CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 9:30am Sunday School/Bible Class. 10:45/10:55am

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EPIPHANY SIX

February 12, 2023

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

<u>Psalm</u>: **119a** (TLH Pg. 149) ● <u>Prayers</u>: **21** (Pg. 104); **51** (TLH Pg. 107). <u>Organist</u>: Mr. Walter Priebe <u>HYMNS</u>: **367 375 366:1-2,5-7 226:7-8**

<u>PRAYER</u>

OPENING HYMN: 367- "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

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."

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Michael Gurath has <u>returned</u> the call of Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA. ● Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has <u>called</u> Pastor Neal Radichel, who currently serves Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

CLC NEWS

President Michael Eichstadt has stepped down from the Presidency of the CLC due to health reasons. The Vice President Michael Wilke has taken up the office of president for the remainder of his term. President Wilke has appointed Pastor Del Maas to serve as Vice President to serve in the interim. He has accepted that appointment. Please keep both men in your prayers.

LENTEN SEASON

On Wednesday February 22nd the Lenten Season begins. We will have our annual soup and sandwich supper at 5:30pm. We will also begin our Lenten Series: <u>The Good Shepherd Lays Down His Life for the Sheep</u>. Our Lenten Exchange will include Calvary and St. Peter in Stambaugh, MI.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2023

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 2023	Received as of 2/5/23	Amount Remaining
\$5000.00	\$315.00	\$4,685.00

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO				
MAY 2023 GOAL	RECEIVED 2/5/23	MAY 2023 GOAL		
\$5.00	\$0	\$5.00		

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 2/5/2023					
General Fund	Loose Offerings	Missions (CBP)	Sunday School		
\$575.00	\$33.00	\$60.00	<i>\$7.75</i>		
Offerings Total: \$675.75					

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BIBLE READINGS/DEVOTIONS FEBRUARY 13-18, 2023

Monday - John 11:20-27 After the death of Martha's brother Lazarus, Jesus not only tells her about the resurrection, but that He IS the resurrection. In Him is life (John 1:4) and His word will bring Lazarus from the tomb. Martha hears His word and trusts His word as that of the Christ, the Son of God.

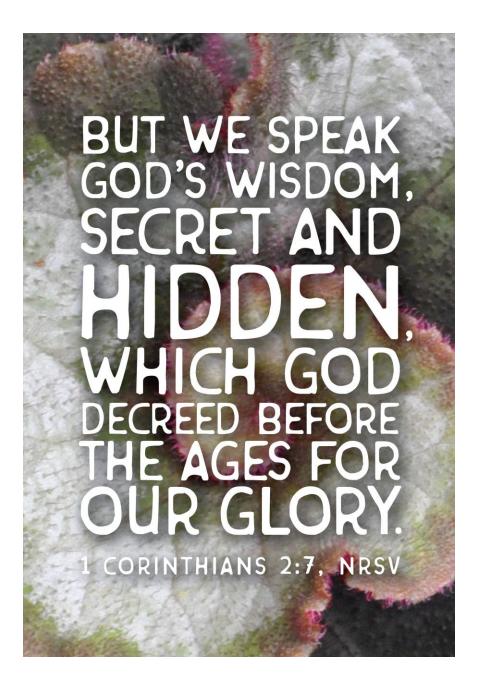
Tuesday - Philippians 1:12-14 Paul is writing from prison in Rome. Still, he rejoices that it has become obvious to many that he is not a criminal, but imprisoned because he proclaims the saving word of Christ. Thus, more and more people are hearing that life-giving word, and others are emboldened to speak it, too.

Wednesday - Philippians 1:15-18 Since people do not look down on Paul in prison, others are much bolder to speak the word of Christ, too. Although some of them are motivated by a selfish spirit that looks for personal gain while Paul is "out of the way," the apostle still rejoices that the life-giving word is preached.

Thursday - Philippians 1:19-21 Paul is appreciative of the Philippians prayers for him, and confident of God's blessing, whether he survives this imprisonment or not. If he lives, it will be to honor Christ and spread His word, and if he dies, it will be to see his Savior and rejoice.

Friday - Amos 8:11-12 There is a worse famine than the lack of food or drink. The lack of God's word is a far greater tragedy, for that word can give life to people even after they have died (see Monday's reading). The prophet foretells a famine of this life-giving word for those who make themselves God's enemies.

Saturday - 2 Corinthians 2:14-17 To bring earthly food to people may be a matter of life and death, but to bring the life-giving word of Christ is a matter of eternal life and death. And the apostle's sufficiency for this work does not come from within himself, but from God, who has spoken to us by His Son, Jesus Christ (Hebrews 1:2).



EPIPHANY SIX

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THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

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

CLOSING HYMN:

226:7-8 – "Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 12, 2023

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP

† **Sunday School –** OT #47 – Elijah in the Wilderness

† **Bible Study** – A Harmony of the Gospels, Our Suffering Savior

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Confirmation Class 3:30pm

Wednesday: Choir Practice 6pm; Final Spring Bible Study 7pm

Sunday: Worship 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45am, Bible Study 10:55am.

CHOIR PRACTICE/BIBLE STUDY

The Choir will practice on Wednesday at 6pm. Midweek Bible Study will follow with a study of Psalm 55 at 7pm.

PARSONAGE WINDOWS

The windows in the church parsonage are to be replaced in the spring of 2023. The total cost through Stonehouse Window and Door of Ishpeming is \$23,098.60. The initial payment of 60% or \$14,000.00 was paid 12/19/22. The remaining amount of \$9,098.60 is due within a week of the windows installation.

