

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession
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Divine Worship. 9:30am
Sunday School/Bible Class. . . . 10:45/10:55am
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LENT THREE

March 12, 2023

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 143 (TLH Pg. 155) • **Prayers: 14** (Pg. 103); **50** (TLH Pg. 107).

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe **HYMNS: 153 398 416 51**

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 153 - “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

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).

**Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
 Poured for me the life-blood From His sacred veins!**

**Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;
 Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!**

**Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
 Which from endless torments Did the world redeem!**

The Salutation (Pg. 9) ...The Collect -- “Amen.”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: **ISAIAH 42:14-21**

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Thomas Naumann has returned the call of Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA. • Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor Luke Bernthal who currently serves St. Stephen Lutheran Church (Central Valley) and St. Stephen Lutheran Church (East Bay) in Hayward, CA.

LENTEN SEASON

This Wednesday the Lenten Season continues with the next in our Series: The Good Shepherd Lays Down His Life for the Sheep. We will meditate upon Romans 6:23 under the theme: He Saved Me from Death.

FRIENDLINESS WORKSHEET

The Ladies of Calvary have been reviewing the Tacoma Outreach Menu in an effort to be more ‘outreach minded.’ The ‘Handy Witnessing’ tool has been placed on the back table. This month’s ‘Friendliness Worksheet’ was well received and the Ladies of Calvary have asked that it be placed in the church bulletin for every member.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2023		
<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 2023	Received as of 3/5/23	Amount Remaining
\$5000.00	\$980.00	\$4,020.00

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO		
MAY 2023 GOAL	RECEIVED 3/5/23	MAY 2023 GOAL
\$5.00	\$0	\$5.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 3/5/2023				
General Fund	Loose Offerings	Missions (CBP)	Parsonage Windows	
\$700.00	\$105.00	\$135.00	\$50.00	
Offerings Total: \$990.00				

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BIBLE READINGS/DEVOTIONS MARCH 13-18, 2023

Monday - Luke 9:51-56 Jesus face was set to go to Jerusalem, but not to destroy mankind, by nature sinful and unclean, but to save them at the cost of His very life. The human response to animosity is greater animosity, which Jesus turned and rebuked.

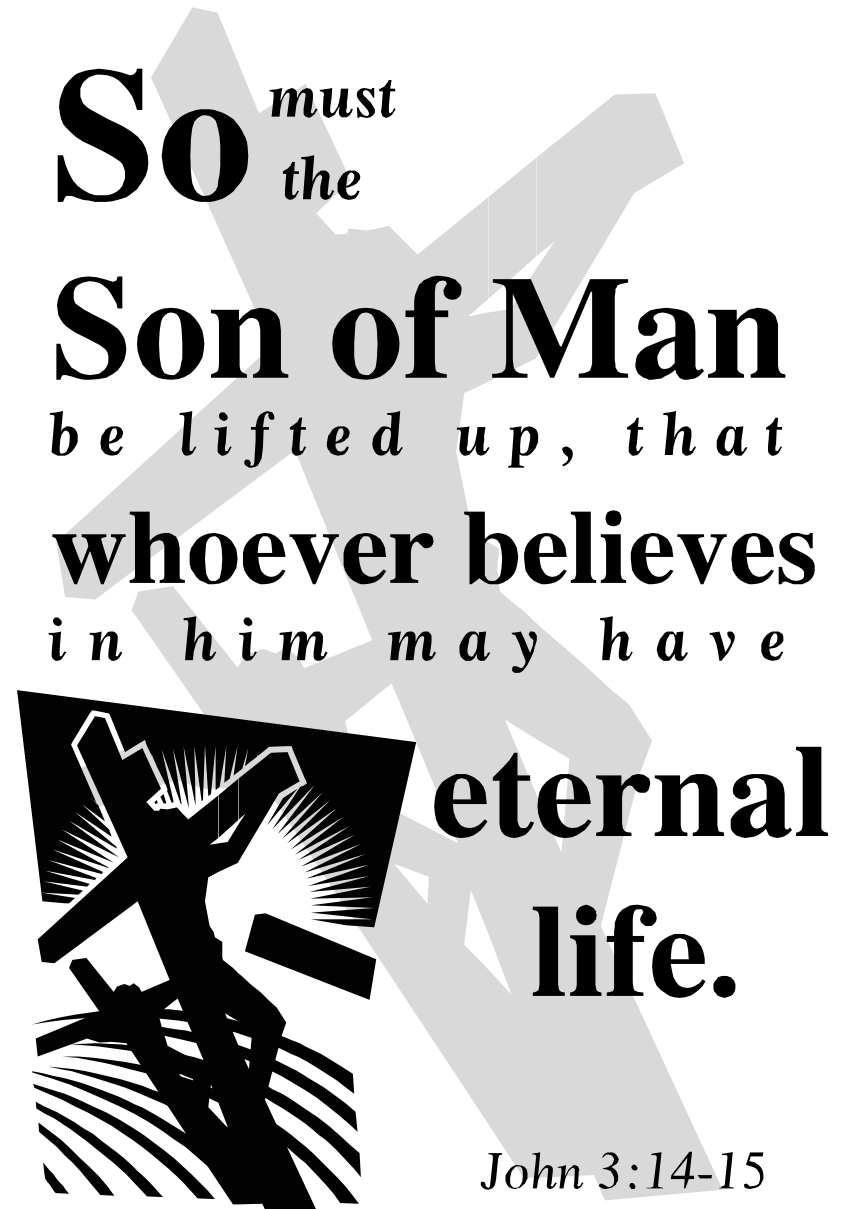
Tuesday - 1 Peter 1:13-16 Peter, whose response in Gethsemane had been to draw his sword, now points rather to the grace of God in Christ. This will move God's obedient children not to follow the passions of their former ignorance, but to conduct themselves as children of the heavenly Father.

