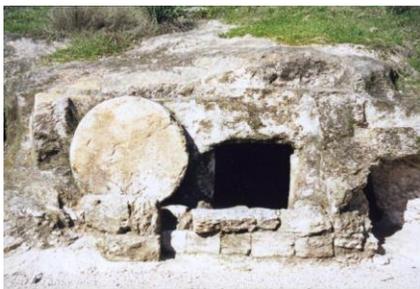


# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

450 W. Ohio • Marquette, Michigan

[www.calvary.clclutheran.org](http://www.calvary.clclutheran.org)



**Easter Breakfast . . . . . 8am**

**Divine Worship. . . . . 9:30am**

Andrew A. Schaller, Pastor

Church: (906) 226-9372

Parsonage: (906) 228-3566

## EASTER SUNDAY

April 21, 2019

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

**Psalm: 110** (Pg. 146)

**Prayers: Morning Prayer** (Pg. 118); **64** (Pg. 108).

**Organist:** Mr. Walter Priebe

**HYMNS: 188 190 198 199**

### MATTHEW 28:1-15/OPENING PRAYER

**OPENING HYMN: 188** – “Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”

### 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).

Though I be by sin o'ertaken, Though I lie in helplessness,  
 Though I be by friends forsaken And must suffer sore distress,  
 Though I be despised, contemned, And by all the world condemned,  
 Though the dark grave yawn before me, Yet the light of hope shines o'er me.

Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid;  
 Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid.

From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies.  
 Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!  
 Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife.

Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened Paradise!  
 None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.

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

### CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Paul Krause has returned the call of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Corpus Christi, Texas. • Teacher Matthew Thurow has returned the call of St. John’s Lutheran School in Okabena, MN. • Bethel Lutheran of Morris, MN has also applied for a graduate of Immanuel Lutheran Seminary. • Faith Lutheran School in Markesan, WI, has called Teacher Quinn Sprengeler, who currently serves Redemption Lutheran School in Lynnwood (Seattle) WA, to serve as teacher and principal. • Teacher Seth Schaller has returned the call of Holy Trinity Lutheran School in West Columbia, South Carolina.

<b>Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2019</b>	
<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>	
<b>Amount Pledged 2019</b>	<b>Amount Received as of 4/14/19</b>
\$7000.00	\$2180.00 (-4820.00)

<b>CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO</b>		
<b>MAY GOAL</b>	<b>RECEIVED 4/14</b>	<b>MAY GOAL</b>
\$30.00	\$0	\$30.00

<b>The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 4/14/19</b>				
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Loose Offerings</b>	<b>Missions (CBP)</b>		
\$1102.00	\$78.00	\$75.00		
<b>Offerings Total: \$1255.00</b>				

\* Scripture quotations (unless otherwise noted) are taken from the Holy Bible, New King James Version, © 1982 by Thomas Nelson Publishers. All rights reserved.

## READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS; APRIL 22-27, 2019

**Monday - 1 Thessalonians:** Since things were going sour in the congregation, the Holy Spirit used Paul to do some sweetening by reminding them that neither Paul nor God had let them fall through the cracks (1:2-6). In fact, God had made them a positive influence on other Christian congregations (1:7-10), and Paul had served their interests at the expense of his own, for they had become dear to him (2:1-12). When people love each other, . . . .

**Tuesday – 1 Thessalonians 2:13-3:13** God's concern for them was indisputable, for He had opened their hearts to His Word, stiffened them to endure persecution, and was smoothing the road for Paul to see them soon (2:13-19). In the interim, Paul kept in touch with them via Timothy, his apprentice (3:6-10). And who but God could keep them secure (3:11-13)? Same with us.

**Wednesday** - We know how God wants us to behave (4:1-2) in matters of sex (3-8) as well as in our general demeanor (9-12). Switching channels, how long will it take God to bring our departed friends/relatives back to life? No more than the few seconds it takes for *the Lord Himself to descend from heaven* and shout, "WAKE UP!" *Those who are asleep in Jesus* will awake, join the others still alive, and in one great throng we will get caught up together to meet the Lord (4:13-18). So, let's stay ready for the reunion (5:1-11). Meantime, God has put a lot on our plates (5:12-22). Dear Lord, help us!

