

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 9:30am
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CHRISTMAS TWO January 5, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 150 (Pg. 157)
Prayers: Morning Prayer (Pg. 118) 5-6 (Pg. 118).
Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 125 27 784 755 800

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 125 - "The Old Year Now hath Passed Away"

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: ISAIAH 42:1-9

"Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One *in whom* My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. ² He will not cry out, nor raise *His voice*, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. ³ A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. ⁴ He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law."

⁵ Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it: ⁶ "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people,

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Paul Tiefel has returned the call of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran in Morris, MN. • The CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions has called Pastor John Hein to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. • Redeemer Lutheran of Bowdle and Zion Lutheran of Ipswich, SD, have called Pastor Mike Wilke, who currently serves Gethsemane in Saginaw, MI. • Pastor Jim Albrecht has returned the call of Berea Lutheran of Sioux Falls, SD. • Trinity Lutheran in Spokane WA has called Pastor Caleb Schaller, who currently serves as pastor at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI.

CLC KINSHIP COMMITTEE

The CLC KINSHIP Committee is seeking sponsors to support overseas orphans and seminary students. Opportunities are expanding in these important fields but can only expand as fast as our financial support allows. One example is the Congregation Confessionnelle Lutheraniene Du Congo (CCLC). The CLC-sponsored seminary in the Congo is hoping to expand their enrollment to fifteen students from their current enrollment of seven. There are eight men waiting to enroll, but we need sponsors to make that enrollment possible. This particular sponsorship is \$40/month. For more information please see, call, email, or text Dan Roehl— danroehl@hotmail.com / 507-381-2042).

LET THE GAME (SNACK) DAYS COMMENCE

Our first Game Day of the New Year is tentatively scheduled for Sunday January 12th, 2020 at 3pm. Please bring a snack and a game and join us.

<u>CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO</u>		
<u>MARCH GOAL</u>	<u>RECEIVED 10/27</u>	<u>MARCH GOAL</u>
\$20.00	\$0	\$20.00

<u>The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 12/31/19</u>				
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Loose Offerings</u>	<u>ILC Student Aid</u>	<u>VBS/SS</u>	<u>Missions **</u>
\$750.00	\$87.00	\$20.00	\$28.00	\$295.00
<u>Offerings Total: \$1180.00</u>				

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS; JANUARY 6-11, 2020

Monday - Isaiah 61:10-62:3 God's Word via Isaiah to ancient Israel applies to us as well; therefore we also *greatly rejoice in the LORD*, for He is still *bearing us up with His righteousness*. Who says so? God says so, for He assures us He will not take a nap until His Church (*Zion*) *shines like a lantern and the Gentiles see your (Christian) righteousness, and you shall be called by the new name* (Christian), supported and activated for our destiny by the hand of our God.

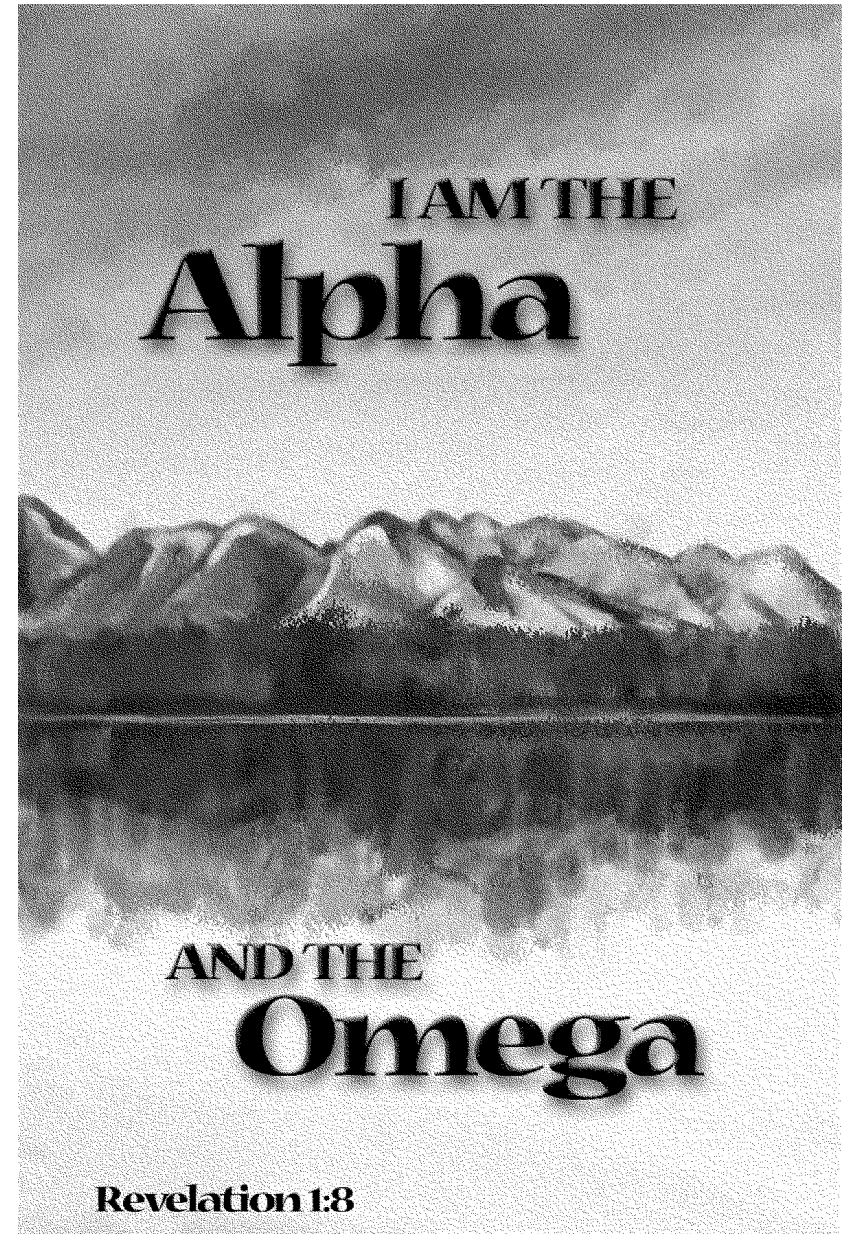
Tuesday - John 1:14-18 An Epiphany comes when Jesus is displayed. That's the principle (14) put into practice by Baptizer John (15). As to His *fullness* —that's everything Jesus IS and DOES (cf. Colossians 1:13-14), imparted to us generously, lovingly, and without reservation—*grace on top of grace*. God's salvation program remains grounded on His Son, Jesus. Hallelujah!

