

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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3rd Sunday
 in Advent

Divine Worship 9:30am
Sunday School/Bible Class 10:45am/10:50am
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ADVENT THREE

December 12, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 130 (TLH Pg. 153) **Prayer:** 14 (TLH Pg. 103); 15 (TLH Pg. 103).

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 62 64 261 66

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 62 - "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

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).

**Comfort my desponding heart: Thou my Strength and Refuge art.
 I am weak, and cunningly Satan lays his snares for me.**

**Bruise for me the Serpent's head, That, set free from doubt and dread,
 I may cleave to Thee in faith, Safely kept through life and death,**

**And when Thou dost come again As a glorious King to reign,
 I with joy may see Thy face, Freely ransomed by Thy grace.**

The Salutation (Pg. 9) ...The Collect -- "Amen."

THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE

The Shepherd Candle reminds us of the first people who heard the Gospel Message -- "For there is born to YOU this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the LORD." That Word was powerful in the hearts of the Shepherds, so that they believed in Him and rejoiced.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-17

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato MN has returned the call of Living Savior Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie, MN. • Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh who currently serves Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, Florida has been called by Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester (St. Louis), MO. • Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School, Phoenix AZ has been called to be the upper grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School in Valentine NE • Pastor Paul Krause who currently serves Trintiy Lutheran Church in Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church near Estelline, SD, has been called by Ascension Lutheran Church in Tacoma, WA.

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 12/05/2021	Amount Remaining
\$5000.00	\$5,045.00	\$0

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO

MAY 2023 GOAL	RECEIVED 12/05	MAY 2023 GOAL
\$5.00	\$0	\$5.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 12/05/2021

General Fund	Loose Offerings	ILC Student Aid (SAF)		
\$1,495.00	\$72.00	\$50.00		
Offerings Total: \$1,617.00				

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BIBLE READINGS FOR DEVOTION – DECEMBER 13-18, 2021

Monday - Zephaniah 3:14-20 Judah (the South) was sliding downhill morally, and that bothered God enough to engineer a novel way to rescue them. First, give them a good taste of His wrath—to humble them—and then display His generous kindness toward them (14-15), giving them reason to relax (16-17); **then** gather them home (18-20). History repeats itself because humans keep tussling with God for control of the steering wheel. Lord, have mercy!

Tuesday - Luke 3:7-18 Baptizer John told people how God wanted them to behave (16). **If** their hearts were in it, they could be humanitarian (11), generous (12-13), and law-abiding (14). More importantly, **if** they took to heart John's message about Messiah, He would cleanse them (15-16) and bring them home at harvest time—the final Advent/Judgment Day (17).

Wednesday - Philippians 4:4-7 We have good reason to *rejoice* all the time, for we are stocked with God's gracious gentleness (5), unfazed amid this world's craziness (6), and proactive in prayer (6). Bottom line: Since we are straight with God via Christ Jesus, we can face life with calmness and strength (7).

Thursday - Zephaniah 3:8-13 is prelude to Monday's Bible selection, and lest we leave this Word of God in the dust of yesteryear—note that God has always had serious business with humanity (8). Serious because we always need spiritual revival (9) of heart and soul (10-12). How else could sinners—or a degenerate nation—be transformed to *speaking no lies, no deceitful tongue be found in their mouth, and no one shall make them afraid* (13)? God grant it!

Friday - Mark 6:14-29 The Herodian dynasty lasted for four generations, and this pervert had a split personality; he seemed open to both good and evil. We would like to ignore him, but God has a lesson embedded in the account: Evil people will murder God's messengers/missionaries prior to His Advent. Herod allowed lust and pride to overpower his weak conscience (20), and John became a martyr. This scenario is being replayed in our world today.

Saturday - Philippians 4:2-3 As we celebrate Jesus' first Advent, we are looking forward to His Advent return – and for good reason, of course. Perhaps one reason easily passed over is that in heaven we shall meet people we have never known on Earth. People like Euodia, Syntyche, Clement, and others whose names are written in the Book of Life. We know the names of a handful more—as recorded in the ledger of Romans 16:1-16, Colossians 4:7-17, 2 Timothy 4:19-21, Titus 3:12-13, etc, etc. Note: Apostle Paul listed these names very close to the black-list of those who hindered the Advent messengers and/or should be avoided because they do not serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Come quickly, Lord Jesus, lest we wither on the vine!