**Thursday - 2 Thessalonians 1** It's our human nature to stumble over the concept that tribulations are blessings in disguise, but here's how it works: We know we are on God's side when Satan makes our life difficult; (Jesus is the prime case which proves the formula). If our life weren't difficult, that would be *prima facie* evidence that we and Satan were on friendly terms; so our tribulations are evidence that we are on God's side, not Satan's. Hallelujah!

**Friday 2 Thessalonians 2** Satan has a sinister way of deceiving hearts: he has created the Anti-Christ, a domain/person which *exalts itself above all that is God's domain, sitting as God in the temple of God* (the human soul), *showing himself that he is God*, and thus seducing souls into his clutches. This minion of Satan keeps people ignorant of God's supreme Bible truth that salvation comes to us via Jesus alone. Therefore, we must hang on tightly to His Word/Bible doctrine on all spiritual matters (13-17). Lord, have mercy on us!

**Saturday - 2 Thessalonians 3:** *Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified; don't join in misbehavior, laziness, or any other unloving conduct; we (and Jesus) expect more than that from one another. If and when someone acts that way, try to straighten him out. The Lord be with you all; the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*

## **THE RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 16**

**Pastor:** *Preserve me, O God,*

**Congregation:** ***For in You I put my trust.***

*P: O my soul, you have said to the LORD,*

***C: “You are my Lord, my goodness is nothing apart from You.”***

*P: As for the saints who are on the earth,*

***C: “They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.”***

*P: Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god;*

***C: Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take up their names on my lips.***

*P: O LORD, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup;*

***C: You maintain my lot.***

*P: The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;*

***C: Yes, I have a good inheritance.***

*P: I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel;*

***C: My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.***

*P: I have set the LORD always before me;*

***C: Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.***

*P: Therefore, my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;*

***C: My flesh also will rest in hope.***

*P: For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,*

***C: Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.***

*P: You will show me the path of life;*

***C: In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. \****

**CHURCH CHOIR:      HOW BRIGHTLY SHINES THE MORNING STAR**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

**ACTS 2:22-39**

<sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—<sup>23</sup> Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; <sup>24</sup> whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

<sup>25</sup> For David says concerning Him [Psalm 16:8-11]:

*'I foresaw the LORD always before my face,  
For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.*

<sup>26</sup> *Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad;*

Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.

<sup>27</sup> *For You will not leave my soul in Hades,*

Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

<sup>28</sup> *You have made known to me the ways of life;*

You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'

<sup>29</sup> "Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

<sup>30</sup> Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. <sup>34</sup> "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself [Psalm 110:1]:

*'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand,*

<sup>35</sup> *Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."*'

<sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." \*

### **HYMN RESPONSE:**

**Christ is arisen From the grave's dark prison**

**We now rejoice with gladness; Christ will end all sadness**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**All our hopes were ended Had Jesus not ascended**

**From the grave triumphantly, For this, Lord Christ, we worship thee.**

**Lord have mercy.**

### Symbols of the Easter Season—The Easter Lily

“Easter lilies, which form such a large share of church decoration during Easter, are associated with the resurrection for two reasons. The first is simply that they bloom at that time of year, which is always a factor in the association of certain flowers with various seasons of the church year. Another is the seeming decay of the bulb of the lily until it finally grows and blooms at Easter. A suggestion of the idea of life from death was the basis for the connection of a variety of things to the Resurrection.”



Seasons & Symbols – a handbook on the church year  
by Robert P. Wetzler and Helen Huntington.

Alleluia

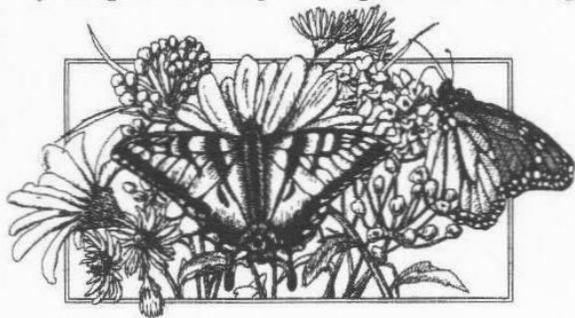
### Symbols of the Easter Season—The Butterfly

“The Butterfly is one of the most beautiful symbols of the resurrection and of life eternal. The three-stage life of the butterfly resembles the lowly life, death and burial, and the glorious resurrection of Christ. All who by faith belong to Christ also pass through the same three stages.

