when Satan's scholars produced a rift in the congregation, Paul conducted Bible Religion classes for Jews and Greeks, including many who came from surrounding counties. Ephesus was never the same again, thanks be to Jesus, His Spirit, and His disciples. Hallelujah and Amen!



*And now, you
will conceive in
your womb and
bear a son, and
you will name
him Jesus.*

Luke 1:31, NRSV

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Advent One Sunday November 29, 2020

HYMN: 72 - "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

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

CLOSING HYMN: 52 – "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 29, 2020

THIS MORNING

Before Service: Christmas Caroling

Sunday School: OT #45 – The Tower of Babel

Bible Study: Hinduism

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Midweek Advent Service #1, 7pm

Sunday: Worship - 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45; Bible Study 10:50am

USHERS

The Ushers are asked to dismiss the congregation from the back in an effort to reduce the 'bottleneck' in the fellowship hall.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

Midweek Advent Services are scheduled to begin this Wednesday December 2nd at 7pm. We will also (God willing) have services on December 9th and 16th at 7pm. Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume in January 2021.

THE SONGS AND SILENCE OF ADVENT

This morning marks the beginning of the Advent Season, during which we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth. This Advent we are taking up a series entitled: Songs and Silence. On the Sundays of Advent, we will take up a study of four 'songs' (Elizabeth, Mary, Zacharias and the Angels). On Wednesday evenings we will take a look at the Silence of Zacharias, Mary and Satan. Join us for face to face worship (God-willing) or watch or listen online at calvary.clclutheran.org/sermons.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

GENESIS 18:1-15

Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. ²So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, ³and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. ⁴Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant."

They said, "Do as you have said."

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead *it* and make cakes." ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave *it* to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it. ⁸So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

⁹Then they said to him, "Where *is* Sarah your wife?"

So he said, "Here, in the tent."

¹⁰And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son."

(Sarah was listening in the tent door which *was* behind him.) ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; *and* Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. ¹²Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"

¹³And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear *a child*, since I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

¹⁵But Sarah denied *it*, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh!" *

THE PROPHECY CANDLE

The Prophecy Candle begins the Advent Season by remembering those who first spoke the promises concerning the Christ-Child. God used many different men to comfort His people, giving many promises concerning the Advent or Coming of the Savior.

EPISTLE LESSON:**2 TIMOTHY 1:1-7**

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as *my* forefathers *did*, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, ⁴ greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, ⁵ when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. ⁶ Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. *

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

Pastor: All those that wait on You:

Congregation: They shall not be ashamed, O LORD.

Pastor: Show me Your ways, O LORD:

Congregation: Teach me Your paths. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Pastor: Show us Your mercy, O LORD:

Congregation: Grant us Your Salvation. Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:**LUKE 1:26-38**

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name *was* Mary. ²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!"

²⁹ But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.* ³⁶ Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. ³⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible."

³⁸ Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:**APOSTLES CREED (PG. 12)**

HYMN: 291 - "*Lamp of Our Feet Whereby We Trace*"

THE SERMON:**LUKE 1:39-45**

³⁹ Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰ and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ But why *is* this *granted* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed *is* she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." *

ELIZABETH...HOW DID YOU KNOW?

Mary would be blessed among women?

Mary would give birth to a child of blessing?

God's Promises would be fulfilled?

THE OFFERINGS

In order to minimize contact with the ushers, you are asked to please leave your offerings in the basket on the table in the fellowship hall either before or after worship.

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 SHEET

(An effort to reduce the points of contact for the time being.)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 135

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD; Praise *Him*, O you servants of the LORD! ² You who stand in the house of the LORD, In the courts of the house of our God, ³ Praise the LORD, for the LORD *is* good; Sing praises to His name, for *it is* pleasant. ⁴ For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel for His special treasure.

⁵ For I know that the LORD *is* great, And our Lord *is* above all gods. ⁶ Whatever the LORD pleases He does, In heaven and in earth, In the seas and in all deep places. ⁷ He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain; He brings the wind out of His treasuries.

⁸ He destroyed the firstborn of Egypt, Both of man and beast. ⁹ He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, Upon Pharaoh and all his servants. ¹⁰ He defeated many nations And slew mighty kings— ¹¹ Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of Bashan, And all the kingdoms of Canaan— ¹² And gave their land *as* a heritage, A heritage to Israel His people.