Wednesday - Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18 How full is the *fullness* of Jesus? Overflowing. With what? With spiritual blessings packaged in heaven (3), and with our name on the package—printed before planet Earth existed (4)—and delivered by Jesus Christ (5), thanks be to God (6). We see our blessings past, present, and future, for God has removed our spiritual cataracts (15-18).

Thursday - Psalm 72 Since our Father God has put Jesus in charge of planet Earth, Jesus will preside over humanity just as He presides over Earth's geography (3-4), for all time (5-7), over the entire planet (8-9), over all kinds of people (10-11), in all their needs (12-14), abundantly and forcefully (15-16), forever, for their blessing (17). Blessed be the LORD God of His people (18-19). Amen!

Friday - Matthew 2:1-12 Gentiles from the East (Mesopotamia?) evidently had learned God's Word from immigrant Jews, and they expected to find baby Jesus in the palace nursery (1-2). Herod was not only clueless (3-4), he was also a devious hypocrite (5-8). Nonetheless, God saw to it that the foreigners found Jesus, favored Him with hearts and hands (9-11); God kept them safe from Herod (12), too, to return home with their good news. Praise God!

Saturday - Acts 6:8-15 Satan never gives up trying to derail God's salvation train, and he hired cronies to unseat Stephen from his position and prestige as the functioning conductor (9). Though people on the wrong track will play dirty, cheat, and lie (11-14), God has prepared His passengers to hold fast and not give up their seats. Which brings us to *Stephen, full of faith (grace) and power*, who was manifesting Jesus as LORD. It totally irked Stephen's adversaries in being *unable to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke* (10), and their attention was riveted to Stephen's face to see how he was reacting to their threats and lies. What did they see? *The face of an angel!* Stephen was not shaking in his boots, but was ready and willing to serve as God's spokesman; an epiphany was about to arrive. Stay tuned.



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Christmas Two.....January 5, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 5, 2020

THIS MORNING

Sunday School: NT #4 – *The Wise Men and Flight to Egypt*

Bible Class: No Bible Class

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Sunday School Teachers, 7pm

Wednesday: Confirmation; 3pm; Choir Practice 6pm; Bible Study 7pm

Thursday: Confirmation 3pm

Sunday: Worship 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45am, Council Meeting;
Undecorating.

CHRISTMAS UN-DECORATING – JANUARY 12

We will be taking down the Christmas Decorations here at Calvary next Sunday January 12th following worship.

LADIES OF CALVARY

The Ladies of Calvary meet next on Thursday February 13th at 7pm in the Pastor's office. During that meeting they will nominate/elect ladies to serve for 2020.

CALVARY ANNUAL COUNCIL/VOTER'S MEETINGS

The Council will meet next Sunday in preparation for the Annual Meeting on Sunday January 19th following worship. The Voters of Calvary will then meet on January 19th following worship.

LADIES OF CALVARY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Ladies of Calvary Christmas Luncheon is set for next Saturday January 11th at Aubree's at Noon. Those who intend to attend are asked to sign up on the back table.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

There will not be Sunday Morning Bible Class this morning. In fact, due to Council and Voter's Meetings the next two weeks, we will resume our Sunday Bible Study on Sunday January 26th following worship.

As a light to the Gentiles, ⁷To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house. ⁸I *am* the LORD, that *is* My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them." *

EPISTLE LESSON:

ROMANS 3:19-22A

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. ²⁰Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²²even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. *

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

Pastor: All the ends of the earth have seen the Salvation of our God;

Congregation: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

P: The Lord has made known His Salvation;

C: He has openly revealed His Righteousness. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Oh, come, let us sing to the LORD;

C: Let us worship and bow down before Him!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 3:1-12

[cf. Mark 1:2–6; Luke 3:3–6]

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying [Isaiah 40:3]:

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'"

⁴Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him ⁶and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

[cf. also Mark 1:7-9; Luke 3:7-9, 16, 17]

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as *our* father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. ¹⁰ And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

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

HYMN: 27 - "Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul"

SERMON: REVELATION 1:17-18

¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

ANOTHER YEAR? SO WHAT?

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)

HYMN: 784 - "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

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.

We ask all communicants to speak to the pastor before coming forward for the sacrament, especially if you have not communed here before. The Lord's

Supper will be received standing or kneeling before the communion railing. Communicants are asked to come forward together. Those who would like the common cup please indicate it to the pastor. Those who would like the individual cups please take one and then dispose of it in one of the small disposals near the front.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 755 – "What Is This Bread?"

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: 800 – "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"