

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Wednesday November 23, 2022 7pm

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 107 (Back Page) • **Prayers:** 42 (TLH Pg. 106); 43 (TLH Pg. 106).

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe • **HYMNS:** 31 36 417:1-5 417:6-7

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 31 - *"When All Thy Mercies, O My God"*

INVOCATION

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

Congregation: (Spoken) "Amen."

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: "Our help is in the name of the Lord"

C: "who made heaven and earth." (Psalm 124:8)

P: "If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?"

C: "But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared."
(Psalm 130:3-4)

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first think on our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:

C: "God be merciful to me, a sinner." (Luke 18:13)

All: "Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen."

Psalm 107 (ESV)**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! ²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble ³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

⁴Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; ⁵hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. ⁶Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. ⁷He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in. ⁸Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! ⁹For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. ¹⁰Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons, ¹¹for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. ¹²So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help. ¹³Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. ¹⁴He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart. ¹⁵Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! ¹⁶For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.

¹⁷Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction; ¹⁸they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. ¹⁹Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. ²⁰He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction. ²¹Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! ²²And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

²³Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters; ²⁴they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep. ²⁵For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. ²⁶They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight; ²⁷they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end. ²⁸Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. ²⁹He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. ³⁰Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

³¹ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! ³² Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

³³ He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground, ³⁴ a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the evil of its inhabitants. ³⁵ He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water. ³⁶ And there he lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in; ³⁷ they sow fields and plant vineyards and get a fruitful yield. ³⁸ By his blessing they multiply greatly, and he does not let their livestock diminish.

³⁹ When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, evil, and sorrow, ⁴⁰ he pours contempt on princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes; ⁴¹ but he raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks. ⁴² The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth.

⁴³ Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.**

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THANKSGIVING EVE

Calvary Lutheran Church November 23, 2022

GRATITUDE
game

Start a fun tradition by playing this game on Thanksgiving.

What you need:

- M&M's or other colored candies
- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

Red: a need God has provided for
Orange: a gift you've received
Yellow: something you've recently learned
Green: something in nature
Blue: a special memory
Brown: someone you love

What you do:

1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

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

All: (Sung)

**We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
 In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
 We lay it before Thee, We kneel and adore Thee,
 We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**We worship Thee, God of our fathers, we bless Thee;
 Through life's storm and tempest our Guide hast Thou been;
 When perils o'ertake us, Escape Thou wilt make us,
 And with Thy help, O Lord, our battles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer,
 To Thee, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
 Thy strong arm will guide us, Our God is beside us,
 To Thee, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise.**

RESPONSIVE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PSALM 107

P: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!* For His mercy *endures* forever.

C: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy, ³ And gathered out of the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.

P: They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way; They found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them. Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, *And* He delivered them out of their distresses. And He led them forth by the right way, That they might go to a city for a dwelling place.

C: Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness, And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!

P; For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness. Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, Bound in affliction and irons— Because they rebelled against the words of God, And despised the counsel of the Most High, Therefore He brought down their heart with labor; They fell down, and *there was* none to help.

C: Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, *And He saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, And broke their chains in pieces. Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!*

P: For He has broken the gates of bronze, And cut the bars of iron in two. Fools, because of their transgression, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted. Their soul abhorred all manner of food, And they drew near to the gates of death.

C: Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, *And He saved them out of their distresses. He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions. Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!*

P: Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing. Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do business on great waters, They see the works of the LORD, And His wonders in the deep. For He commands and raises the stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of the sea. They mount up to the heavens, They go down again to the depths; Their soul melts because of trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, And are at their wits' end.

C: Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble, *And He brings them out of their distresses. He calms the storm, So that its waves are still. Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven. Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!*

P: Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people, And praise Him in the company of the elders. He turns rivers into a wilderness, And the watersprings into dry ground; A fruitful land into barrenness, For the wickedness of those who dwell in it. He turns a wilderness into pools of water, And dry land into watersprings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 23, 2022

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday: Church Decorating 10am

Sunday: Caroling 9:15am; Worship 9:30am;

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

CHURCH DECORATING

Anyone who wishes to help decorate the church for the Christmas season may do so by appearing this Saturday November 26th at 10am.

C: There He makes the hungry dwell, That they may establish a city for a dwelling place, And sow fields and plant vineyards, That they may yield a fruitful harvest.

P: He also blesses them, and they multiply greatly; And He does not let their cattle decrease. When they are diminished and brought low Through oppression, affliction and sorrow, He pours contempt on princes, And causes them to wander in the wilderness *where there is no way*; Yet He sets the poor on high, far from affliction, And makes *their* families like a flock.

C: The righteous see *it* and rejoice, And all iniquity stops its mouth. Whoever *is* wise will observe these *things*, And they will understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

CALVARY CHOIR:

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

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EPISTLE LESSON:

HEBREWS 13:7-21

⁷ Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of *their* conduct. ⁸ Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever. ⁹ Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For *it is* good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. ¹² Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. ¹³ Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. ¹⁴ For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. ¹⁵ Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name. ¹⁶ But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

¹⁷ Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

¹⁸ Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. ¹⁹ But I especially urge *you* to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, ²¹ make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 11:25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. ²⁶ Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. ²⁷ All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. ²⁸ Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

CONFESSION OF FAITH: **APOSTLES CREED** (TLH PG. 12)

HYMN: 36 - "Now Thank We All Our God"

THE SERMON:

COLOSSIANS 1:3-14

³ We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; ⁵ because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as *it has* also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as *it is* also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; ⁷ as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸ who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

¹¹ strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

UNCOMMON REASONS TO GIVE THANKS

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

THE OFFERING HYMN:

(TLH 443:1, 3-4, 6-8)

O Lord of heaven and earth and sea, To Thee all praise and glory be. How shall we show our love to Thee, Who givest all?

For peaceful homes and healthful days, For all the blessings earth displays, We owe Thee thankfulness and praise, Who givest all.

Thou didst not spare Thine only Son, But gav'st Him for a world undone, And freely with that Blessed One Thou givest all.

For souls redeemed, for sins forgiven, For means of grace and hopes of heaven, What can to Thee, O Lord, be given Who givest all?

We lose what on ourselves we spend; We have as treasure without end Whatever Lord, to Thee we lend, Who givest all;

To Thee, from whom we all derive Our life, our gifts, our power to give. Oh, may we ever with Thee live, Who givest all!

PRAYER(S)...THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 417:1-5 – "How Can I Thank Thee, Lord"

IN THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE – A LITANY (Insert)

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Spoken) "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 417:6-7 – "How Can I Thank Thee, Lord"

