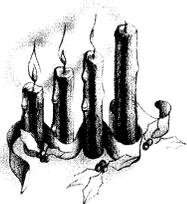


CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 9:30am
Sunday School/Bible Study. . . . 10:45/10:50am
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ADVENT THREE (December 11, 2022)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 146 (TLH Pg. 156) • **Prayers: 46** (Pg. 106); **47** (TLH Pg. 107).
Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe • **HYMNS: 109 98 90:1-4 90:7-8**

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 109 - *“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night”*

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).

Welcome, O my Savior, now! Hail! My Portion, Lord, art Thou.
Here, too, in my heart, I pray, Oh, prepare Thyself a way!

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

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 SHEPHERD CANDLE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ² it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Robert Sauers has accepted the call of Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL. Luther Memorial in Fond Du Lac, WI, will be calling next Sunday. • Pastor Bruce Naumann of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire WI has accepted the call to serve as the CLC 3rd Foreign Missionary, living in Tanzania. Messiah Lutheran will be calling.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

As you may have noted already, both Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve this year fall on Saturday. The Schedule is tentatively set as follows:

- † **Christmas Eve Worship – Saturday December 24th – 7pm**
- † **Christmas Day Worship – Sunday December 25th – 10am**
 (No Sunday School or Bible Study)
- † **New Year’s Eve Communion Service – Saturday December 31st – 7pm**
- † **New Year’s Day Communion Service – Sunday January 1st – 10am** (No Sunday School or Bible Study)

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2022		
<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 2022	Received as of 10/16/22	Amount Remaining
\$5000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO		
MAY 2023 GOAL	RECEIVED 12/4/22	MAY 2023 GOAL
\$5.00	\$0	\$5.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 12/4/2022				
General Fund	Loose Offerings	Missions (CBP)	VBS/SS	
\$550.00	\$141.00	\$50.00*	\$13.80*	
Offerings Total: \$755.15				
<i>* The \$63.80 given to Missions is moved into the General Fund.</i>				

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BIBLE READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS – DECEMBER 12-17, 2022

Monday - Matthew 3:1-6 John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness, as Isaiah had long ago prophesied he would, and John even dressed similar to Elijah (cf. 2 Kings 1:8), whom Malachi had said to look for. But the most striking thing about John was his message: The King is near! Prepare for His kingdom by repenting, turning to God for forgiveness.

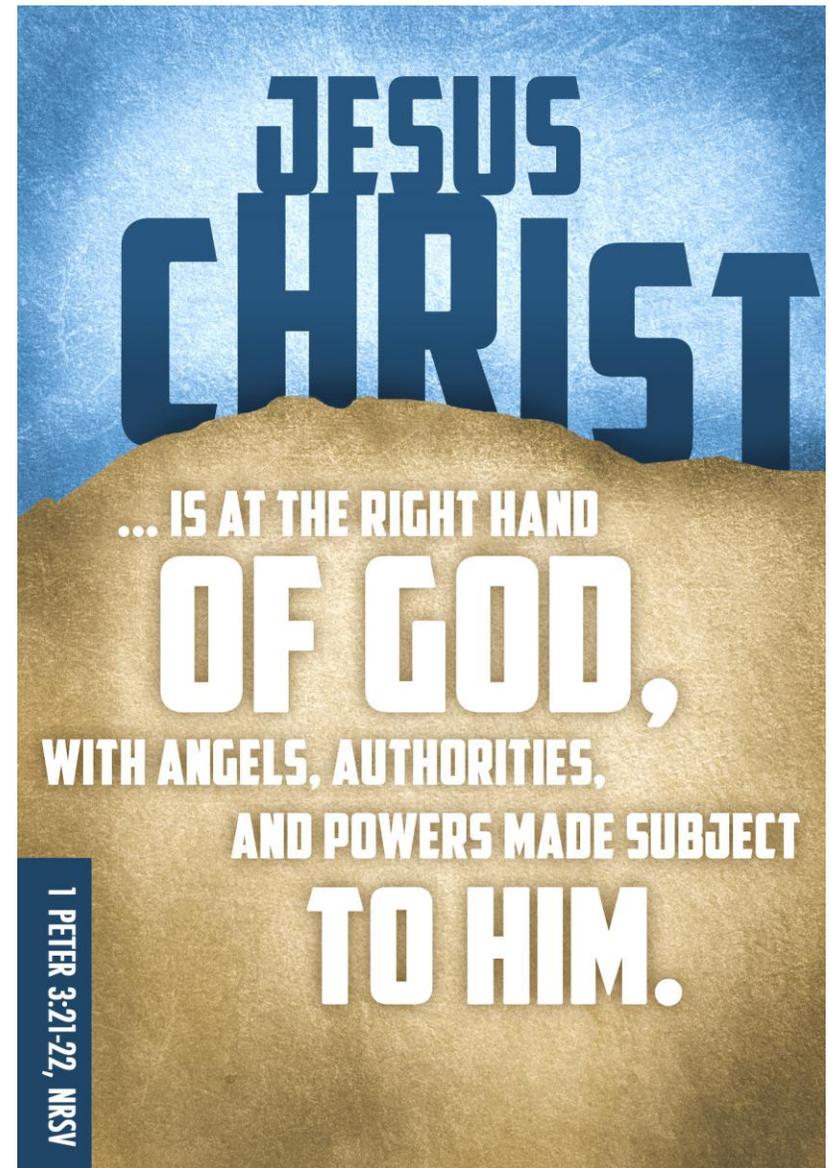
Tuesday - Matthew 3:7-11 The coming King would not rule on the basis of human strength or goodness, but on the basis of God's goodness and strength. Therefore those who came to John satisfied with their own ways of entering the King's presence were actually following the old serpent. But the Messiah is coming to do away with sin! This is no time to be clinging to it!