Wednesday - Luke 22:63-65 The passions of ignorance included mocking God's Servant Jesus. His captors challenged His prophetic office, by suggesting that if He were a prophet, He should prove it by responding to their "test." We, too, are tempted at times to put God to our tests. "If God really cared, He would..."


Thursday - Luke 22:66-71 After practice trials during the night, it was necessary to convene in the daytime to make Jesus' condemnation legal. This is accomplished by getting Him to testify that He is the Christ, the Son of God. For them this justified killing the Lord of Glory. For us this is the light of Salvation shining through the clouds of death.

Friday - Jeremiah 26:1-15 The prophet Jeremiah was sent to call people back from their evil ways to the true God. He was given the words to speak which prophesied the end of those who reject God's word. The people's passionate response was to encircle God's messenger, haul him to court, and threaten him with death.

Saturday - 2 Peter 1:19-21 Peter speaks of the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and reminds us that God's prophets (like Jeremiah) spoke what they were moved to speak by the Holy Spirit. Their words bring light in the darkness, and Christ's fulfillment brings the dawn of a new day in our hearts.



So *must*
the
Son of Man
be lifted up, that
whoever believes
in him may have
eternal
life.



John 3:14-15

LENT THREE

Calvary Lutheran Church March 12, 2023

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

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

CLOSING HYMN: 51 – "Now May He Who from the Dead"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 12, 2023

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP

† *Cake/Coffee*

† *Sunday School – OT #51 – Jonah*

† *Bible Study – Pentecost*

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Confirmation Class 3:30pm

Wednesday: Choir Practice 6pm; Midweek Lenten Worship 7pm

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

CHOIR PRACTICE/LENTEN WORSHIP

The Choir will practice on Wednesday at 6pm. Our Midweek Lenten Worship will follow 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	Amount Pledged (Including Memorial)	Amount Remaining
\$9,098.60	\$1,336.75	\$7,761.85

VOTER'S MEETING – 3/12/2023

A Quorum of the Voters of Calvary decided 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 plan to meet this morning after worship to clarify the Calvary Constitution and to develop a Diploma of Vocation and Call Letter.

¹⁷ They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods."

