

## LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR – NOVEMBER 25, 2018

**What is the Divine Service?** If you are new to Calvary, you may have never heard the term ‘Divine Service.’ As Lutherans, we believe that this hour of ‘worship’ is not based on our service to God, but His *divine* service to us. For a basic summary of what we believe is here occurring, please read hymn #602, “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives,” in our hymnal.

+ *Our Christian Communion Statement* +

The **Sacrament of the Altar** is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, as instituted by Christ Himself. The Scriptures teach Christians to commune together at the Lord’s Table, dependent on three presuppositions:

- Proper discernment of the bodily presence of Christ (1 Cor. 11:27-29)
- Unity of doctrine and confession (Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor 1:10; Hebr. 13:10)
- A clear conscience toward and love for fellow communicants (Matt. 5:23-24; Rom. 15:5-6);

Therefore, in Christian love and for the safety of all, we ask all who are not yet members of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, or those who refuse to be reconciled with fellow penitents, to refrain from communing until you have spoken with the pastor. *Thank you.*

### \*\*\* ORDER OF SERVICE \*\*\*

#### LITURGY **Divine Service Setting III (p. 184)**

*Insert, Psalm 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12a; (antiphon: Peter 3:1:3b)*

**Processional Hymn:** 534, “Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** 516, “Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying” (Choir v.2, 8:00am)

**Hymn of Preparation:** 155, “This is the Feast of Victory”

**Distribution Hymns:** 513, “The Clouds of Judgement Gather”  
514, “The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”  
512, “At the Name of Jesus”

**Recessional Hymn:** 336, “Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending”

### \*\*\* SERVING AND ASSISTING TODAY \*\*\*

8:00: Elder: Erik Mahan; Ushers: Randy Dalessandro, Quinton Reh, Ben Mahan

Crucifer: Brandon Rothman

10:30: Elder: Dean Spacone; Ushers: Daniel Baker, Chuck Wiskirchen, Mike Salazar

Crucifer: Zach Mahan

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Fred and Jeanette Redeker, for their 8<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

+ *In Preparation for the Divine Service* +

*During the week, the household ought meditate upon the proclamation of the Sunday prior and, late in the week (perhaps Friday and Saturday), familiarize itself with the focus of the Sunday to come. Thus,*

**Next Sunday’s readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 19:28-40**

**Next Sunday’s chief hymn: 332, “Savior of the Nations, Come”**

*All are encouraged – perhaps on Saturday night or early Sunday morning – to make use of “Christian Questions with their Answers” (Section 4 of the Small Catechism), prepared by Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament. Also, individual Confession and Absolution is available each week by appointment.*

### \*\*\* THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES \*\*\*

Today: **Divine Service with Holy Communion** ..... **8:00 & 10:30 AM**  
Bible Class and Sunday School..... 9:15 AM  
Tue.: Evening Circle Cookie Bake/Meeting.....5:00 PM  
Wed.: Confirmation Class.....7:00 PM  
Choir Practice.....7:00 PM  
Thur.: Service Guild Meeting (rescheduled from 11/15)..... 12:00 PM  
Fri.: *Pastor at Bd. of Regents*  
Sat.: *Pastor at Bd. of Regents*  
Sun.: **Divine Service with Holy Communion**..... **8:00 & 10:30 AM**  
Bible Class and Sunday School.....9:15 AM  
*Evening Circle Cookie/Craft Sale between services*

### \*\*\* CHRISTIAN EDUCATION \*\*\*

*We welcome all members and visitors to join with us in learning the life-giving doctrine of Christ!  
We hope to see you in one or more of the classes below!*

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** This morning’s study of the *Epistle to the Hebrews* concludes chapter 6 and moves into chapter 7’s discussion of Jesus’ priesthood. What’s the difference between the Aaronic priesthood and the “priesthood according to Melchizedek? Join us this morning, 9:20-10:15, as we read and meditate upon this wonderfully comforting epistle!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** Children are encouraged to join us this morning at 9:15 in the main gathering area downstairs. As we finish the fall quarter this month, children study Old Testament lessons that focus on God’s grace toward His people in the Exodus, and how that points us all to His promises in Christ Jesus! This morning: “The Bronze Serpent.” All are welcomed!

