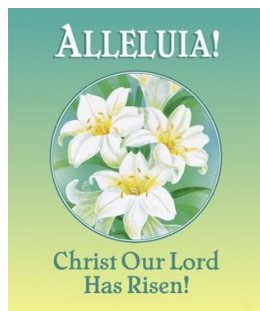


CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Divine Worship. 9:30am
Sunday School. . . 10:45am
Bible Class. . . 10:50am
 Andrew A. Schaller, Pastor
 Church: (906) 226-9372
 Parsonage: (906) 228-3566

EASTER FOUR

May 12, 2019

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 27 (Pg. 129)

Prayers: 59 (Pg. 108); **38** (Pg. 105).

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 23 37 411 428

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 23 – “Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring!”

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).

Though I be by sin o'ertaken, Though I lie in helplessness,
 Though I be by friends forsaken And must suffer sore distress,
 Though I be despised, contemned, And by all the world condemned,
 Though the dark grave yawn before me, Yet the light of hope shines o'er me.
 Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid;
 Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid.
 From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies.
 Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!
 Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife.
 Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened Paradise!
 None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.

The Salutation (Pg. 9) ...The Collect -- “Amen.”

CLC CALL NEWS

Seminary Graduate Samuel Naumann has accepted the call of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Corpus Christi, Texas. ● The Call Committee on Graduates has extended the call of Faith Lutheran School in Markesan, WI, to Teaching Graduate Mrs. June Schmid. ● Graduate Nathan Buck has accepted the call of Valley Bible Academy of St. John's Lutheran in Clarkston, WA.

THE HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) first suggested the national observance of an annual day honoring all mothers because she had loved her own mother so dearly. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favorite flower) to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of day to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the U. S. On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then it had become customary to wear white carnations to honor departed mothers and red to honor the living, a custom that continues to this day.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2019

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. In the event that our offerings exceed our pledge, additional funds will be placed in the General Fund.

Amount Pledged 2019	Amount Received as of 5/5/19
\$7000.00	\$2535.00 (-4465.00)

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO

<u>JUNE GOAL</u>	<u>RECEIVED 5/5</u>	<u>JUNE GOAL</u>
\$35.00	\$25.00	\$10.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 5/5/19

General Fund	Loose Offerings	Missions (CBP)	CLCI Sem Student
\$985.00	\$56.02	\$145.00	\$25.00
<u>Offerings Total: \$1211.02</u>			

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READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS; MAY 13-18, 2019

Monday - 1 Timothy Chapter 1 Pastoral guidance: It is a fatal mistake for people to give God's law priority over His grace. **Chapter 2** Since God wants all humans to be saved via the truth about Jesus, we pray that they will come to Jesus. The way men and women conduct themselves (especially in worship) is also important. **Chapter 3** Who qualifies for leadership in the congregation? Answer: A candidate who is married must be capable as husband and father, for the way ministers conduct themselves will reflect on the Father and on Jesus.

Tuesday - Chapter 4 Errant clergy will mislead others, so nourish yourself in the words of faith and of the God-given doctrine, and reject shabby theology as you grow more mature in godliness. Your sermons and instruction courses will validate these values, so keep up the good work, devoting yourself to God's Word. **Chapter 5** Adjust your pastoral approach as each occasion warrants; at times you may have to do some investigating, for things are not always what they seem. Who are the *elders*? They are pastors, teachers, and men who deserve respect because God has given them a long life of experience.

Wednesday - Chapter 6 As to people who enjoy arguing—don't let them get away with it. You will hear, "God wants you to be affluent" – but you know better, for those who want to be rich are falling into a trap; lusting for money has ruined many a person's life; they seldom recover. You have the higher goal of following God's directives. Remind wealthy people to help others and remind yourself of my God-pleasing directives. God bless you.

Thursday - 2 Timothy Chapter 1 In spite of being incarcerated, Paul was not suffering from a spirit of fear, for God had empowered him with love and stabilized his mind to be concerned for those he was leaving behind. He was confident that God had called him according to His own purpose, appointed him to be a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. Praise God!

Friday - Chapter 2 You, therefore, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, for God sends you into battle in order to strengthen you. It is absolutely primary to remember that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead; we are privileged to serve Him by applying His Word as each situation requires; be thoughtful and loving in handling difficult cases, for the salvation of souls is at stake.

Sat Chapter 3 Warning! Tough times are coming! People will degenerate more and more; stay away from their influence and continue in the Scriptures which you learned in childhood. **Chapter 4** Above all, preach God's Word and apply it to help others. Stay aware of what is going on in the world around you so that you minister appropriately. As for me, I am biding time until I meet Jesus. The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you!



Before the Foundation of the World

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Easter Four/Mother's Day.....May 12, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 12, 2019

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Choir Practice 6pm; Final Spring Bible Class 7pm

Sunday: Worship 9:30am;

Final Spring Sunday School 10:40am; Final Spring BC 10:50am

CHOIR PRACTICE

The Choir practices Wednesday at 6pm.

THANK YOU! – Cathy Heideman would like to thank the Ladies of Calvary for sending her flowers in the Hospital.

