

# 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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## CHRISTMAS ONE

December 27, 2020

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

**Psalm:** Hymn Insert

**Prayers:** Hymn Insert

**Organist:** Mr. Walter Priebe

**HYMNS:** 96 90:1-4 90:5-8 87

### PRAYER

**OPENING HYMN:** 96 - "Oh, Rejoice, Ye Christians Loudly"

**SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT** (Worship Supplement Pg. 12)

The Invocation... The Confession of Sins... Absolution. The Kyrie (Pg. 13)  
... Gloria in Excelsis (Pg. 13) Prayer.

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

**ISAIAH 45:20-25**

<sup>20</sup> "Assemble yourselves and come; Draw near together, You *who have* escaped from the nations. They have no knowledge, Who carry the wood of their carved image, And pray to a god *that* cannot save. <sup>21</sup> Tell and bring forth *your case*; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? *Who* has told it from that time? *Have* not I, the LORD? And *there is* no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; *There is* none besides Me.

<sup>22</sup> "Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I *am* God, and *there is* no other. <sup>23</sup> I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth *in* righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath.

### CLC CALL NEWS

*Redeemer in Cheyenne, WY has called Pastor David Ude, who currently serves Living Hope in Appleton, WI. • Living Savior in Eden Prairie, MN has called Pastor Michael Eichstadt, who currently serves Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners (Milwaukee), WI • 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 been called by Holy Trinity of West Columbia, SC, to serve as upper grade teacher and principal.*

#### **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 12/25/20	Amount Remaining
\$7000.00	\$6055.00	\$945.00

#### **CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO**

JUNE 2022 GOAL	RECEIVED 12/20	JULY 2022 GOAL
\$25.00	\$50.00	\$15.00

#### **The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 12/20/20**

General Fund	Loose	Missions (CBP)	CLCI Sem Student	CLC SAF
\$1025.00	\$66.00	\$175.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>Total: \$1366.00</b>				

#### **The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 12/25/20**

General Fund	Loose	Missions (CBP)		
\$860.00	\$355.00	\$40.00		
<b>Total: \$1255.00</b>				

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## READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS DECEMBER 28-JANUARY 2, 2021

**Monday - Isaiah 45:20-25** Since our world has only two religions, we disavow the false but honor the True, worshiping the LORD God, our Savior Jesus (20-21). We advertise Him (22) because we don't want anyone to end up on the wrong side when God holds court on Judgment Day (23-24). Those who honor and serve Jesus are true Israelites—which is a point that needs to be made (25). [The Holy Spirit clarifies this point in Romans 9:6 and 11:26.]

**Tuesday - Luke 2:25-40** God's Spirit blessed Simeon, a true Israelite who had been waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and he loved Jesus (25-32). Indeed, the hopes and fears of all the years met in Jesus (cf. #647 in *The Lutheran Hymnal*). God blessed good old Anna (another true Israelite) likewise, and a few weeks later Jesus' family trekked back to Nazareth, where He grew strong spiritually, learned the Bible, and flourished every way possible. Thank you, Trinity God!

**Wednesday - Colossians 3:12-17** How does God's Spirit impact us today? He not only assures us that we are God's dear children (12), He makes us happy to help one another stay connected (13-14). Since God has won the war, we cherish His peace treaty (15) with humanity, claim it as our own, study it, even set it to music, and carry the banner in Jesus' victory parade (16-17).

**Thursday - Psalm 111** As the old year expires, we praise the LORD (1) for keeping His atoms and gravity and magnetism, etc., functional (2) and especially for keeping His covenant of grace and compassion (4-6). We have learned to depend on God during 2020, and we continue to place ourselves in His good hands, depending on His guidance and secure in our redemption (7-9). God deserves everyone's reverence and dedication (9-10). Praise the LORD!

**Friday - Genesis 8:20-22** We expect some ups-and-downs during 2021; maybe Covid19 will get suffocated (maybe not); godly citizens will submit them-selves to the governing authorities—but perhaps not, for we humans are naturally perverse (21). In contrast, God pledges to keep our planet orbiting around the sun and rotating on its axis so that greenery will continue to support life on planet Earth (22)—but not forever and ever!

**Saturday - Acts 19:33-41** Though ours is a small chapter in God's History book, God is making things work for the good of His children. Let us make some deductions from the experiences of the Apostle Paul: To illustrate, if the practice of our religion [which is God's religion] gets us into trouble with society or with our neighbors, we may defend ourselves in court with legal counsel and expect that honest citizens will understand our stance (that the U.S.A. Constitution guarantees freedom of religion) and will appreciate that our religious demeanor is Christlike. Lord, have mercy on us!



<sup>14</sup> Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

**HEBREWS 2:14-15**

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<sup>24</sup> He shall say, 'Surely in the LORD I have righteousness and strength. To Him *men* shall come, And all shall be ashamed Who are incensed against Him. <sup>25</sup> In the LORD all the descendants of Israel Shall be justified, and shall glory.' " \*

**EPISTLE LESSON:**

**COLOSSIANS 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. <sup>14</sup> But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. \*

**GOSPEL LESSON:**

**LUKE 2:25-40**

<sup>25</sup> And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name *was* Simeon, and this man *was* just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, <sup>28</sup> he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

<sup>29</sup> "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; <sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen Your salvation <sup>31</sup> Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup> And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this *Child* is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against <sup>35</sup> (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

<sup>36</sup> Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; <sup>37</sup> and this woman *was* a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day. <sup>38</sup> And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

*[cf. also Matthew 2:19–23]*

<sup>39</sup> So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their *own* city, Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. \*

**ALLELUIA** (WS Pg. 14)

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: CHRISTMAS CREED** (Hymn Insert)

