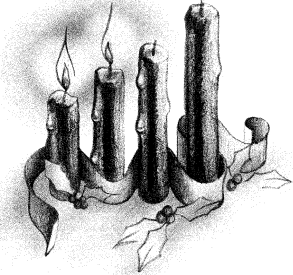


# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Divine Worship. . . . . 9:30am**  
**SS/BS. . . . 10:45am/10:50am**  
 Andrew A. Schaller, Pastor  
 Church: (906) 226-9372  
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**ADVENT TWO**  
 December 6, 2020

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:**

**Psalm:** Hymn Insert  
**Prayers:** Hymn Insert  
**Organist:** Mr. Walter Priebe  
**HYMNS:** 73 283 91 47

**PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN: 73** - "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

**THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION** (TLH Pg.15ff.)

The Invocation... The Confession of Sins... Absolution, -- "Amen."  
 The Introit... The Gloria Patri (Pg. 16)...The Kyrie (Pg. 17).  
**Gloria in Excelsis (Pg. 17-19)**  
 The Salutation (Pg. 19) The Collect (Prayer for the Day) -- "Amen."

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** **EXODUS 15:1-21**

**15** Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying:  
 "I will sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea! <sup>2</sup>The LORD *is* my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; He *is* my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him. <sup>3</sup>The LORD *is* a man of war; The LORD *is* His name. <sup>4</sup>Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea. <sup>5</sup>The depths have covered them; They sank to the bottom like a stone.

**CLC CALL NEWS**

*Pastor Michael Gurath has returned the call of Redeemer in Cheyenne, WY. • 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 returned the call of 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. • Pastor Del Maas has been called by Redeemer of Bowdle and Zion of Ipswich, SD. Pastor Maas currently serves Gift of God in Mapleton (Fargo) ND and St. Paul of Ponsford, MN. • Teacher Paul Tiefel III, who currently serves at Messiah Lutheran School in Eau Claire, WI has been called to serve as Principal and Upper Grade Teacher by Messiah Lutheran School in Hales Corners (Milwaukee), WI.*

<b>Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2020</b>		
<i>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.**</i>		
<b>Amount Pledged 2020</b>	<b>Received as of 10/29/2020</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>
\$7000.00	\$5560.00	\$1440.00

<b>CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO</b>		
<b>FEBRUARY 2022 GOAL</b>	<b>RECEIVED 11/29</b>	<b>APRIL 2022 GOAL</b>
\$5.00	\$50.00	\$35.00

<b>The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 11/29/2020</b>				
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Loose Offerings</b>	<b>Missions/CBP</b>	<b>CLCI Sem Student</b>	
\$940.00	\$143.00	\$365.00	\$50.00	
<b>Offerings Total: \$1498.00</b>				

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## BIBLE READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS DECEMBER 7-12, 2020

**Monday - Isaiah 40:1-11** As we access the Gospel according to Isaiah (and since our hearts are still sinful hearts), we appreciate God telling us that He has developed a double-strength serum to overcome Earth's sin pandemic (1-2). Don't let anything stand in your way to get an immunity shot (3-5), for your life is on the line (6-8). Listen up to these good tidings, the good news (9) that the LORD God is welcoming you into His protective care (10-11).

**Tuesday - Mark 1:1-8** dials Isaiah's picture into sharper focus—that the voice crying in the wilderness is John's, and that *preparing the roadway* means repenting, confessing our sins, and receiving God's forgiveness (1-5). God had given John the awesome assignment of putting Jesus center-stage and in the limelight (7-8) while John opted to fade into the background (6-7).

**Wednesday - 2 Peter 3:8-14** Jesus arrived, did His job, and returned home. Now, why is He taking so long to ring down the curtain on planet Earth? He's holding back until He salvages every soul that can be salvaged (9). Meanwhile, we try to stay on top of things (11), looking forward and being diligent in every-which way to stay close to Jesus in our hearts and lives (14). Is it becoming burdensome for us to avoid hot-spots in our sin-diseased society?