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WE BELIEVE & CONFESS

At the very outset we must carefully note the difference between God's eternal foreknowledge and the eternal election of his children to eternal salvation. For the fact that God sees and knows everything before it happens – what we call God's foreknowledge – extends to all creatures good and evil...On the other hand, the eternal election of God or God's predestination to salvation does not extend over both the godly and ungodly, but only over the children of God who have been elected and predestined to eternal life *"before the foundation of the world was laid,"* as St. Paul says...God's eternal election, however, not only foresees and foreknows the salvation of the elect, by God's gracious will and pleasure in Christ Jesus it is also a cause which creates, effects, helps, and futhers our salvation and whatever pertains to it. Our salvation is based on it in such a way that *"the gates of Hades"* are not able to do anything against it (Matthew 16:18), as it is written, *"No one shall snatch my sheep out of my hand"* (John 10:28), and again, *"as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."* (Acts 13:48).

(Formula of Concord, Article XI)

THE LESSON:

ACTS 13:15-16, 26-33

¹⁵ And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Men *and* brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on."

¹⁶ Then Paul stood up, and motioning with *his* hand said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen:

²⁶ "Men *and* brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent. ²⁷ For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled *them* in condemning *Him*. ²⁸ And though they found no cause for death *in Him*, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death. ²⁹ Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took *Him* down from the tree and laid *Him* in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised Him from the dead. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

EPHESIANS 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

¹³ In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. *

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

Pastor: Christ is Risen from the Dead!

Congregation: He is Risen, Indeed. Hallelujah!

P: The Lord has sent Redemption to His People;

C: In Christ we have redemption, even the forgiveness of sins!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: It was necessary that Christ suffer and rise from the dead;

C: Thus, to enter into His Glory. Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 15:12-27

¹² This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, that you love one another.

¹⁸ "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you.

¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him

who sent Me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ He who hates Me hates My Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. ²⁵ But *this happened* that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, '*They hated Me without a cause.*'

²⁶ "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED (PG. 12)

HYMN: 37 – "Lord, 'Tis Not that I did Choose Thee"

SERMON:

EPHESIANS 1:3-6

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CHOSEN...BEFORE WE WERE EVER 'CHOOSERS'

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

THE OFFERING HYMN:

(TLH 442:1-2)

Lord of Glory, who hast bought us With Thy life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that hast freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil With Thine own unsparing hand;
Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYER(S)...THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 411 – "From Eternity, O God"

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

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

CLOSING HYMN: 428 – "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

PHILIPPIANS

GENERAL

The epistle entitled Philippians was written to the Christians in the Macedonian city of Philippi. The city of Philippi was named after King Phillip of Macedonia, the father of Alexander the Great, who founded the city in 356 BC. Philippi was a settlement of Roman Soldiers. There were apparently not many Jews there and no synagogue, since the people met by the river to pray. Philippi was the first city in Europe that Paul visited. There is no doubt that Paul wrote this letter.

AUTHOR

While this epistle or letter was written by the Apostle Paul, the true Author of this book is God.

BACKGROUND:

Acts 16:6-10; 11-40

While on his second missionary journey Paul was directed to go to Macedonia by a dream. When he arrived in Philippi, he met Lydia, a woman from Thyatira who sold purple cloth. The Lord brought her to faith and she asked Paul and his company to stay at her house (Paul, Silas, Timothy, Luke). When Paul cast a demon out of a little girl, he was thrown in prison with Silas. But the Lord opened the doors of the prison. The Jailer at Philippi and his whole family were baptized and brought to faith during this time.

Paul re-visited the Philippians on his third missionary journey (Acts 20:1,6) staying for 3 months.

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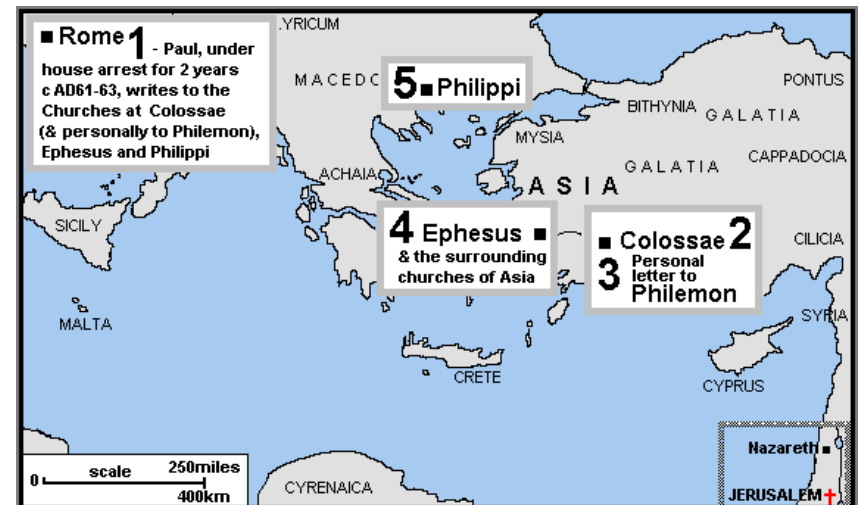
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Paul here thanks them for their gifts of money and for sending Epaphroditus. In this letter, the Apostle Paul addresses the problem of disunity. Apparently, some of the Christians in Philippi were fighting and this was hindering their proclamation of the Gospel. (1:12-20) Thus Paul also reminds them where true Christian Unity lies – in Christ.

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- I. Paul's Account of his present circumstance (1:1-30)
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- III. Paul's Encouragement to have the Knowledge of Christ (3:1-21)
- IV. Paul's Encouragement to have the Peace of Christ (4:1-23).

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