

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Divine Worship. 7pm

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THANKSGIVING EVE

November 24, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 100 (TLH Pg. 144-45)

Prayers: 42 (TLH Pg. 106); **43** (TLH Pg. 106).

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 574 792 570 572

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 574 - "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

INVOCATION

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

Congregation (Spoken): "Amen."

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all."

Congregation (Spoken): "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."

Pastor: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

Congregation (Spoken): "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Pastor: "Let us pray."

Congregation (Spoken): "Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us."

CLC CALL NEWS

Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO (St. Louis) has called Pastor Robert Sauers, who currently serves Luther Memorial Church & School in Fond du Lac, WI • Pastor David Ude has returned the call of Ascension in Tacoma, WA. • Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran in Okabena, MN, has returned the call of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bowdle, SD and Zion Lutheran Church in Ipswich, SD. • Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato MN has been called by Living Savior Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie, MN.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2021

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 2021	Received as of 11/21/2021	Amount Remaining
\$5000.00	\$5,045.00	\$0

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO

MAY 2023 GOAL	RECEIVED 11/21	MAY 2023 GOAL
\$5.00	\$0	\$5.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 11/21/2021

General Fund	Loose Offerings	Missions (CBP)	ILC Student Aid (SAF)	
\$960.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$50.00	
Offerings Total: \$ 1,055.00				

* Scripture quotations (unless otherwise noted) are taken from the Holy Bible, New King James Version, © 1982 by Thomas Nelson Publishers. All rights reserved.

THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS FROM MARTIN LUTHER

Nothing Ages More Quickly Than Gratitude

“Experience teaches that most people are such miserable, corrupt folk that whether God treats them well or ill, chastise them or speaks kindly to them, they soon forget. Such a shameful thing the human heart is; it soon forgets what has happened and constantly forces our Lord God to send out new marvels and visitations if He wants men to remember Him...The same thing happened among the Jews. While they were in Egypt, they complained, cried, and wept without end. But what happened thereafter? Hardly three days in the wilderness, and they wished they were again in Egypt. Such a wretched thing is man’s heart; it soon becomes tired and easily forgets the greatest calamity and suffering. I say nothing of its duty to remember a benefaction, which it discharges still more rarely, as the proverb says: *Nihil citius senescit quam gratia* (nothing ages more quickly than gratitude). Even when God is very angry, chastises with sickness, now with this, then with that calamity, it is as if a man wrote on water or in the air with his pen. As long as it li3es on us and hurts, it is a painful experience; but as soon as it has passed, it is as completely forgotten as if it had never existed. This is our way of doing things, and we persist in it.”

God, the Giver of All, Wants Nothing but Thanks

“Faithless saints always want to give God something, as though He needed their service, while He is God and give us and desires to give us everything; but we are in need of His goodness. But He wants us to be grateful and to regard Him as our God.”

God Grant Us Gratitude

“God grant that we follow His Word to praise and thank our dear Lord for His precious blood, which He so freely offered for us. And may God keep us from the terrible vice of ingratitude and the forgetfulness of His blessings. Amen.”

The Gift of Recognizing the Giver

“The gifts of God are surely there, but a still greater gift it is to know and to acknowledge them...The gift above all gifts is Christ with His Word...but the Devil dims our vision.”



CHOIR PRACTICE/MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

The Church Choir will practice next Wednesday at 6pm. Our First Midweek Advent Service will follow at 7pm.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

Our Midweek Advent Series this year (beginning December 1st) is entitled: Slowing Down for Christmas. It involves these three texts: Titus 2:11-14; James 1:19-20; Luke 2:10-11. Can you figure out the three things we seek to slow down during Advent? If not, join us and find out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Sunday October 17th the Voters of Calvary met to discuss the past quarter (July, August, September) and look forward to the coming quarter (October, November, December). The Annual Council Meeting is set for Sunday January 9th after worship and the Annual Voter's Meeting the following Sunday, January 16th also after worship. The following events were noted and are also noted here:

- **Sunday November 28th** – First Sunday in Advent
- **Wednesday December 1st** – First Midweek Advent Service 7pm
- **Sunday December 5th** – Second Sunday in Advent
- **Wednesday December 8th** – Second Midweek Advent Service 7pm
- **Saturday December 11th** – Calvary Christmas Dinner/Party
- **Sunday December 12th** – Third Sunday in Advent
- **Wednesday December 15th** – Final Midweek Advent Service 7pm
- **Sunday December 19th** – Fourth Sunday in Advent
- **Friday December 24th** – Christmas Eve Service 7pm
- **Saturday December 25th** – Christmas Day Service 10am
- **Sunday December 26th** – Christmas One Service
- **Friday December 31st** – New Year's Eve Communion Service 7pm

CALVARY CHRISTMAS PARTY/DINNER

The 2021 Calvary Christmas Party/Dinner is scheduled for Saturday December 11th in the Fellowship Hall. The Meal will include Chicken Breast and comes at a cost of \$5 person. Please sign up on the back table if you plan to attend to allow us to purchase and prepare the proper amount of food for the dinner. A \$5 gift exchange (male and female) is also planned.

