

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 9:30am

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TRINITY NINE

August 1, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 84 (TLH Pg. 139) **Prayers:** Prayer before Receiving the Sacrament (TLH Pg. 118) **Prayer after receiving the Sacrament** (TLH Pg. 118)

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 537 296 396 755 800

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 537 - "Every Morning Mercies New"

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 24:3-11

³ So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do." ⁴ And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶ And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient."

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld has accepted the call of Redeemer Lutheran in Sister Lakes, MI. • Miss Moira Drager, a member of St. John's Lutheran in Clarkston, WA, has accepted the call to teach lower grades at Valley Bible Academy. • Mrs. Vanessa Wales has returned the call to be 2-6 Grade Teacher at Grace Lutheran School in Valentine, NE. Grace Lutheran has now called Ms. Rebecca McKenney to be the upper grade teacher at Grace School for the 2021-2022 school year. • Faith Lutheran in Manchester MO (St. Louis Area) has called Pastor Michael Gurath, who currently serves Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ. • Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, WY has called Pastor Luke Willitz who was recently received into the CLC by colloquy. • Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption in Lynnwood (Seattle), WA, has been called by Living Savior in Eden Prairie, MN.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A Vacation Bible School is being planned under the theme: Children of the Heavenly Father. **Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 23-27th from 9-11:30am.** Pastor Schaller, Vicar Albrecht and Abigail Hellman are serving as initial teachers. **A registration form has been posted on the Calvary Website to allow members and visitors to register (calvary.clclutheran.org). If you can help with crafts, please speak with Pastor Schaller.**

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2021		
<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. In the event that our offerings exceed our pledge, additional funds will be placed in the General Fund. **</i>		
Amount Pledged 2021	Received as of 7/25/2021	Amount Remaining
\$5000.00	\$3,815.00	\$1,185.00

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO		
MAY 2023 GOAL	RECEIVED 7/25	MAY 2023 GOAL
\$5.00	\$0	\$5.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 6/27/2021			
General Fund	Loose Offerings	Missions/CBP	ILC SAF
\$830.00	\$45.00	\$140.00	\$20.00
Offerings Total: \$1,035.00			

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS AUGUST 2-7, 2021

Monday - Exodus 24:3-11 After Moses had climbed up and down the mountain a number of times amid some preparatory warnings (ch. 19), God laid out His Ten Commandments (ch.20) with some real-life applications (chs. 21-23). When He invited the people's response (ch. 24), they declared they were ready to commit themselves to obey God's plan. A good first step.

Tuesday - John 6:1-15 Just five small buns and two fishies to feed 5,000 families? Some of those folks caught on to the point of the miracle—it proved that Jesus was God in the flesh (Deut. 18:18 was a good clue). Let us also note that Jesus enlists His disciples to handle the Bread of Life and distribute Him to the human family. Scriptural leftovers can be taken home and digested at leisure—or shared with other wayfarers traveling through life.

Wednesday - Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16 God expects us to behave as members of His dear family, with warm affection toward our siblings first of all (2-6). We are never too old to learn (11-12), we still have room for improvement (13-15), and we work at strengthening the bond between us (16). [That's the Readers Digest version of the book of our life, with some chapters yet unwritten.]

Thursday - Psalm 84 We understand how the psalmist felt about the Temple, for that's where he and God interfaced. He enjoyed being close to God (10-11) and his *heart and soul fainted* when he was absent (1-2). As nesting birds enjoy God's provision, so also do we enjoy God's blessings both at home and at our church/worship facility—and raise our youngsters accordingly.

Friday - Matthew 6:22-23 We understand how light/brightness/sunshine befits God, and that we are small reflectors of Jesus, the Light of the world. The summer solstice is already a month behind us, and we notice the days are getting shorter. That's how God keeps reminding us that time is running short on our little day. The darkness deepens; Lord, with us abide!

Saturday - Genesis 8:22 God put His finger on the North Pole, nudged it 23½ degrees off kilter, and that destabilized everything. Tectonic plates were wrenched loose, continents arose and sank; everything became fluid; climate changed, etc., etc. When things settled down a year later, God assured Noah that *as long as the Earth remained, seed-time and harvest, winter and summer, day and night* would cycle like clockwork. Fast-forward: In today's world, temporary hitches and local glitches may come and go, but God is sticking by His promise that agriculture will dependably provide food for humanity and animals, and your garden will produce whatever you plant (besides those dependable weeds). When God decides to stop the clock, He will destabilize planet Earth with atomic fire. Lord Jesus, have mercy on us!



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by the oaks of Mamre, as he
sat at the door of his tent
in the heat of the day.

Genesis 18:1, ESV

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And **pray** for the children entrusted to the care of these two schools in Kenya that they may grow in the understanding of God's saving word, that faith in Jesus will be guide and strength through life and into eternity.

