

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 5, 2019

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)**

Introit *Insert, Psalm 145:4-7, 9; (antiphon: Psalm 145:10)*

Gathering Hymn: 487, “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

HYMN OF THE DAY: 485, “Long Before the World is Waking”

Hymn of Preparation: 155, “This Is the Feast”

Distribution Hymns: 617, “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

483, “With High Delight, Let Us Unite”

482, “This Joyful Eastertide”

*** SERVING AND ASSISTING TODAY ***

8:00: Elder: Eric Mahan; Ushers: Randy Dalessandro, Ben Mahan, Quinton Reh, Brandon Rothman
Acolyte: Ben Baker

10:30: Elder: Vic Kovachevich; Ushers: Daniel Baker, Chuck Wiskirchen
Acolyte: Jake Kujak

+ *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, familiarize itself with the focus of the Sunday to come. Thus,

Next Sunday’s readings: Acts 20:17-35; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Next Sunday’s chief hymn: 709, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

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. Likewise, 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.: Board of Elders Meeting.....7:00 PM
Wed.: Confirmation Class.....7:00 PM
Fri.: Book Club.....7:00 PM
Sat.: Spring Clean-Up.....8:30 AM
Swaddling Clothes Open.....9:00AM-12:00PM
Sun.: **Divine Service with Holy Communion**..... **8:00 & 10:30 AM**
Bible Class and Sunday School.....9:15 AM

*** 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, we study the first half of Hebrews 12 – the Fatherly discipline of sons. Join us this morning, 9:20, in the downstairs study hall!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES Classes continue studying the Biblical accounts of the ministry of Jesus. This morning, the children study “Jesus Calms a Storm.” Join us, beginning at 9:20, in the downstairs children’s gathering area.

CATECHISM (CONFIRMATION) CLASSES With just three weeks left, we’re in desperate need of hours to finish off the year. Parents, please plan on this Wednesday, 7:00-8:45 (an extra 30 minutes).

CALVARY BOOK CLUB Readers, the study guide has been e-mailed to you! (If you didn’t receive it, please contact Pastor). We plan to meet this Friday, 7:00pm, to discuss Athanasius’ *On the Incarnation*. Even if you didn’t read it, this discussion would be beneficial for you, too, as you meditate ‘on the Incarnation’ of our Lord!

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, May 18, 9:00-10:30*, in the Gathering Room. We attempt to conclude our reading of the Formula of Concord’s seventh article, “The Holy Supper of Christ.” All ladies are welcome to join us!

Men: Our next study is scheduled for *Saturday, May 25, 9:00-10:30*. We continue to discuss Luther’s Large Catechism; we conclude the Fourth and Commandment and introduce our discussion on the Fifth, “You Shall Not Murder.” All men are invited to join us in the Gathering Room.

*****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 back cover of the bulletin. *Thank you.*

SPRING CLEAN-UP In thankfulness to our Lord for His many blessings, we desire to be good stewards of our church's possessions. Join us this Saturday, May 11, at 8:30am, as we use a few morning hours for some important spring maintenance of the church property, both inside and out – especially that which didn't get done last fall. All 'helping hands' are appreciated!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN Please consider picking up one of the baby bottles in the narthex and filling it with change to help support Christian-based TLC Pregnancy Services. Your donation will help provide free medical and material support services for moms & babies in need. Please place the bottles in the bottom basket no later than next Sunday, May 12th (*Mothers Day.*)

NURSERY HELP Thank you to the few families that take turns cleaning the nursery. A couple more helping hands would be appreciated in the rotation of monthly cleaning duties. This would include disinfecting surfaces as well as the toys. Would you be able to help? There is a sign-up sheet posted in the nursery. *Thank you*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Our next quarterly congregational meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th at 7:30pm. Mark your calendars and please consider attending.

CHURCH PICNIC CREW Would you be willing to help with the set-up and/or clean-up of the church picnic, which is scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, June 23rd? This year it will be held at Binnie Forest Preserve. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the table in the narthex. Thank you to the Shaw family, who again has graciously offered to head up this event!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BRUNCH The end-of-the-school-year brunch is scheduled for *Sunday, May 26th* between services. Join us for brunch and children's singing! Helping hands in the kitchen would be most appreciated. Willing to help? – please contact Neal Trenery. *Thanks!*

2019 GRADUATES If you or a Calvary family member is graduating from high school or college, please notify the church office with the name of the student by May 12th, so that they may be included in the newsletter, as well as the Prayer of the Church. You may call the office, or email: office@clce.org with the information. *Thank you*

PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY... You're invited to attend the **Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference** Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8 at Concordia University Chicago. Topics include: Why the Public Square Needs Christianity, Joyfully Lutheran, The Lord's Supper, The Hippocratic Oath and more. Speakers include: Matt Harrison, Ross Douthat, Hans Fiene, Wesley Smith, Will Weedon and others. Registration is \$125 and includes three meals. For more information, visit www.issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.



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