**HYMN: 90:1-4** – “Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”

**SERMON:**

**HEBREWS 2:14-15**

<sup>14</sup> Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

## **DO YOU STILL HAVE CHRISTMAS JOY?**

**OFFERTORY:** (WS Pg. 16)

**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: 90:5-8** - “Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”

**THE BENEDICTION:** Pastor

**CONGREGATION:** (Spoken) “Amen.”

**CLOSING HYMN: 87** - “Joy to the World”

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

December 27, 2020

**THIS MORNING**

10:45am - Sunday School (NT#4 – The Wise Men/Flight to Egypt)

10:50am – No Bible Study

**THIS WEEK**

**Thursday:** New Year’s Eve Communion Service 7pm

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

**NEW YEAR’S EVE COMMUNION SERVICE**

*Our New Year’s Eve Communion Service is scheduled for this Thursday at 7pm.*

# HYMN SHEET

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

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

## PSALM 111

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and *in* the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> The works of the LORD *are* great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them. <sup>3</sup> His work *is* honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup> He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion. <sup>5</sup> He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant. <sup>6</sup> He has declared to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of His hands *are* verity and justice; All His precepts *are* sure.

<sup>8</sup> They stand fast forever and ever, *And are* done in truth and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup> He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome *is* His name.

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*. His praise endures forever. \*

## PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

### **THANKSGIVING**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose mercies are new to us every morning and who, though we have in no way deserved Your goodness, still abundantly provides for all our needs of body and soul, give us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit so that we may acknowledge from the heart Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

### **FOR PROTECTION DURING THE NIGHT**

Enlighten our darkness, we pray You, O Lord; and by Your great mercy defend us from every peril of body and soul and keep us through the night that we may serve you with joy in the morning; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. Amen.

## HYMN

## OH, REJOICE YE CHRISTIANS LOUDLY

**1. Oh, rejoice, ye Christians, loudly, For our joy hath now begun; Wondrous things our God hath done. Tell abroad His goodness proudly Who our race hath honored thus That He deigns to dwell with us. Joy O joy, beyond all gladness, Christ hath done away with sadness! Hence, all sorrow and repining, For the Sun of Grace is shining!**

2. See, my soul, thy Savior chooses Weakness here and poverty;  
In such love He comes to thee Nor the hardest couch refuses; All  
He suffers for thy good, To redeem thee by His blood. Joy, O joy,  
beyond all gladness, Christ hath done away with sadness! Hence,  
all sorrow and repining, For the Sun of Grace is shining!

3. Lord, how shall I thank Thee rightly? I acknowledge that by  
Thee I am saved eternally. Let me not forget it lightly, But to Thee  
at All times cleave And my heart true peace receive. Joy, O joy,  
beyond all gladness, Christ hath done away with sadness! Hence,  
all sorrow and repining, For the Sun of Grace is shining!

4. Jesus, guard and guide Thy members, Fill Thy brethren with Thy  
grace, Hear their prayers in every place. Quicken now life's  
faintest embers; Grant all Christians, far and near, Holy peace, a  
glad New Year! Joy, O joy, beyond all gladness, Christ hath done  
away with sadness! Hence, all sorrow and repining, For the Sun of  
Grace is shining!

## LITURGY

## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

### INVOCATION

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

Congregation (Spoken): "Amen."

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love  
and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and  
deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins  
to Him and plead for His mercy.

Congregation (Spoken): "Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether  
sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do  
not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I  
pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me  
from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. But the  
perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed  
your guilt forever, You are His own dear child. May God give you strength  
to live according to His will.

Congregation (Spoken): "Amen."

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Sung): "Lord, have mercy on us. Christ have  
mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us."

## **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST**

### **Congregation (Sung):**

**“Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of heav’nly joy and peace on earth we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav’nly King.**

**“Lord Jesus Christ, the Father’s only Son., You bore for us the load of this world’s sin. O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict’ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**“Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, At God’s right hand in majesty most high: Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav’nly host we glorify.**

## **ALLELUIA**

**Pastor: “Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.”**

**Congregation (Sung): “Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **CHRISTMAS CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Who sent His Son to be my Savior and the Savior of humankind.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Announced by Angels, Worshipped by the shepherds, Adored by the Wise Men, Who lived to suffer, die and rise again, To free us from sin, death, and the power of the devil.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, Who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas And by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever Led to lay before the feet of Christ the treasures of my love And live under Him as my King, Both now and forevermore. Amen.**

## **HYMN      COME, YOUR HEARTS AND VOICES RAISING**

**1. Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the Lord with gladness praising; Loudly sing His love amazing, Worthy folk of Christendom.**

**2. Sin and death may well be groaning, Satan now may well be moaning; We, our full salvation owning, Cast our every care away.**

**3. See how God, for us providing, Gave His Son and life abiding; He our weary steps is guiding From earth's woe to heavenly joy.**

4. Christ, from heaven to us descending And in love our race befriending, In our need His help extending, Saved us from the wily Foe.

**THE OFFERTORY**

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence. Take not Your holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.”

**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!

**HYMN** **COME, YOUR HEARTS AND VOICES RAISING**

5. Jacob's Star in all its splendor Beams with comfort sweet and tender, Forcing Satan to surrender, Breaking all the powers of hell.

6. From the bondage that oppressed us, From sin's fetters that possessed us, From the grief that sore distressed us, We, the captives, now are free.

7. Oh, the joy beyond expressing When by faith we grasp this blessing And to Thee we come confessing, That our freedom thou hast wrought!

8. Gracious Child, we pray Thee, hear us, From Thy lowly manger cheer us, Gently lead us and be near us Till we join the angelic choir. Amen.

**HYMN**

**JOY TO THE WORLD**

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room And heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love. Amen.