Togo, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, D.R. Congo, and Mexico – please continue to pray for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who are struggling to stay healthy, provide for their families and the ministry as they proclaim the Gospel...trusting the promise of our Savior that His word will not return to Him void but will accomplish that for which He sent it.

Mission Trips – are being planned for Nigeria and East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, and Uganda) over the next few months. The Covid pandemic continues to make planning uncertain. **Ask the Lord** to bless the trip preparations and to clear any obstacles that may stand in the way of this work.

Missionary Evensen – was able to return to the U.S. for a furlough. He is now ready to return to Togo to continue the work of assisting in the training of pastors at the Mt. Horeb Lutheran Bible Institute. His flight leaves on July 27th. **Thank** the Lord for his safe travel back to the U.S., his service to the Lord at our CLC convention, and time spent with family and friends. **Pray** for safe and uneventful travels back to Togo and for continued blessings on His service to the Lord and His kingdom work in Togo.

New and Ongoing Opportunities – The Lord continues to provide opportunities to proclaim the truths of His saving word in different areas of the world in places such as South Sudan, Pakistan, Yemen, Egypt, Puerto Rico, Haiti, the Philippines, Russia, and Italy. **Thank the Lord** for the privilege of teaching His word to others! **Pray** for these individuals as they seek to grow in their understanding of God's word to be better equipped to spread the Gospel.

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HOLY COMMUNION - ENCOURAGEMENT

For the past months we have been using the individual communion kits for our communion distribution in an effort to social distance and avoid possibly passing on the virus. This practice was not driven by fear of the virus or lack of faith but an effort to use common sense and our sanctified judgment. While the individual communion kits make the distribution proceed more quickly...communion isn't something to speed through. We should still examine our hearts before coming to see whether we come in faith. After all, our Savior Jesus would strengthen our faith in him through the Sacrament.

⁸ And Moses took the blood, sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."

⁹ Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. And *there was* under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in *its* clarity. ¹¹ But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

EPHESIANS 4:1-16

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore He says:

*"When He ascended on high,
He led captivity captive,
And gave gifts to men."*

⁹ (Now this, "*He ascended*"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. *

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

Pastor: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts.

Congregation: **The whole earth is full of his glory.**

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.

Congregation: **His greatness is unsearchable. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Pastor: On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,

Congregation: **I will declare your greatness. Hallelujah!**

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 6:1-15

[cf. also Matthew 14:13–21; Mark 6:31–44; Luke 9:11–17]

After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is *the Sea of Tiberias*. ²Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. ³And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

⁴Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. ⁵Then Jesus lifted up *His* eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, **“Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?”** ⁶But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

⁷Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.”

⁸One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, ⁹“There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?”

¹⁰Then Jesus said, **“Make the people sit down.”** Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

¹¹And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, **“Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.”** ¹³Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. ¹⁴Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

Nigeria – Mark Bohde and Missionary Ohlmann are planning a visit to Nigeria to conduct a pastoral training seminar and to meet with the various Nigeria-CLC boards and committees. **Ask** the Lord to bless these preparations over the next few weeks that visas will be granted and that Covid travel restrictions will not hinder these plans to do the Lord’s work.

Bangladesh –Pastor M. asks that we continue to pray for a man who was recently converted to Christianity from Hinduism. This man has been assaulted, persecuted, and falsely accused of crimes by his family, and was arrested in an effort to force him to return to Hinduism. **Pray** that the Lord will bless the printing and distribution of the Catechisms as a tool to train more believers in the saving truths of Scripture. **Ask the Lord** to protect and defend His new disciple and to give him the necessary strength and courage to persevere under persecution.

Liberia – Pastor Joseph K., who was involved in a serious motor vehicle accident a couple of months ago, is still struggling in his recovery. He is working with a bone specialist to treat both knee caps and one finger. **Pray that the Lord** will bless his treatments and grant full recovery from his injuries.

Uganda – Pastor Daniel Mugeni has been studying with CLC missionaries and attending pastoral conferences in Kenya for many years. Missionary Mike Gurath, along with a representative of the CLC appointed by President Eichstadt, will begin the formal process of reviewing Pastor Mugeni’s doctrinal positions for a possible recommendation for a declaration of fellowship. Pastor Mugeni serves a congregation in Uganda and also cares for several orphan children. **Pray** that the Lord would bless this process of establishing God-pleasing fellowship. **Pray** for the children that Pastor Mugeni cares for and that He would continue to provide for all their needs. **Ask** the Lord to continue to bless the preaching and teaching of His saving word in Uganda that many more will be led to repent and believe in Jesus Christ for salvation.