**Thursday - Psalm 85** We are living in a parallel universe, parallel to olden times when God rescued His ancient people from Philistines, Egyptians, Assyrians, Persians, etc., but not from the Romans. Today our adversaries are more subtle but fully as dangerous, so God has taken care of our BIG adversary (2-3), and we depend on Him to revive us as we maneuver through life—day by day (4-7), holding tight to Jesus' *righteousness and peace* (10-13).

**Friday - Luke 3:15-18** Religious people tried to figure out if John might be the Chosen One (15), so John clarified (16) that he was but a lowly servant of the One who would baptize/ cleanse them with the Holy Spirit and bring them to Harvest (16-17). Those rural folks got the picture—and would shrink from the horrible fire which awaits those whose religion is unpalatable to God (18).

**Saturday - Acts 19:11-20** We already knew that miracles are unusual, but these were so exceptional (11-12) that when some magicians/quacks tried to horn in on God's territory (13-14), God let a demon from hell set them straight (15-16). All of which boomeranged on Satan (17-18), for our fellow Christians came to realize that publications (or internet websites) which promote black magic, sorcery, or superstition are Satan's tools to captivate naïve persons. So by burning the books, our fellow Christians sent them back to hell where they belonged (19-20). In contrast, God has given us the Holy Bible, which leads souls from hell to heaven. We thank You, dear Lord Jesus!



**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Advent Two.....December 6, 2020

## 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)

HYMN: 91 "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

THE LITURGY: (Pg. 24ff)

The Preface, The Sanctus (Pg. 26), The Lord's Prayer, The Words of Institution, The Pax Domini, The Agnus Dei (Pg. 28).

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:



The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. Single use communion sets are on the far back table in the fellowship hall.

**We ask all visitors to speak to the pastor before taking the sacrament, especially if you have not communed here before. The Lord's Supper will be received standing or seated in the pews. You are asked to dispose of the empties in the small disposals at the direction of the ushers.**

THE LITURGY: (Pg. 29ff)

The Nunc Dimittis, The Thanksgiving; Prayer, "Amen." The Salutation; The Benedicamus.

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

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

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

<sup>6</sup> "Your right hand, O LORD, has become glorious in power; Your right hand, O LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces. <sup>7</sup> And in the greatness of Your excellence You have overthrown those who rose against You; You sent forth Your wrath; It consumed them like stubble. <sup>8</sup> And with the blast of Your nostrils The waters were gathered together; The floods stood upright like a heap; The depths congealed in the heart of the sea. <sup>9</sup> The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; My desire shall be satisfied on them. I will draw my sword, My hand shall destroy them.' <sup>10</sup> You blew with Your wind, The sea covered them; They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

<sup>11</sup> "Who *is* like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who *is* like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders? <sup>12</sup> You stretched out Your right hand; The earth swallowed them. <sup>13</sup> You in Your mercy have led forth The people whom You have redeemed; You have guided *them* in Your strength To Your holy habitation.

<sup>14</sup> "The people will hear *and* be afraid; Sorrow will take hold of the inhabitants of Philistia. <sup>15</sup> Then the chiefs of Edom will be dismayed; The mighty men of Moab, Trembling will take hold of them; All the inhabitants of Canaan will melt away. <sup>16</sup> Fear and dread will fall on them; By the greatness of Your arm They will be *as* still as a stone, Till Your people pass over, O LORD, Till the people pass over Whom You have purchased. <sup>17</sup> You will bring them in and plant them In the mountain of Your inheritance, *In* the place, O LORD, *which* You have made For Your own dwelling, The sanctuary, O LORD, *which* Your hands have established.

<sup>18</sup> "The LORD shall reign forever and ever."

<sup>19</sup> For the horses of Pharaoh went with his chariots and his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them. But the children of Israel went on dry *land* in the midst of the sea.

<sup>20</sup> Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. <sup>21</sup> And Miriam answered them:

"Sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!" \*

## THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE

The Bethlehem Candle symbolizes the Savior's first Advent or Coming to the earth as a little child. This Candle serves to remind us that God chose the little town of Bethlehem to be the city forever connected to his humble birth.

