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WELCOME - OUR INVITATION- To all who need comfort; to all who want friendship; to those who desire acceptance; to all who want sheltering love; to those who sin and need a Savior, whoever will come, this church opens wide its doors, and in the name of our Lord, says WELCOME!

VISITORS - We welcome you to Mt. Calvary! We hope that hearing God's Word this morning will strengthen and enrich your faith. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Carrier and sign the guest register, located in the narthex at the rear of the church.

Our Mission: To be living letters written by the Holy Spirit, read by all. (2 Corinthians 3:3).

WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS the following people dealing with health concerns:

From our fellowship: Erv Beyersdorf, Bill Buchanan, Judy Buchanan, Dina Gilmore, Arnold Karcher, Jeff Kurtz, Karen Roemer, Karolyn Swad, Carol Vietzke, and Philonese Walker as she continues her recovery

Among our friends and families: Ronda Burns Aitchison, Kimiko Astalos, Gabrielle Awada, Julie Buckbee (daughter of Kimiko Astalos), David Coates, Barbara Drisko (friend of Sylvia Wallace), Elizabeth Higginbotham, Jill Hupp, Luella Lanier (mother of Philonese Walker), Patricia McNally, Rev. Pat O'Brien, Sue Richardson, Izzy Sherman who has a cancerous brain tumor. (niece of John Duff of Redeemer, Birmingham).

We also pray for the United States military, first responders, police officers (especially Police Officer Robert Hamilla), and firefighters of the 9th precinct, and the City of Detroit.

Lutheran Hour Ministries - Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" every Sunday with host Rev. Gregory Selz on the following radio dials: Detroit WDFN (1130) @ 6:30 a.m.; WRDT (560) @ 6:30 p.m. and XM Satellite Family Radio 170 @ 1:00 P.M. Next Sunday, September 16, the Lutheran Hour theme will be:

"The Mystery of God" – Guest speaker, the sainted Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, speaks of the undeniable hiddenness of God becoming the openness of God when you see His Son, Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 55:6-9)

The Order of Worship
Matins – Pages 219 to 228
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Opening Hymn

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

Hymn 594

Service of Holy Baptism (*Pages 268-271*)

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 35: 4-7a

⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146: 1-10

P: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P: Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**C: When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.**

P: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**C: who made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

P: who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**C: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts
up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

P: The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow
and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**C: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all
generations. Praise the LORD!**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.**

The Epistle Reading James 2:1-10, 14-18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,”⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it....

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse *(Sung by Cantor)*

Alleluia. Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel Mark 7:24-37

(Please join in reading the words of Jesus in bold print.)

²⁴ From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵ But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ And he said to her, “**Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.**” ²⁸ But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.” ²⁹ And he said to her, “**For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.**” ³⁰ And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹ [Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “**Be opened.**” ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Common Responary *(Sung responsively - Music found on the bottom of page 221)*

P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

Refrain: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Repeat Refrain:

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Repeat Refrain:

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

“Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” **Hymn 848**

Sermon

“Who Is Your Favorite?” *(James 2:1-10)*

Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” **Hymn 790**

Offering

Prayer (*Pages 227-228*)

Kyrie

Lord's Prayer (*Music is found on the second to last page of Service Book*)

Collect

Collect of the Day

P: O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your people and lead us to make requests that agree with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction (*Page 228*)

Closing Hymn

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Hymn 528

+ To God Alone be Glory +

HOLY BAPTISMS – Baptized into the family of Christ this morning is Isaac Brian Kapelanski, the son of John Kapelanski and Tammy Slimmen. Also baptized is Isaiah Scott Mensior, the son of Michael and Tammy Slimmen. The sponsor for both children is their grandfather, Bruce Allen Mensior. The family invites you to share in some fellowship, along with a luncheon in the auditorium following worship.

LWML RALLY - The Greater Detroit Zone LWML Rally is taking place this afternoon at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot Avenue in Detroit. Opening worship begins at 3 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 3:30. The speakers following the meeting will be Tim and Beth Heiney who have been serving as missionaries in Guinea, West Africa. After their presentation, a light supper will be served. There is a \$5.00 registration fee for this event.