Christian School Instructor Supervisor (CSIS) - Retired teacher, Ted Quade, who also serves as the chairman of the Kinship Committee, has accepted this call. This new position was created to aid the school headmasters and teachers in the schools that Kinship supports in Kenya. The CSIS will offer support and encouragement in the area of teaching Bible stories, teaching methods, and classroom management, as well as Christian Doctrine and Christian leadership. **Ask** the Lord to bless Ted with the necessary wisdom, patience, zeal, and love for this work. And **pray** that the Lord would bless those with whom he will be working, that they too will be gifted with wisdom, patience, zeal, and love for the work they have been given by the Lord.

CLC World Missions Prayer List – July 2021

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you... 2 Thessalonians 3:1

India – Pastor T. Sampath, who has served faithfully as a district chairman in the BELC for many years, has been admitted to the hospital for heart surgery. **Pray** that the Lord would bless the efforts of the doctors and staff as they use their God-given gifts to treat our brother in Christ that the surgery will be successful. **Ask** the Lord to give comfort and strength to Sampath's family and to the many souls that he serves.

Myanmar – Many in this country continue to struggle through the uncertainty and despair of the February military coup. Many are living in fear of daily conflicts and violence. Daily food and necessities are scarce and banks and most businesses remain closed. The pandemic has hit Myanmar very hard and reports indicate that the military Junta is withholding Covid vaccines, treatments, and even oxygen supplies as a way to control the people. Our brothers and sisters in Christ in Myanmar are suffering. The CLC has been unable to send financial resources, Kinship sponsorships for the children, and Covid relief aid. **Pray** that the Lord will keep and protect and provide for the sheep of His Myanmar flock, especially our brothers and sisters in Yangon, Kalaymyo, and Chin State. **Pray** that the truth of God's word will have free course to strengthen and encourage the faith of His children and that many more will be brought to faith and find hope in Jesus during these uncertain times and always.

India – Pastor Jyothi B. in India, who was hospitalized in the ICU for several days while he was treated for a rather severe case of Covid, was able to return to his home a few weeks ago. He is still dealing with some weakness but has been able to return to work and has been active in assisting with the distribution of Covid relief aid to those of the CLCI who are in need. Continue to **Pray** for complete healing along with God's strength, comfort, and courage for Jyothi, his family, and the many souls that he serves.

Nepal – Progress on the building project has been delayed by a couple of months due to the pandemic. Raju reports that they hope to be able to, at least partially, move in by late September and then begin hosting students and begin seminary classes as soon as October. **Thank** the Lord for His continued blessings on this project and ask Him to grant patience to Raju and his family and the students as they wait for completion. And then **ask the Lord** to bless the teaching of His word in this building that many more faithful preachers and teachers will be trained to proclaim the saving truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

[cf. also Matthew 14:22–33; Mark 6:45–52]

¹⁵ Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone. *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

THE NICENE CREED

HYMN: 296 - *"Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth"*

SERMON:

GENESIS 18:1-15

Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. ² So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, ³ and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. ⁴ Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant."

They said, "Do as you have said."

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead *it* and make cakes." ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave *it* to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it. ⁸ So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

⁹ Then they said to him, "Where *is* Sarah your wife?"

So he said, "Here, in the tent."

¹⁰ And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son."

(Sarah was listening in the tent door which *was* behind him.) ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; *and* Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. ¹² Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"

¹³ And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear *a child*, since I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

¹⁵ But Sarah denied *it*, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. And He said, “No, but you did laugh!”

A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

FOR ABRAHAM, FOR SARAH AND FOR YOU.

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 blestest 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: 396 - “Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink”

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.

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”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 1, 2021

THIS WEEK

Sunday: *Worship 9:30am*

VISITOR/LARGE PRINT BULLETINS

There are a number of Visitor Bulletins on the back table for those who are new to our liturgy and worship. If you see a visitor who might benefit from these bulletins, please make them aware of them. There are also a couple of larger print bulletins and more will be produced if necessary.

CALVARY CHURCH PICNIC

The Calvary Church Picnic will take place onsite on **Sunday August 22nd 2021**. There is a sign up sheet on the back table to allow folks to bring salads and desserts.

VICAR JONAH ALBRECHT

Seminary Student Jonah Albrecht has arrived and will be in our midst thru Sunday September 12th. If you would like to have Jonah out for supper, please speak with him.

34th CLC CONVENTION

An early summary of the Convention is printed and two copies are on the back table. **If you wish to read about it pick up a copy.**

HOLY COMMUNION SURVEY - RESULTS

Unfortunately, there were only 13 individuals who filled out the Holy Communion Survey. It’s difficult to say if this is a true reflection of the whole congregation. The majority of those responding would like to allow for both the individual kits and a partial return to reception in the front.