**EPISTLE LESSON:****COLOSSIANS 1:9-18**

<sup>9</sup> For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; <sup>10</sup> that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. <sup>18</sup> And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. \*

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

**Pastor:** Out of Zion, God has shined;

**Congregation:** Our God shall come.

**P:** Rejoice greatly, O Jerusalem;

**C:** Behold Your King is coming. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**P:** The powers of heaven shall be shaken;

**C:** They shall see Him coming with power and great glory. Hallelujah!

**(Sung)** Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

**GOSPEL LESSON:****LUKE 11:15-28**

(cf. also Matthew 12:25–30, 43–45; Mark 3:22–27)

<sup>15</sup> But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."

<sup>16</sup> Others, testing *Him*, sought from Him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup> But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.

<sup>18</sup> If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand?

Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. <sup>19</sup> And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup> But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup> When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. <sup>22</sup> But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. <sup>23</sup> He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

<sup>24</sup> "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' <sup>25</sup> And when he comes, he finds *it* swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup> Then he goes and takes with *him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first."

<sup>27</sup> And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed *is* the womb that bore You, and *the* breasts which nursed You!"

<sup>28</sup> But He said, "More than that, blessed *are* those who hear the word of God and keep it!" \*

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:****THE NICENE CREED (TLH PG. 22)**

**HYMN:** 283 "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

**THE SERMON:****LUKE 1:46-55**

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. <sup>48</sup> For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. <sup>49</sup> For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy *is* His name. <sup>50</sup> And His mercy *is* on those who fear Him From generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered *the* proud in the imagination of their hearts. <sup>52</sup> He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones, And exalted *the* lowly. <sup>53</sup> He has filled *the* hungry with good things, And *the* rich He has sent away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of *His* mercy, <sup>55</sup> As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever."\*

**MARY'S MESSAGE: 'PRAISE GOD (NOT ME)!'**

He saves sinners (including me).

He exalts and blesses the lowly (like me).

He does great things (for me and you) through His Son.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

December 6, 2020

### **THIS MORNING**

***Before Worship:*** Christmas Carols

***Sunday School:*** NT#45 - Pentecost

***Bible Study:*** Bible Study – Masonic Lodge

### **THIS WEEK**

***Wednesday:*** Midweek Advent Service #2 – (Silence of Mary) 7pm

***Thursday:*** Ladies of Calvary Christmas Meeting, 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 continue this Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.*

### **THE SONGS AND SILENCE OF ADVENT**

*We continue our preparations for Christmas this coming Wednesday at 7pm. 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](http://calvary.clclutheran.org/sermons).*

### **NEW TOUR CHOIR CD**

*A new CD of sacred music has been recorded by the Immanuel Lutheran Tour Choir. The CD is available at a cost of \$12 each or 2 for \$20. If you would like to have a copy, please call the CLC Bookhouse (715) 836-6623 or speak with Pastor Schaller.*

## **HYMN SHEET**

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

### **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

### **PSALM 24**

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. <sup>2</sup> For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters.

<sup>3</sup> Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? <sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully. <sup>5</sup> He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation. <sup>6</sup> This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. <sup>8</sup> Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle. <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. <sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah

### **PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP**

#### **PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT**

O God, who does not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he turn from his evil way and life, I come to You although I have sinned and deserve only Your wrath. Buy I flee to Your mercy in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who gave His body and His blood for my redemption. Lord, grant that I may always believe this. Grant that in this faith I may go in a worthy manner to Your altar to receive the very body and the true blood which Your Son has given for my salvation, that I may praise, and honor Your love and Your mercy all the days of my life. Hear me for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Redeemer and Savior. Amen.