“Forgive us for Jesus’ sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting Amen.”

Pastor: “Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.”

Congregation (Spoken): **“Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.”**

THE FIRST LESSON:

DEUTERONOMY 8:10-18

¹⁰When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

¹¹“Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, ¹²lest—*when* you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell *in them*; ¹³and *when* your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; ¹⁴when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; ¹⁵who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, *in which were* fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; ¹⁶who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—¹⁷then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’

¹⁸“And you shall remember the LORD your God, for *it is* He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day. *

CHURCH CHOIR:

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Text: Martin Rinckart 1636; Translator: Catherine Winkworth, 1858.

Arrangement: Johann Cruger, 1647

SECOND LESSON:

PHILIPPIANS 4:10-20

¹⁰But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.

¹¹Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: ¹²I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound.

Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

¹⁴ Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. ¹⁵ Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. ¹⁶ For even in Thessalonica you sent *aid* once and again for my necessities. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. ¹⁸ Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things *sent* from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. ²⁰ Now to our God and Father *be* glory forever and ever. Amen. *

THE THIRD LESSON:

LUKE 17:11-19

¹¹ Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. ¹² Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. ¹³ And they lifted up *their* voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

¹⁴ So when He saw *them*, He said to them, "**Go, show yourselves to the priests.**" And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶ and fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ So Jesus answered and said, "**Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? ¹⁸ Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?**" ¹⁹ And He said to him, "**Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.**"

CONFESSION OF FAITH: **THE APOSTLES' CREED** (WS Pg. 15, 23)

HYMN: 792 – "Let All Things Now Living"

SERMON:

ACTS 14:14-18

¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out ¹⁵ and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, ¹⁶ who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk

in their own ways. ¹⁷ Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." ¹⁸ And with these sayings they could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them.*

WHY...DID THEY...DID HE...DOES HE?

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

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 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.

PRAYER(S)

Pastor: "Hear our prayer, O Lord."

Congregation (Spoken): "**Lord, Have Mercy.**"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 570 - "Praise, Oh, Praise, Our God and King"

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Spoken) "**Amen.**"

CLOSING HYMN: 572 - "Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 24, 2021

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday: Church Christmas Decoration 10am

Sunday: Advent Worship (11/28) - 9:30am;

Sunday School 10:45am; Bible Study 10:50am

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday: Confirmation Class 4pm

Wednesday: Choir Practice 6pm; Midweek Advent Worship 7pm.

Sunday: Advent Worship (12/5) 9:30am;

Sunday School 10:45; Bible Study 10:50am

HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 100

¹ Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! ² Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. ³ Know that the LORD, He *is* God; *It is* He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.

⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name. ⁵ For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, *And* His truth *endures* to all generations. *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR THANKSGIVING

O Lord God, heavenly Father, from whom without ceasing we receive exceedingly abundantly all good gifts and who daily of Your pure grace guard us against all evil, grant us, we pray You, Your Holy Spirit that, acknowledging with our whole heart all this Your goodness, we may now and evermore thank and praise Your loving kindness and tender mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR 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 provide for all our wants of body and soul, give us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge 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.

HYMN

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

1. Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of Harvest-home. All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied, Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of Harvest-home.

2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield; Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown; First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear. Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home; From His field shall in that day All offences purge away; Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast, But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final Harvest-home; Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin, There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide. Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious Harvest-home. Amen.

HYMN

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving To God the Creator triumphantly raise, Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us, Who still guides us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night, Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, As forward we travel from light into light.

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: **PRAISE, OH, PRAISE, OUR GOD AND KING**

1. Praise, oh, praise, our God and King, Hymns of adoration sing; For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

2. Praise Him that He made the sun Day by day his course to run; For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

3. And the silver moon by night, Shining with her gentle light; For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

4. Praise Him that He gave the rain To mature the swelling grain; For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

5. And hath bid the fruitful field Crops of precious increase yield; For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

6. Praise Him for our harvest store, He hath filled the garner floor; For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

7. And for richer food than this, Pledge of everlasting bliss; For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

8. Glory to our bounteous King, Glory let creation sing; Glory to the Father, Son, And the Spirit, Three in One! Amen.

HYMN

PRAISE TO GOD, IMMORTAL PRAISE

1. Praise to God, immortal praise, For the love that crowns our days; Bounteous Source of every joy, Let Thy praise our tongues employ, All to Thee, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.

2. All the plenty summer pours; Autumn's rich, o'erflowing stores; Flocks that whiten all the plain; Yellow sheaves of ripened grain, -- Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.

3. Peace, prosperity, and health, Private bliss, and public wealth, Knowledge with its gladdening streams, True religion's holier beams, Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.

4. As Thy prospering hand hath blest, May we give Thee all our best And by deeds of kindly love For Thy mercies grateful prove, Singing thus through all our days Praise to God, immortal praise. Amen.