**CATECHISM (CONFIRMATION) CLASSES** This Wednesday, we gather at our normal time of 7:00-8:15, then *next week* we begin our Advent schedule. Parents, please be aware of the changes in time and help us plan accordingly! Thanks!

**CALVARY BOOK CLUB** This past week, anyone who had signed up for a copy of *The Benedict Option* should have received an e-mail with the study guide attached. If you did not receive the e-mail, please contact Pastor. Our review is scheduled for Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:45pm.

**BOOK OF CONCORD STUDY GROUPS** How does the Book of Concord teach us our confession of the faith for daily life in a fallen world? All are invited and encouraged to benefit from meeting every third Saturday in the Gathering Room with one of the following groups:

**Ladies:** Our next study is *Saturday, December 8, 9:00-10:30*. We consider the Solid Declaration’s discussion of the “The Third Use of God’s Law” and how that applies to today’s preaching and life. All ladies are invited to join us in the Gathering Room.

**Men:** Our next study is (tentatively) scheduled for either *Saturday, December 22 or 29, 9:00-10:30* (as discussed in yesterday’s class). We continue to discuss Luther’s explanation of the Ten Commandments. We wrap up 2018 by concluding our discussion of the Third Commandment. Join us, as we discuss!

**\*\*\*ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\*\***

**Welcome in the name of Christ!** Whether you are a visitor with us this morning or a member of Calvary, we would appreciate you filling out the pew registry located toward the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to please read the introduction to the Sacrament of the Altar as found inside the front cover of the bulletin. *Thank you.*

**WINTER WEATHER PROTOCOL** As we approach wintry weather, remember to check the website and your e-mail on a Sunday morning if you are worried about service cancellations. In the event of schedule changes, e-mails and website postings will be available by 7:00AM.

**ADVENT LUNCHEON** The catered luncheon begins around 12:00; (see the menu on the bulletin board). Desserts can be brought in by any members that wish to share their sweets. We do ask that you sign up for the meal, that we can have an approximate count for the caterer. The last day to sign up is Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>- 9 a.m. Any help to clean up is appreciated, so that we can all enjoy the hymn sing after dinner, (beginning around 1:15pm.)

**WARM CLOTHING DONATIONS** The Ladies Service Guild is collecting warm clothing for Elgin Wayside this month. Gently used coats, sweatshirts, and the like, can be dropped off in the designated container in the Narthex. Thank you!

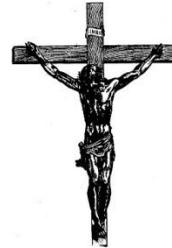
**GIVING TREE IN NARTHEX** Through Calvary's "Giving Tree", consider making this Christmas memorable for a less fortunate child. Pick a tag ornament off the tree and *be sure to sign and leave the attached slip in the bag, for tracking purposes.* Purchase a gift (\$15-20), wrap it, and attach the ornament tag to the gift. Donation deadline is Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

**ADVENT SOUP-SUPPERS** Beginning on December 5, will have Wednesday night soup-suppers prior to the Advent service. We start eating about 5:30pm but food is available until around 6:15. Clean-up begins at 6:30, so that everyone can attend the 7:00 Advent service. If you would like to share a dish to pass, please sign up outside the church office as to which week you would like to bring your dish. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** The sign-up sheet is now on the table in the Narthex to purchase poinsettia plants to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to donate a plant, please sign-up by Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost is \$10.00 per plant. *You may leave the payment on the secretary's desk. Thank you!*

**SANCTUARY UPDATE** The brown wall is coming down! Though we must carefully time the move of the audio equipment (and so, will have a remnant of the wall for a bit), we're glad to be able to see the stained glass window! Woodworking details are wrapping up in the next 10-14 days, and staining will take place in a few weeks. Just two weeks until installation of the nave flooring begins. And, somewhere in all this, the hanging of the crucifix... Indeed, our committee's volunteers will enjoy the Christmas pause! Thanks for your support and patience!

**EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS...**Issues, Etc. is an online talk show / podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio. You can listen to Lutheran experts discuss topics like: The Advent Season, The Fourth Commandment & the Boy Jesus in the Temple, The Movie "Fantastic Beasts," The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold and more. You can listen on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.



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