

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 8, 2020

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 105:4-7; (antiphon: Psalm 105:8)

(during Lent, the opening hymn is omitted to focus on the Confession of Sins and Absolution)

HYMN OF THE DAY: 571, “God Loved the World So That He Gave”

Distribution Hymns: 596, “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”
637, “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”
708, “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”



***** SERVING AND ASSISTING TODAY *****

8:00: Elder: Steve Baker; Ushers: Ken Jones, Quinton Reh, Jim Foerster, Joe Baker

Acolyte: Zach Mahan

10:30: Elder: Dean Spacone; Ushers: Chris Wilson, Dan Fehrman

Acolyte: Drew Willigman

+ *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: Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-26

Next Sunday’s chief hymn: 823, “May God Bestow on Us His Grace”

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.:	Council Meeting.....	7:00 PM
Wed.:	Lenten Services	4:30 & 7:00 PM
	Dinner.....	5:30 PM
	Confirmation Class during 5:30 dinner hour	
	Choir Practice after 7:00pm service	
Fri.:	Pastor out of office at CUC thru Saturday	
Sat.:	<i>Swaddling Clothes</i> 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 close out chapter five and begin the final chapter of 1 Timothy. Why would Paul dare say that a master of a slave is “worthy of all honor”? Join us for the discussion, 9:20, in the fellowship hall downstairs!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES Children continue their studies in the coming of the Messiah. This morning’s lesson: “The Mountain Message.” Having recently heard sermons on Jesus’ “sermon on the mount,” this will be a great opportunity for children to review! Children gather downstairs at 9:15.

CATECHISM (CONFIRMATION) CLASSES This morning at 9:20, students continue the elder-led studies in Catechism memorization. Wednesday classes continue their Lenten schedule, 5:45-6:30, as we continue our discussion on Baptism.

CALVARY BOOK CLUB Our next book is *Atheism to Christianity*. The book has been ordered and *may* be ready for pick-up. Please leave payment for the book with the church secretary. Enjoy!

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:

Men: Our next study had to be bumped a week for Pastor’s schedule and is slated for *Saturday, March 21, 9:00-10:30*, as we move into the Apostles’ Creed. All men are welcome to join us!

Ladies: Our next study is *Saturday, March 28, 9:00-10:30*, in the Gathering Room. We wrap up our focus on Formula of Concord, Article X, “Church Practices.” All ladies are welcome to join us!

❖ **“CALVARY AT DAILY PRAYER”** The weekly guide for self-study is available on the small table in the narthex. Take one each Sunday and join the congregation in daily prayer! *Suggestions, requests for the weekly guide are always taken; Pastor is happy to hear your thoughts and work on implementation.*

*****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.*

LENTEN INSERT Please remember that, as we traverse the season of Lent, the hymn insert “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” replaces the *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*, as we meditate upon Christ’s sacrifice and eagerly anticipate the glory of God to shine forth again on Easter morning.

LENTEN DINNERS The sign-up sheets are in the narthex for *volunteers who would like to bring a dish to the Wednesday evening Lenten suppers*. (The food ‘theme’ for this week is *Hot Sandwiches, i.e pulled pork, etc.*) We ask dishes/desserts be brought downstairs *by 5:15*. Please consider that the donated dishes will collectively serve approx. 70 people. Thank you!

EASTER LILIES The sign-up sheet for purchasing an Easter lily to beautify the sanctuary is now out. The cost is \$13, and we ask that plants be taken home following the 10:30am Easter service, or arrangements to pick up that Monday morning can be made with the secretary. Please leave payment on the secretary’s desk. Order deadline is March 22nd. *Thank you!*

PORTALS OF PRAYER April-June *Portal of Prayers* are now available to pick-up on the small table in the narthex.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – COMING SOON! The review process is complete! We’ve signed off on printing, conditional upon a few grammatical corrections; and we simply wait for the final product to be delivered! We look forward to distributing it soon!

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER DATES As you make your summer plans, please include the following activities on the calendar: Sunday School Breakfast – May 24th; Calvary Picnic – June 28th; Christian Education Week – likely late-June or mid-July (pending).

“MAKING THE CASE CONFERENCE 2020” The Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference is again at Concordia University, Chicago! Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13. If we have enough interest, transportation can be planned where we can attend together. Speakers include: Mollie Hemingway of *The Federalist*, Mark Hemingway of *RealClearInvestigations*, Rev. Hans Fiene of *Lutheran Satire*, Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller of *Has American Christianity Failed?*, Rev. William Weedon of *The Word of the Lord Endures Forever*, and more. Register by March 31 to take advantage of the ‘early bird discount’. For more information and to register, visit issues.org/conference-2020. If you are planning on attending, please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex, so the Board of Ed. can see the interest in planning. *Thank you!*



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+ LENTEN MIDWEEK SERIES +
Wednesday, March 11
“On Trial”
4:30pm & 7:00pm
Dinner: 5:30pm