Let
us rejoice and be
glad
in
his
salvation.

Isaiah 25:9

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.**

CANDLE HYMN: 85:1-3,6 - FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME

EPISTLE LESSON:

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

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

Pastor: You who dwell between the cherubim, shine;

Congregation: **Stir up Your strength, and come!**

Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

Congregation: **You who lead Joseph like a flock. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Pastor: Stir up Your Strength, O Lord;

Congregation: **Come and Save us! Hallelujah!**

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 3:7-18

⁷ He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸ Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹ And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³ And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 130

¹ Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; ² Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications.

³ If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But *there is* forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope. ⁶ My soul *waits* for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning— Yes, *more than* those who watch for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD *there is* mercy, And with Him *is* abundant redemption. ⁸ And He shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities.

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

O Lord, we pray that You would mercifully hear the prayers of Your Church so that we, being delivered from all adversities and serving You with a quiet mind, may enjoy Your peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Almighty and everlasting God, who of Your great mercy in Jesus Christ, Your Son, grants to us forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness, grant us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Your fatherly mercy, strive to put to death the flesh and to overcome the world and, serving You in holiness and pureness of living, may give You continual thanks for all Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

OH, COME, OH, COME, EMMANUEL

1. Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell Thy people save And give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. Oh, come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly home: Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen.

CANDLE HYMN FROM HEAVEN ABOVE

1. "From heaven above to earth I come To bear good news to every home; Glad tidings of great joy I bring, Whereof I now will say and sing:

2. "To you this night is born a child Of Mary, chosen virgin mild; This little child, of lowly birth, Shall be the joy of all the earth.

3. "This is the Christ, our God and Lord, Who in all need shall aid afford; He will Himself your Savior be From all your sins to set you free.

6. Now let us all with gladsome cheer Go with the shepherds and draw near To see the precious gift of God, Who hath His own dear Son bestowed.

HYMN JESUS, THY CHURCH WITH LONGING EYES

1. Jesus, Thy Church with longing eyes For Thine expected coming waits. When will the promised light arise And glory beam from Zion's gates?

2. E'en now, when tempests round us fall And wintry clouds o'er cast the sky, Thy words with pleasure we recall And deem that our redemption's nigh.

3. Come, gracious Lord, our hearts renew, Our foes repel, our wrongs redress, Man's rooted enmity subdue, And crown Thy Gospel with success.

4. Oh, come and reign o'er every land; Let Satan from his throne be hurled, All nations bow to Thy command, And grace revive a dying world.

5. Teach us in watchfulness and prayer To wait for the appointed hour And fit us by Thy grace to share The triumphs of Thy conquering power. Amen.

OFFERING HYMN ARISE, SONS OF THE KINGDOM

Arise, ye poor and needy! The King provides for you; He comes with succor speedy, With mercy ever new. Receive your gracious King, The Giver of all blessing, Hail Him, His name confessing, And glad hosannas sing.

Oh, rich the gifts Thou bringest, Thyself made poor and weak! O Love beyond expression, That thus can sinners seek! For this, O Lord, will we Our joyous tribute bring Thee And glad hosannas sing Thee And ever grateful be.

HYMN LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN THY WORD

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word; Curb those who fain by craft and sword Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son And set at naught all He hath done.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known, For Thou art Lord of lords alone; Defend Thy Christendom that we May evermore sing praise to Thee.

3. O Comforter of priceless worth. Send peace and unity on earth. Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life. Amen.

HYMN HARK THE GLAD SOUND! THE SAVIOR COMES

1. Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long; Let every heart prepare a throne And every voice a song.

2. He comes the prisoners to release, In Satan's bondage held. The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.

3. He comes from thickest films of vice To clear the mental ray And on the eyeballs of the blind To pour celestial day.

4. He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure, And with the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor.

5. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim And heaven's eternal arches ring With Thy beloved name. Amen.