PARSONAGE WINDOW PROJECT				
Remaining	Amount Pledged	Amount		
Amount	(Including Memorial)	Remaining		
\$9,098.60	\$1,186.75	\$7,911.85		

VOTER'S MEETING – 2/5/2023

A Quorum of the Voters of Calvary decided last Sunday to put in for a graduate. This means that we will not begin calling a pastor until after the Call Committee on Graduates meets on Wednesday April 19th 2023. We will need to meet to clarify the Calvary Constitution and to develop a Diploma of Vocation and an accompanying Call Letter.

¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."*

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-13

⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

THE GRADUAL

<u>Pastor</u>: Unbelievers shall respect the name of the Lord;

Congregation: The kings of the earth will respect His glory.

Pastor: When the LORD has built up Zion;

Congregation: He will then appear in glory.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Pastor: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;

Congregation: Let the multitude of islands be glad. Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 5:21-37

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'
²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

³¹ "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³² But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLE'S CREED (TLH PG. 12)

HYMN: 375 - "If Thy Beloved Son, O God"

THE SERMON: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-13

(The Sermon Text is also the Epistle Lesson)

WHAT THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST DON'T KNOW

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: 366:1-2, 5-7 - "One Thing's Needful; Lord, This Treasure"

HYMN COME, OH, COME, THOU QUICKENING SPIRIT

- 7. Holy Spirit, strong and mighty. Thou who makest all things new, Make Thy work within us perfect And the evil Foe subdue. Grant us weapons for the strife And with victory crown our life.
- 8. Guard, O God, our faith forever; Let not Satan, death, or shame Ever part us from our Savior; Lord our Refuge is Thy name. Though our flesh cry ever: Nay! Be Thy Word to us still Yea! Amen.

HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 1

- ¹ Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ² but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.
- ⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- ⁶ for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR UNITY

O God, you restore those that fall in error, you gather those who are scattered and preserve them of your tender mercy. We pray, pour upon Your Christian people the grace of unity, that all divisions be healed and your flock may be united to the true Shepherd of Your Church to serve you; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Almighty God, you have given Your only-begotten Son to take our human nature upon Himself, grant that we, being born again and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ, Your son our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS

- 1. Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King! Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, Thou universal Savior, Who hast borne our sin and shame, By whose merits we find favor! Life is given through Thy name.
- 2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on Thee were laid; By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made. Every sin may be forgiven Through the virtue of Thy blood; Open is the gate of heaven, Peace is made 'twist man and God.

- 3. Jesus, hail, enthroned in glory, There forever to abide! All the heavenly host adore Thee, Seated at Thy Father's side. There for sinners Thou art pleading, There Thou dost our place prepare, Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.
- 4. Worship, honor, power, and blessing Thou art worthy to receive; Loudest praises, without ceasing, Meet it is for us to give. Help, ye bright angelic spirits, Bring your sweetest, noblest lays; Help to sing our Savior's merits, Help to chant Immanuel's praise. Amen.

LITURGICAL LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD

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HYMN

IF THY BELOVED SON, O GOD

- 1. If Thy beloved Son, O God, Had not to earth descended And in our mortal flesh and blood Had not sin's power ended, Then this poor, wretched soul of mine In hell eternally would pine Because of its transgression.
- 2. But now I find sweet peace and rest, Despair no more reigns o'er me; No more am I by sin opprest, For Christ has borne sin for me. Upon the cross for me He died That, reconciled, I might abide With Thee, my God, forever.
- 3. I trust in Him with all my heart; Now all my sorrow ceases; His words abiding peace impart, His blood from guilt releases. Free grace through Him I now obtain; He washes me from every stain, And pure I stand before Him.
- 4. All righteousness by works is vain, The Law brings condemnation; True righteousness by faith I gain, Christ's work is my salvation. His death, that perfect sacrifice, Has paid the all-sufficient price; In Him my hope is anchored.
- 5. My guilt, O Father, Thou hast laid On Christ, Thy Son, my Savior. Lord Jesus, Thou my debt hast paid And gained for me God's favor. O Holy Ghost, Thou Fount of grace, The good in me to Thee I trace; In faith do Thou preserve me. Amen.

OFFERING

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

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HYMN ONE THING'S NEEDFUL; LORD, THIS TREASURE

- 1. One thing's needful; Lord this treasure Teach me highly to regard; All else, though it first give pleasure, Is a yoke that presses hard. Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving, No true, lasting happiness ever deriving. The gain of this one thing all loss can requite And teach me in all things to find true delight.
- 2. Wilt thou find this one thing needful, Turn from all created things Unto Jesus and be heedful Of the blessed joy He brings. For where God and Man both in one are united, With God's perfect fulness the heart is delighted; There, there is the worthiest lot and the best, My One and my All and my Joy and my Rest.
- 5. Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure, Jesus, lies concealed in Thee; Grant that this may still the measure Of my will and actions be, Humility there and simplicity reigning, In paths of true wisdom my steps ever training. Oh, if I of Christ have this knowledge divine, The fulness of heavenly wisdom is mine.
- 6. Naught have I, O Christ, to offer Naught but Thee, my highest Good. Naught have I, O Lord, to proffer But Thy crimson-colored blood. Thy death on the cross hath Death wholly defeated And thereby my righteousness fully completed; Salvation's white raiments I there did obtain, And in them in glory with Thee I shall reign.
- 7. Therefore Thou alone, my Savior, Shalt be All in all to me; Search my heart and my behavior, Root out all hypocrisy. Restrain me from wandering on pathways unholy And through all life's pilgrimage keep my heart lowly. This one thing is needful, all others are vain; I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain. Amen.