#### **PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT**

Thanks and praise to You, almighty, everlasting God, heavenly Father, for this Your divine tenderness and love that You have again given me grace to receive the body and blood of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord, in, with and under the bread and wine. I humbly pray, fill me with the power of Your Holy Spirit that through this Sacrament I may retain the treasures of Your grace imparted to me in this Sacrament, even the forgiveness of sins, oneness with Christ, and eternal life. Let this Your grace enable me to walk in the footsteps of my Lord Jesus Christ, nothing doubting that at the last You will give to me and to all that bear the cross for His sake the crown of everlasting life. Hear me, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

## **HYMN                    LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES**

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of Glory waits; The King of kings is drawing near, The Savior of the world is here. Life and salvation He doth bring, Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing: We praise Thee, Father, now, Creator, wise art Thou!

2. A Helper just He comes to thee, His chariot is humility, His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress, The end of all our woe He brings; Wherefore the earth is glad and sings: We praise Thee, Savior, now, Mighty in deed art Thou!

3. O blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the Ruler is confessed! O happy hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes! The cloudless Sun of joy He is, Who bringeth pure delight and bliss. We praise Thee, Spirit, now, Our Comforter art Thou!

4. Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart From earthly use for Heaven's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your Sovereign enter in And new and nobler life begin. To Thee, O God, be praise For word and deed and grace!

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide! Let me Thy inner presence feel, Thy grace and love in me reveal; Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won. Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name. Amen.

## **LITURGY                    THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(As found in The Lutheran Hymnal, Pg. 15)

### **INVOCATION**

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

Congregation (Sung): "Amen."

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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."

All: (Spoken): "O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal

## **THE BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

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

## **HYMN                    SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE**

1. Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise With one accord our parting hymn of praise. Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease, Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

2. Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way; With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day; Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, That in this house have called upon Thy name.

3. Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night; Turn Thou for us its darkness into light. From harm and danger keep Thy children free, For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

4. Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life, Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife; Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace. Amen.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil;

All (Sung): “For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.”

### **THE PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Congregation (Sung): “Amen.”

### **THE AGNUS DEI**

All: (Sung): “O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.”



### **THE NUNC DIMITTIS**

All: (Sung): “Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. 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 THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

Congregation (Sung): “And His mercy endureth forever.”

Pastor: (Prayer)

Congregation (Sung): “Amen.”

### **THE SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation (Sung): “And with Thy spirit.”

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

Congregation (Sung): “Thanks be to God.”

punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.”

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

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.”

### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Pastor (Sung): “Glory be to God on high”

All: (Sung): “And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **THE SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you

Congregation (Sung): “And with thy spirit.”

Pastor: Let us pray: (Prayer of the Day)

Congregation (Sung): “Amen.”

## THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

## HYMN                    GOD'S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE

1. God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor. Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure. Throughout all generations. 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                    LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD

1. Let the earth now praise the Lord. Who hath truly kept His word  
And the sinners' Help and Friend Now at last to us doth send.

2. What the fathers most desired, What the prophets' heart inspired,  
What they longed for many a year, Stands fulfilled in glory here.

3. Abrams promised great Reward, Zion's Helper, Jacob's Lord, --  
Him of twofold race behold, -- Truly came, as long foretold.

4. Welcome, O my Savior, now! Hail! My Portion, Lord, art Thou.  
Here, too, in my heart, I pray, Oh, prepare Thyself a way!

5. King of Glory, enter in; Cleanse it from the filth of sin, As Thou  
hast so often done; It belongs to Thee alone.

6. As Thy coming was in peace, Quiet, full of gentleness, Let the  
same mind dwell in me That was ever found in Thee.

7. Comfort my desponding heart: Thou my Strength and Refuge art.  
I am weak, and cunningly Satan lays his snares for me.

8. Bruise for me the Serpent's head, That, set free from doubt and  
dread, I may cleave to Thee in faith, Safely kept through life and  
death,

9. And when Thou dost come again As a glorious King to reign, I  
with joy may see Thy face, Freely ransomed by Thy grace. Amen.

## THE PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you

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

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation (Sung): "We lift them up unto the Lord."

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Congregation (Sung): "It is meet and right so to do."

## THE SANCTUS

All: (Sung): "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab-a-oth; Heav'n and earth  
are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed  
is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest."