

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Divine Worship. 9:30am

Sunday School. . . . 10:45am

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EPIPHANY TWO

January 17, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: Hymn Insert

Prayers: Hymn Insert

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 130 325 371 394

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 130 - "O Jesus, King of Glory"

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).

**As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee!**

**As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before Thee whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy-seat!**

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

PSALM 130

¹ Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; ² Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications.

³ If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But *there* is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor David Ude has returned the call of Redeemer in Cheyenne, WY. • Pastor Michael Eichstadt has returned the call of Living Savior in Eden Prairie, MN. • Teacher Paul Tiefel III has accepted the call of Messiah Lutheran School in Hales Corners (Milwaukee), WI to serve as Principal and Upper Grade Teacher. • Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran School in Winter Haven, Florida, has been called to be principal and upper grade teacher of Faith Lutheran School in Markesan WI. • Redeemer of Bowdle and Zion of Ipswich SD, have called Pastor Emeritus John Klatt to serve as their vacancy pastor, beginning in 2021. Pastor Klatt has accepted their calls. • Teacher Joshua Ohlmann of Grace Lutheran School in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota has accepted the call of Holy Trinity of West Columbia, SC, to serve as upper grade teacher and principal.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

Every year our Financial Secretary orders church envelopes for the membership of Calvary. This is done in part because we hold it is our duty to support the congregation (Calvary Constitution, Article IV, F).

If you receive a box of church envelopes and have no use of them (supporting the congregation without an envelope) please speak with the Financial Secretary now so that envelopes are no longer purchased for your use. Please do this asap. Thank you.

<u>CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO</u>		
<u>AUGUST 2022 GOAL</u>	<u>RECEIVED 1/10/21</u>	<u>OCTOBER 2022 GOAL</u>
\$5.00	\$50.00	\$35.00

<u>The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 1/10/21</u>				
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Missions (CBP)</u>	<u>CLCI Sem Student</u>	<u>ILC SAF</u>
\$1,140.00	\$55.00	\$125.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Total: \$1,470.00				

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR JANUARY 18-23, 2021

Monday - 1 Samuel 3:1-10 We're not surprised; when God's Word becomes obscure, the clergy sink into degeneracy—for that's cause and effect. So God acted: *"I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind"* (2:35). That was Samuel, a miracle baby. We assume that his parents shared God's Word with their child, and Samuel was ready to absorb more. God set him up for lifetime epiphany.

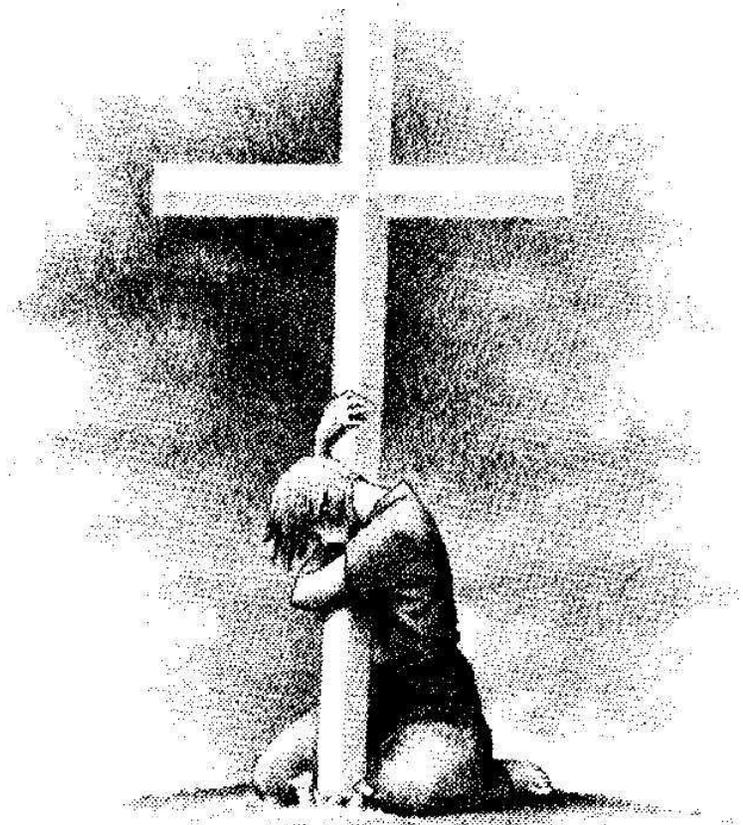
Tuesday - John 1:43-51 God finds us—just as Philip found Nathanael and shared the good news: *"We have found Him of whom Moses and the prophets wrote."* Nathanael questioned whether anyone from Nazareth could be the Messiah, and our answer is "Yes!" Not only does Jesus know our human psyche (47-50), He also opens heaven's front door, and angels from heaven attend Him on Earth. Yes, Jesus finds doubters and can change their doubts into affirmations (49)! We praise the Lord for such epiphanies.