It is easy to note how a butterfly has become symbolic of the Resurrection. The beautiful form of the butterfly coming from the seemingly lifeless chrysalis (Cocoon) could hardly fail to suggest itself as a parallel to the Lord's coming forth from the tomb.

Also representing the

individual Christian's victory through Christ, this symbol offers additional meaning. The larva suggests the lowly condition of man on earth; the chrysalis, the body of man in the grave; the butterfly, the glorified body destined for eternal life.”



Seasons & Symbols – a handbook on the church year  
by Robert P. Wetzler and Helen Huntington.

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**We now rejoice with gladness. Christ will end all sadness.  
Lord, have mercy.**

**THE GRADUAL** -- (A Prayer for the Sunday read responsively)

**Pastor:** He is arisen, Hallelujah!

**Congregation:** Why seek the living among the dead? Hallelujah!

**P:** Remember how He spoke beforehand, Hallelujah!

**C:** The Son of man must be crucified and the third day rise!

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**P:** Father, you have crowned Him with glory and honor;

**C:** You have given him dominion over the works of your hand.

**Hallelujah!**

**(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"**

**GOSPEL LESSON:**

**MARK 16:1-18**

[cf. also Matthew 28:1-8; Luke 24:1-9]

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother of* James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.

<sup>2</sup>Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. <sup>3</sup>And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” <sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup>But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.”

<sup>8</sup>So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

[cf. also Luke 24:13-48; John 20:1-10]

<sup>9</sup>Now when *He* rose early on the first *day* of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. <sup>10</sup>She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. <sup>11</sup>And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.



## EVEN WHEN STEEPLES ARE FALLING

Many people across the world watched with amazement and disbelief as the cathedral of Notre Dame fell victim to a devastating fire. As an historical work of architecture, it has been recognized across the world, and by Catholics as a religious icon, perhaps the most iconic religious and historical symbol of Paris. While much of the building remains, much of it collapsed, as flames destroyed a good part of the structure, including the recognizable center spire that fell to the floor in flames.

The cathedral of Notre Dame was constructed over 200 years, from 1163-1345. In it was a huge 18<sup>th</sup> century still functional pipe organ. The organ with its 8,000 pipes remained intact, though its condition has not been determined. The much-photographed Rose window, said to be the largest glass window in the world, dating back to the 13th century is still intact. If walls could talk what vast amount of history, it could tell-- the coronation of Henry VI in 1431 and that of Napoleon in 1804. It stood through the French revolution (1787-1799) and Nazi occupation (1940) during which Paris was bombed with large loss of life.

It contained many church artifacts, ancient paintings, as well as relics that Catholicism venerates. Reportedly saved was the crown of thorns, in Catholic lore claimed to be the one placed on Jesus' head. Also saved were what Catholics claim to be a fragment of Christ's cross, a nail from Jesus' cross, and the "Blessed Sacrament, a name for the body and blood of Christ in the form of consecrated bread and wine." The latter reflects the Roman teaching of transubstantiation. The altar and cross in the front as well as some pews withstood the fire.

As the roof and the center spire of Notre Dame built with human hands collapsed, thoughts turned to the Church not built by human hands. It is the Church whose roots are in eternity. The foundation of this Church is Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11), also the Head of the Church which is His body (Colossians 1:18). It is the holy Church in which perfect unity exists under one Shepherd (John 10:16). It is the glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, without blemish or spot (Ephesians 5:27). It is the Church in which a blessed diversity exists, consisting of Christ-believers "of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues" (Revelation 7:9). All are children of God through faith in Jesus Christ who in one faith and confession, and in united heart and voice sing, "Salvation belongs to our God Who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb" (Revelation 7:10). This Church is imperishable. The gates of hell cannot prevail against it (Matthew 16:18). So long as the world stands it shall increase as the Gospel is taught and the Sacraments are administered in accord with the Lord's institution. By the power of the Spirit, the Lord gathers it and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. Its numbers and persons are known to God alone (2 Timothy 2:19). It is the ***Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints***. Of it we sing:

**Built on the Rock the Church doth stand,  
Even when steeples are falling. (TLH, 467)**

Baptized into the Body of Christ, “begotten again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,” every believer in Jesus waits for the unknown day when the Lord will call. While waiting, children of God live under the gracious promise that the Lord will guard and keep them in the faith. Among them we count ourselves.