¹⁸ Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹ Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰ He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹ The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious. *

THE CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF WYATT MATTHEW RETTKE

BIRTH: 9/28/22 **BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT:** 3/12/23

WITNESSES: Brett Heikkila, Lindsey Rettke

EPISTLE LESSON:

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."*

THE GRADUAL

Pastor: Rise up, O LORD. Do not let man triumph;

Congregation: Let the nations be judged in your presence.

Pastor: When my enemies turn back;

Congregation: They stumble and perish from your presence.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Pastor: Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens;

Congregation: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CALVARY CHURCH CHOIR:

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

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

HYMN: 398 - "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

THE SERMON:

MATTHEW 23:23-28

²³"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. ²⁴Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! ²⁵"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. ²⁶Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. ²⁷"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. ²⁸Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.**

SHAME ON YOU!

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

THE OFFERING HYMN:

(TLH 438:4-5)

We, Lord, would lay at Thy behest
The costliest offerings on Thy shrine;
But when we give, and give our best,
We give Thee only what is Thine.

O Father, whence all blessings come;
O Son, Dispenser of God's store;
O Spirit, bear our offerings home:
Lord, make them Thine forevermore.

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

RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP OF MR. DEVIN RETTKE

Devin has completed the adult instruction course with Pastor Schaller and this morning expresses his agreement with Calvary on the teachings of the Bible, becoming a Communicant Member.

HYMN: 416 - "Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 143

¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! ² Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

³ For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. ⁴ Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

⁵ I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. ⁶ I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. *Selah*

⁷ Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. ⁸ Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

⁹ Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge. ¹⁰ Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

¹¹ For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! ¹² And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.*

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

Almighty and everlasting God, you do not want any of these little ones to perish and have sent Your only Son to seek and to save that which was lost and through Him has said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not forbid them for of such is the kingdom of God.' We pray that you would so bless the children of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Your Word; protect and defend them against every danger and harm, giving Your Holy Angels charge over them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

FOR GRACE TO BE LED INTO ALL TRUTH

Enlighten our minds, we pray, O God, by the Spirit which proceeds from You, that, as Your Son has promised, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, Your son our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree! 'Tis the Christ by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He! 'tis He! 'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord; Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.

2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His? Friends through fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress; Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would interpose to save; But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that Justice gave.

3. Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate. Mark the Sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load; 'Tis the WORD, the LORD'S ANOINTED, Son of Man and Son of God.

4. Here we have a firm foundation; Here the refuge of the lost; Christ's the Rock of our salvation, His the name of which we boast. Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built. Amen.

LITURGICAL GLORY BE TO JESUS

Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains Poured for me the life-blood From His sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal In that blood I find; Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!

Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream Which from endless torments Did the world redeem!

HYMN RENEW ME, O ETERNAL LIGHT

1. Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright, Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Thy holy face.

2. Destroy in me the lust of sin, From all impureness make me clean. Oh, grant me power and strength, my God, To strive against my flesh and blood!

3. Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Thy Word And naught but what Thou wilt, desire; With such new life my soul inspire.

4. Grant that I only Thee may love And seek those things which are above Till I behold Thee face to face, O Light eternal, through Thy grace. Amen.

OFFERING ALMIGHTY FATHER, HEAVEN AND EARTH

We, Lord, would lay at Thy behest The costliest offerings on Thy shrine; But when we give, and give our best, We give Thee only what is Thine.

O Father, whence all blessings come; O Son, Dispenser of God's store; O Spirit, bear our offerings home: Lord, make them Thine forevermore.

HYMN OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His statutes still! Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!

2. Order my footsteps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere; Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep; And should I e'er forget Thy way, Restore Thy wandering sheep.

4. Make me to walk in Thy commands,-- 'Tis a delightful road,-- Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God. Amen.

HYMN NOW MAY HE WHO FROM THE DEAD

1. Now may He who from the dead Brought the Shepherd of the sheep, Jesus Christ, our King and Head, All our souls in safety keep!

2. May He teach us to fulfil What is pleasing in His sight, Perfect us in all His will, And preserve us day and night!

3. To that dear Redeemer's praise, Who the covenant sealed with blood, Let our hearts and voices raise Loud thanksgivings to our God. Amen.