Consequently, for the time being, we will allow for both beginning this morning.

- 1) **Individual Kit** -- If you wish to use the individual kit, please pick up your kit before service from the back table. If you wish to come forward
- 2) **Reception at the Altar** – If you wish to come forward to receive the sacrament, there will be two common sense changes for now. First, Pastor Schaller will NOT be placing the wafer in anyone’s mouth for the time being. Second, we will just offer the individual cups to begin with. Once again, Pastor Schaller will not be touching the individual cups but they will be offered and each individual will be expected to take their own and dispose of it on the way back to the pew.

HYMN

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

1. Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever. Go, My children, with My blessing – You are my own.

2. Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory. Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

3. Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me; Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free. Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you. Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

4. I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace; I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace: I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother. Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace. Amen.

HYMN SHEET

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 84

¹How lovely *is* Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! ²My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

³Even the sparrow has found a home, And the swallow a nest for herself, Where she may lay her young— *Even* Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God. ⁴Blessed *are* those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. *Selah*

⁵Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in You, Whose heart *is* set on pilgrimage. ⁶*As they* pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools. ⁷They go from strength to strength; *Each one* appears before God in Zion.

⁸O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah*

⁹O God, behold our shield, And look upon the face of Your anointed.

¹⁰For a day in Your courts *is* better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness. ¹¹For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good *thing* will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

¹²O LORD of hosts, Blessed *is* the man who trusts in You!

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

THANKSGIVING

O Lord God, heavenly Father, from whom without ceasing we receive every good gift and who mercifully guards us from every evil, grant us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit that acknowledging with our whole heart all of Your goodness, we may now and evermore thank and praise Your loving-kindness and tender mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES

O merciful Father in heaven, who holds in Your hand all the might of man and who has ordained the powers that be for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, and of whom is all rule and authority in the kingdoms of the world, we humbly pray, graciously regard your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of our state along with the judges and magistrates, and all the rulers of the earth.

May all that receive the sword as Your ministers bear it according to Your commandment. Enlighten and defend them by Your name, O God. Grant them wisdom and understanding, that under their peaceable governance Your people may be guarded and directed in righteousness, quietness, and unity. Protect and prolong their lives, O God of our salvation that we with them may show forth the praise of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN EVERY MORNING MERCIES NEW

1. Every morning mercies new Fall as fresh as morning dew; Every morning let us pay Tribute with the early day; For Thy mercies, Lord, are sure, Thy compassion doth endure.
2. Still the greatness of Thy love Daily doth our sins remove; Daily, far as east from west, Lifts the burden from the breast; Gives unbought to those who pray Strength to stand in evil day.
3. Let our prayers each morn prevail That these gifts may never fail; And as we confess the sin And the Tempter's power within, Feed us with the Bread of Life; Fit us for our daily strife.
4. As the morning light returns, As the sun with splendor burns, Teach us still to turn to Thee, Ever-blessed Trinity. With our hands our hearts to raise In unfailing prayer and praise. Amen.

HYMN SPEAK, O LORD, THY SERVANT HEARETH

1. Speak, O Lord, Thy servant heareth, To Thy Word I now give heed; Life and spirit Thy Word beareth, All Thy Word is true indeed. Death's dread power in me is rife; Jesus, may Thy Word of Life Fill my soul with love's strong fervor That I cling to Thee forever.
2. Oh, what blessing to be near Thee And to hearken to Thy voice! May I ever love and fear Thee That Thy Word may be my choice! Oft were hardened sinners, Lord, Struck with terror by Thy Word; But to him who for sin grieveth Comfort sweet and hope it giveth.
3. Lord, Thy words are waters living Where I quench my thirsty need; Lord, Thy words are bread life-giving, On Thy words my Soul doth feed. Lord, Thy words shall be my light Through death's vale and dreary night; Yea, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing.

4. Precious Jesus, I beseech Thee, May Thy words take root in me; May this gift from heaven enrich me So that I bear fruit for Thee! Take them never from my heart Till I see Thee as Thou art, When in heavenly bliss and glory I shall greet Thee and adore Thee. 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 OH, FOR A FAITH THAT WILL NOT SHRINK

1. Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Tho' pressed by many a foe; That will not tremble on the brink Of poverty or woe;
2. That will not murmur nor complain Beneath the chast'ning rod, But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean upon its God;
3. A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage without; That, when in danger, knows no fear, In darkness feels no doubt;
4. That bears unmoved the world's dread frown Nor heeds its scornful smile; That sin's wild ocean cannot drown Nor Satan's arts beguile;
5. A faith that keeps the narrow way Till life's last spark is fled And with a pure and heavenly ray Lights up the dying bed.
6. Lord give us such a faith as this; And then, whate'er may come, We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home. Amen.