¹³ Your name, O LORD, *endures* forever, Your fame, O LORD, throughout all generations. ¹⁴ For the LORD will judge His people, And He will have compassion on His servants.

¹⁵ The idols of the nations *are* silver and gold, The work of men's hands. ¹⁶ They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; ¹⁷ They have ears, but they do not hear; Nor is there *any* breath in their mouths. ¹⁸ Those who make them are like them; *So is* everyone who trusts in them.

¹⁹ Bless the LORD, O house of Israel! Bless the LORD, O house of Aaron! ²⁰ Bless the LORD, O house of Levi! You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD! ²¹ Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, Who dwells in Jerusalem!

Praise the LORD!

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR MOTHERS

O almighty, everlasting God and Father, Creator of all things, who by Your grace, through Your Son, our Lord, who has redeemed us from sin, makes the anguish of our human birth a holy and salutary cross, we pray, preserve and guard the work of Your own hand. Do not forsake those who cry out to you in trouble, but deliver them out of all their pains, to their joy and the glory of Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE SICK

O Lord, look down from heaven, visit and relieve Your servants for whom we offer our supplications; look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy; give them comfort and sure confidence in You, defend them from the danger of the enemy, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. Amen.

HYMN HARK THE GLAD SOUND THE SAVIOR COMES

- 1. Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long; Let every heart prepare a throne And every voice a song.**
- 2. He comes the prisoners to release, In Satan's bondage held. The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.**
- 3. He comes from thickest films of vice To clear the mental ray And on the eyeballs of the blind To pour celestial day.**
- 4. He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure, And with the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor.**
- 5. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim And heaven's eternal arches ring With Thy beloved name. Amen.**

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Congregation: (Sung) "Amen."

CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord. **Congregation: (Sung) "Who made heaven and earth."**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

Congregation: (Sung) "And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin."

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: "O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord Amen."

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Congregation: (Sung) "Amen."

GLORIA PATRI

All: (Sung) "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

THE KYRIE

All: (Sung) "Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us."

HYMN

OH, COME, OH, COME EMMANUEL

Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell Thy people save And give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly home: Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

SALUTATION

Pastor: "The Lord be with you."

Congregation: (Sung) "And with thy spirit."

COLLECT

Pastor: (Prayer)

Congregation: (Sung) "Amen."

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, The communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

LAMP OF OUR FEET WHEREBY WE TRACE

1. Lamp of our feet whereby we trace Our path when went to stray; Stream from the fount of heavenly grace, Brook by the traveler's way.
2. Bread of our souls whereon we feed, True manna from on high; Our guide and chart wherein we read Of realms beyond the sky;
3. Pillar of fire, through watches dark, Or radiant cloud by day; When waves would break our tossing bark, Our anchor and our stay:
4. Word of the ever-living God, Will of His glorious Son; Without thee, how could earth be trod Or heaven itself be won?
5. Lord, grant us all aright to learn The wisdom it imparts And to its heavenly teaching turn With simple, childlike hearts. Amen.

OFFERING HYMN

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

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.

HYMN

REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear! The evening is advancing, And darker night is near. The Bridegroom is arising, And soon He draweth nigh; Up, pray and watch and wrestle! At midnight comes the cry.
2. The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near; Go meet Him as He cometh, With hallelujahs clear. The marriage-feast is waiting, The gates wide open stand; Up, up, ye heirs of glory; The Bridegroom is at hand!
3. Ye saints, who here in patience Your cross and sufferings bore, Shall live and reign forever, When sorrow is no more. Around the throne of glory The Lamb ye shall behold; In triumph cast before Him Your diadems of gold!
4. Our Hope and Expectation, O Jesus, now appear; Arise, Desire of nations, O'er this benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see The day of earth's redemption, That brings us unto Thee! Amen.

HYMN

ALMIGHTY FATHER, BLESS THE WORD

1. Almighty Father, bless the Word Which through Thy grace we now have heard, Oh, may the precious seed take root, Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!
2. We praise Thee for the means of grace As homeward now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here May all at last in heaven appear. Amen.