Wednesday - 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 We hardly need to be reminded that we are lustful by nature, but perhaps we do need to be reminded that we belong to Jesus—in both our body and our soul. Here the Holy Spirit lays it out in a logical manner—so that after our mind has absorbed the facts, our heart will become convinced that we are so special to God that we cannot desecrate His property with sexual immorality. Epiphany flavors our everyday life.

Thursday - Psalm 67 opens with *God, God's mercy, and God's mercy on us* (1) --for the good purpose of enlightening [epiphany] others, so that humans all over the world will understand what God has done for them, and they will let loose with loud praises (2-4). In this electronic age God has salvaged many souls from Satan via the internet. Who knows when such epiphanies will be superseded by Jesus' final Epiphany (6-7)? Lord, have mercy on our nation!

Friday - Matthew 24:29-31 On the subject of the final Epiphany, let's remind our-selves of the facts: The *tribulation of those days* and the return of Jesus seem to be joined in a time warp; Jesus will preside over the Universe's chaos; humanity in general will tremble in fear (30) as He gathers together His elect from all over this planet. Hallelujah for His Appearing!

Saturday - Acts 20:1-16 God's faithful spokesman Paul was well aware that Jesus could return at any moment, so he re-visited young congregations in Greece and Macedonia on his route to Jerusalem. At the stopover in Troas/Troy, God used Paul to restore life to dead Eutychus; then he hop-scotched southward along the coastline of modern Turkey, avoiding trouble from idolaters but spending time with his fellow believers. Paul had much to share with his dear friends in the Ephesian congregation. Stay tuned for further details. Amen.



I BELIEVE IN THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

⁶But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." ⁷And he arose and departed to his house.

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Epiphany Two Sunday January 17, 2021

CHRISTMAS UN-DECORATING

Thanks to all those who helped to un-decorate the church last Sunday.

CALVARY ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Voter's Meeting will be held this morning following worship.

JEAN HILL

On Sunday January 10th Jean Hill had a medical event resulting in her hospitalization. When admitted to the Hospital (in Florida, where she and Melvin were wintering) her brain was not fully functioning. She was placed on a ventilator in hospice care until family could gather. After they turned off the ventilator, Jean lived until Wednesday January 13th when her heart stopped. Jean and Melvin were married 45 years. Melvin will remain in Florida until their home there is sold. A service for Jean at Calvary is planned for sometime during the 3rd week of May (16-22) 2021. Please keep Melvin and his family in your prayers.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope. ⁶ My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning— Yes, *more than* those who watch for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD *there is* mercy, And with Him *is* abundant redemption. ⁸ And He shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

1 JOHN 1:5-2:2

⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. *

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

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

Congregation: Extol Him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

Congregation: His Faithfulness endures forever.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

Congregation: Bring an offering, come into His courts! Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

MARK 2:1-12

And again He entered Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in the house. ² Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive *them*, not even near the door.

And He preached the word to them. ³ Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four *men*. ⁴ And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, **“Son, your sins are forgiven you.”**

⁶ And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

⁸ But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, **“Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”**—He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ **“I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”** ¹² Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, *“We never saw anything like this!”* *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

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

HYMN: 325 - *“O Thou that Hear’st when Sinners Cry”*

THE SERMON: **MATTHEW 9:1-8**

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. ² Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, **“Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.”**

³ And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, *“This Man blasphemes!”*

⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, **“Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’? ⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”**—then He said to the paralytic, **“Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”** ⁷ And he arose and departed to his house.

⁸ Now when the multitudes saw *it*, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men. *

FIVE MEN...ONE BURDEN...ONLY ONE CAN BEAR

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 108:1,6,8)

- 1. We sing, Immanuel, Thy praise, Thou Prince of Life and Fount of grace, Thou Flower of heaven and Star of morn, Thou Lord of lords, Thou Virgin-born. Hallelujah!**
- 6. I have the will, the power is weak; Yet, Lord, my humble offering take And graciously the love receive Which my poor heart to Thee can give. Hallelujah!**
- 8. Thus will I sing Thy praises here With joyful spirit year by year; And when we reckon years no more, May I in heaven Thy name adore! Hallelujah!**

PRAYER(S)...THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: 371 - *“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”*

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) **“Amen.”**

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) **“Amen, Amen, Amen.”**

CLOSING HYMN: 394 – *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 17, 2021

THIS MORNING

Sunday School: *Old Testament #30 – The Last Days of Moses*

Calvary Voter’s Meeting: After Sunday School Opening

Bible Study: *No Bible Study*

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: *Midweek Bible Study, Messianic Psalms, 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.