Wednesday - 2 Timothy 4:5-8 As Paul is nearing the end of his ministry, he "passes the torch" to young Timothy. He reminds him of the righteousness which comes not from within, but from the Lord as a crown. This is what lies ahead for Paul and for all who have loved the Lord's appearing (v. 8).

Thursday - Isaiah 40:1-2 God's answer to the suffering of His people was double comfort. Speaking of their future hope as already accomplished, the prophet announces the end of their warfare and double forgiveness for the sins which had brought it all on.

Friday - Isaiah 40:3-5 The voice calls for smoothing the path for the coming of the LORD. When God's children look upon Christ's coming as glorious (v. 3), they will want no obstacle to hinder or divert it. For this coming one is "our God" (v3), through the forgiveness which He brings.

Saturday - Isaiah 40:6-8 The most beautiful and accomplished of humans is short-lived, like grass, and soon withers and fades. Likewise, humanity's greatest achievements are like flowers blooming for a day or two in the meadow. But the Word of "our God," by which the heavens were made, brings us pardon, peace, and life forever in Christ.



ADVENT THREE

Calvary Lutheran Church December 11, 2022

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

By way of a final reminder – it is our tradition at Calvary to sing Christmas Carols during the Sundays in Advent. We began singing carols 15 minutes before worship on the first Sunday in Advent (November 27) and will do so one more week, concluding on Sunday December 18th.

ANNUAL COUNCIL AND VOTER'S MEETINGS

The Annual Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Sunday January 8th 2023 following worship. The Annual Voter's Meeting is scheduled to take place the following Sunday, January 15th following worship.

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸ And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

JAMES 5:7-11

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. *

THE GRADUAL

Pastor: You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth;

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;

Congregation: Come and save us! Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 11:2-11

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴ And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you."

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLE'S CREED (TLH PG. 12)

HYMN: 98 - "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

THE SERMON:

1 PETER 5:8-11

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. *

SOBERING THOUGHTS DURING ADVENT

CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN...

If you face the enemy alone...be afraid.

If Christ is your defender...fear not.

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

THE OFFERING HYMN:

(TLH 127:1-3)

As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright, So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee!

As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed, There to bend the knee before Thee whom heaven and earth adore, So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy-seat!

As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare, So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King!

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

HYMN: 90:1-4 - "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen, Amen, Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 90:7-8 - "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 11, 2022

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP

† **Sunday School** – NT #2 – The Birth of Christ Announced

† **Bible Study** – Harmony of the Gospels

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Confirmation Class 3:30pm

Wednesday: Choir Practice 6pm; Final Midweek Advent Service

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

CHOIR PRACTICE/MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

The Choir will practice on Wednesday at 6pm. Our Midweek Advent Worship concludes with Luke 2:10-11 – Don't Go On Being Afraid – Because a Savior is Born to You.

CANDY CANE REMINDER

There are a few candy canes with a little card on the back table. Take one and share it with someone you know who isn't attending church or doesn't have a church home. Use the candy cane as an opportunity to invite them to consider worshipping at Calvary.

HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. ⁴When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, ⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD! *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR PROTECTION DURING THE DAY

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

FOR PROTECTION DURING THE NIGHT

Lighten our darkness, we pray You, O Lord; and by Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN: WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, All seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down, And glory shone around. "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread Had seized their troubled minds; "Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind.

2. "To you, in David's town, this day, Is born of David's line A Savior, who is Christ the Lord; And this shall be the sign: The heavenly Babe you there shall find To human view displayed, All meanly wrapped in swaddling-clothes And in a manger laid."

3. Thus spake the seraph,--and forthwith Appeared a shining throng Of angels, praising God, and thus Addressed their joyful song: "All glory be to God on high, And to the earth be peace; Good will henceforth from Heaven to men Begin and never cease." Amen.

LITURGICAL LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD

Welcome, O my Savior, now! Hail! My Portion, Lord, art Thou. Here, too, in my heart, I pray, Oh, prepare Thyself a way!

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

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

HYMN OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

1. Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He, Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see Evermore and evermore.

2. Oh, that birth forever blessed When the Virgin, full of grace, By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bare the Savior of our race, And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed His sacred face Evermore and evermore.

3. O ye heights of heaven, adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing; Powers, dominions, bow before Him And extol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert ring Evermore and evermore.

4. This is He whom Heaven-taught singers Sang of old with one accord; Whom the Scriptures of the prophets Promised in their faithful word. Now He shines, the Long-expected; Let creation praise its Lord Evermore and evermore.

5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unending praises be, Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory Evermore and evermore. Amen.

OFFERING AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright, So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee!

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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.

HYMN COME, YOUR HEARTS AND VOICES RAISING

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.