But it behooves us not to jeopardize this assurance through neglect and indifference toward the Lord and His Word. “All the promises of God in Him [Jesus Christ] are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God...” (2 Corinthians 1:20). All God’s promises are good as He is faithful and will not deny Himself; but His promises are always in association with our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, Who prays for us. He is our Advocate with the Father (1 John 2:1-2). Jesus said, “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand” (John 10:27-28). Jesus’ word clearly tells us that security unto eternal life belongs to those who hear His voice and follow Him.

On the other hand, the Lord tells us, “If your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, I announce to you today that you shall surely perish...” (Deuteronomy 30:17-18). Therefore, we read, “Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your faith” (Revelation 3:11).

The potential for greater loss and damage to the believer than the falling of a church or cathedral steeple lies in turning from the Lord. The faithful child of God who takes God’s Word to heart and who recognizes the challenges to the faith perpetrated by the devil will guard against the attitude of Felix who said to Paul, “Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you” (Acts 24:25). Do not keep the Savior out in the cold to warm your hands around the fire of worldly pleasures.

“Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, while it is said: ‘Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion’” (Hebrews 3:12-15).

Besides personal neglect and indifference another danger lurks. It lies in the temptation for God’s people to become overly impressed with the history, artifacts, icons, social action, and impressive steeples of churches and cathedrals which in the process of time have lost the solid foundation of divine truth. Under the increasing pressure to adopt the diversity mantra of society, it is easy to become more impressed with common religion that allegedly fits all than to abide in divine truth.

Paul said to the Athenians, “I perceive that you are very religious” (Acts 17:22). He proceeded to tell the heathen of the true God, the “Lord of heaven and earth,” Who “does not dwell in temples made with hands.” It is not much of a leap from not knowing the true God, to the modern apostasy that promotes the idea that all gods are the same, which in the end suggests that it makes no difference what one believes as long as one believes something. The heterodoxy of churches within Christianity who claim to speak for God but speak the thoughts of their own heart and mind in contradiction of His truth make it imperative that God’s people be on guard and avoid false teachers who by their smooth words and fair speeches, deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting (Romans 16:17-18).

Isaiah in the Old Testament and the apostle Peter in the New Testament wrote, “The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the Word of the Lord endures forever” (Isaiah 40:8, 1 Peter 1:25). Every holy man and every god of man’s imagination is dead and dies, but the Triune God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier has lived from eternity.

The Holy Scriptures, the Holy Christian Church collectively and individually have been under as vehement attack through the ages as they are today. Nevertheless, as surely as the Lord of Heaven and Earth is eternal, His Word has endured. God’s truth endured against the deceit of scribes and pharisees, the philosophy of the Greeks, the persecutions of Rome, and every other attack from within the church and outside of it. It will endure through the secularism of our day.

Steeple fall, but the message of the incarnate Son of God, crucified for the sins of the world, and risen again for our justification, translates His love unto salvation for all who believe in Him. In the darkest times His word endures to the comfort of all who cling to His Word, “The mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed” says the Lord, Who has mercy on you” (Isaiah 54:10). By grace you are saved.

The devil fights, but in vain. As surely as they failed who crucified the Lord, so shall the Savior’s enemies fail today. Literally and figuratively, steeples fall, but the Holy Christian Church shall remain and increase until it is delivered from this present world. God says of the Word that goes forth from His mouth: “It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it” (Isaiah 55:10). “Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word.”

To the faithful, the watchful, the waiting, the Lord says:

**“I know mine own, My own know Me;  
Ye, not the world, My face shall see,  
My peace I leave with you. Amen” (TLH, 467)**