HYMN SHEET

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 45:6-17

⁶Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness *is* the scepter of Your kingdom. ⁷You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions. ⁸All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes *and* cassia, Out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad. ⁹Kings' daughters *are* among Your honorable women; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.

¹⁰Listen, O daughter, Consider and incline your ear; Forget your own people also, and your father's house; ¹¹So the King will greatly desire your beauty; Because He *is* your Lord, worship Him. ¹²And the daughter of Tyre *will come* with a gift; The rich among the people will seek your favor.

¹³The royal daughter *is* all glorious within *the palace*; Her clothing *is* woven with gold. ¹⁴She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors; The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You. ¹⁵With gladness and rejoicing they shall be brought; They shall enter the King's palace.

¹⁶Instead of Your fathers shall be Your sons, Whom You shall make princes in all the earth. ¹⁷I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; Therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever. *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR CHARITY

O Lord, who has taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing, send Your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace, and all virtues, without which whoever living is counted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of Your Only Begotten Son, our Lord. Amen.

FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

O JESUS, KING OF GLORY

1. O Jesus, King of Glory, Both David's Lord and Son! Thy realm endures forever, In heaven is fixed Thy throne. Help that in earth's dominions, Throughout from pole to pole, Thy reign may spread salvation To each benighted soul.
2. The Eastern sages, bringing Their tribute-gifts to Thee, Bear witness to Thy kingdom And humbly bow the knee. To Thee the star is pointing And the prophetic Word; Hence joyously we hail Thee: Our Savior and our Lord!
3. Thou art a mighty Monarch, As by Thy Word is told, Yet carest Thou but little For earthly goods or gold; On no proud steed Thou ridest, Thou wear'st no jeweled crown Nor dwell'st in lordly castle, But bearest scoff and frown.
4. Yet art Thou decked with beauty, With rays of glorious light; Thy works proclaim Thy goodness, And all Thy ways are right. Vouchsafe to shield Thy people With Thine almighty arm That they may dwell in safety From those who mean them harm.
5. Ah, look on me with pity Though I am weak and poor; Admit me to Thy kingdom To dwell there, blest and sure. I pray Thee, guide and keep me Safe from my bitter foes, From sin and death and Satan; Free me from all my woes.
6. And bid Thy Word within me Shine as the fairest star; Keep sin and all false doctrine Forever from me far. Help me confess Thee truly And with Thy Christendom Here own Thee King and Savior And in the world to come. 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

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

- 1. As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright, So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee!**
- 2. As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed, There to bend the knee before Thee whom heaven and earth adore, So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy-seat!**

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 O THOU THAT HEARST WHEN SINNERS CRY

1. O Thou that hear'st when sinners cry Though all my crimes before Thee lie, Behold them not with angry look, But blot their memory from Thy book.

2. Create my nature pure within And form my soul averse to sin; Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart Nor hide Thy presence from my heart.

3. I cannot live without Thy light, Cast out and banish from Thy sight; Thy holy joys, my God, restore And guard me that I fall no more.

4. Though I have grieved Thy Spirit, Lord, His help and comfort still afford And let me now come near Thy throne To plead the merits of Thy Son.

5. A broken heart, my God, my King, Is all the sacrifice I bring. Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye And save the soul condemned to die.

6. Oh, may Thy love inspire my tongue Salvation shall be all my song; And all my powers shall join to bless The Lord, my Strength and Righteousness. Amen.

HYMN JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress; Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.

2. Bold shall I stand in that great Day, For who aught to my charge shall lay? Fully through these absolved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

3. The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb, Who from the Father's bosom came, Who died for me, e'en me t'atone, Now for my Lord and God I own.

4. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy-seat of God Forever doth for sinners plead, For me--e'en for my soul--was shed.

5. Lord, I believe were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore, Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.

6. When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies, E'en then, this shall be all my plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.

7. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid. Amen.

HYMN

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away; Oh, let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

2. May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

3. While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my Guide. Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away, Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove; Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul! Amen.