COUNCIL OF LUTHERAN WOMEN FALL MEETING - The Heineys will also be the afternoon speakers at the Council of Lutheran Women Fall meeting on Monday, Sept. 24. Please plan to join them at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Birmingham, 2225 East 14 Mile Road. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m., followed by opening devotions at 9:45. The business meeting that follows will include opportunities for all the inter-congregational units to update the attendees on their special events and projects, plus the announcement of the 2018 scholarships that will be awarded to seminarians, deaconess students, and the two Memorial Scholarship recipients from Concordia University-Ann Arbor. Lunch will then be served by the ladies of Our Shepherd with a free-will offering received for the luncheon. The Heineys will have a display table prior to their afternoon presentation. A donation basket will be available on their display table to receive donations to support their missionary efforts. Checks can be made payable to "Global Lutheran Outreach" and please add "Heineys" on the memo line. The hostesses need an accurate count of attendees to prepare for seating and the meal, so please RSVP by Sept. 19 to Marlene Gunnell at 586-778-4852 or marlene1@wowway.com.

SCRIP NEWS - The newest retailer on the SCRIP list is DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse). There is a \$25 card available @ 8% and ScripNow in \$10 increments. See Lucie for an order form or to place an order.

VOTERS MEETING - Please plan to attend the Voters Meeting that will be held next Sunday, September 16, following the Worship Service.

ATTENTION all paid staff and Camp Restore Detroit Board members. You are encouraged to attend a debriefing meeting for the 2018 season on Saturday, September 22. The time and location will be announced soon.

CAMP RESTORE WRAP UP – EVERYONE who was involved in any way with Camp Restore for 2018 is encouraged to attend a get-together with community leaders on Thursday, September 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the auditorium. There will be a light supper served. No involvement is too small. Did you help serve a meal, did you participate in a community barbeque, or maybe worked behind the scenes? If you cannot be there by 5 or 6 p.m., still come at 7! There will still be people to hear your discussion thoughts. We do need to know if you plan on attending, however. You will be asked to fill out a short survey prior to the meeting. Please RSVP to the church office soon!

CAMP RESTORE DETROIT FUNDRAISER - The letter and reservation forms for our first annual fundraiser on **Sunday, October 14**, have now been delivered! It will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Eastpointe and includes dinner and entertainment. We are gathering many items for the silent auction which will be part of the fundraiser. Maybe you will find something for yourself, a birthday, or other gift for a family member or friend! Tickets are \$25 (\$10 for the meal and \$15 donation). Please return your reservation form and check payable to **Camp Restore Detroit** by Monday, October 1. Please pass this on to your family and friends. Information and the reservation forms are available on Mt. Calvary's website www.mtcalvarydetroit.org. Please see Sue Riske if you have any questions! We look forward to seeing you there!

**Serving Christ and
His People Today**

Worship Leader: Rev. John Carrier
Organist / Cantor: Daryl Witte
Elders: Erv Beyersdorf, Adam Kurtz,
Matthew Lundgren Jerry Roy
Worship Reader: Erv Beyersdorf
Altar Guild: Susan Riske, Carol Vietzke

**Serving Among Us
Sunday, September 2**

Elders: Erv Beyersdorf, Adam Kurtz,
Matthew Lundgren, Jerry Roy
Worship Reader: Bill Buchanan
Altar Guild: Susan Riske, Carol Vietzke

**Calendar for the Week of
September 9 through September 16**

Today: 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with the Holy Baptism
Of Isaac Brian Kapelanski and
Isaiah Scott Mensior
10:15 a.m. Fellowship time, along with a luncheon
in the basement auditorium
3:00 p.m. Greater Detroit Zone LWML Rally

Monday Head Start classes resume

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting at the home
Of Jerry Roy

Wednesday: 11:15 - 12:45 Food Bank

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Voters' Meeting

