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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, Debora Jackson who is struggling with medical issues, 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 Astolos), David Coates, Barbara Drisko (friend of Sylvia Wallace), Elizabeth Higginbotham, Jill Hupp, Luella Lanier (mother of Philonese Walker), Patricia McNally, Rev. at 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 Johnnie Harris), firefighters of the 9th precinct, and the City of Detroit.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of Prayer and Preaching Pages 260-267

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Opening Hymn

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

Hymn 842

Opening Versicles *(Page 260)*

Old Testament Canticle *(Pages 261-262)* *(All sing entire canticle)*

The Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸ The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.” ²⁰ But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual *(Sung by the Cantor)*

Alleluia, Alleluia! O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth. Alleluia!

The Epistle Reading James 3:13 – 4:10

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is

not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

¹ What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Hymn 725

The Holy Gospel Mark 9:30-37

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord. *(Spoken)*

³⁰ [The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, **“The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”** ³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, **“What were you discussing on the way?”** ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, **“If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”** ³⁶ And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ **“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ. *(Spoken)*

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“Lord’s Prayer”

Children’s Message

Hymn

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

Hymn 851

Sermon

“Who’s Number One?” (*Mark 9:30-37*)

Offering

Prayer (*Page 265-266*)

Collect of the Day

P: O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility a childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Collect for the Word (*page 265*)

Morning Prayer (*page 266*)

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Closing Hymn

“O Word of God Incarnate”

Hymn 523

+ To God Alone be Glory +

YOU'RE INVITED - **EVERYONE** is invited to attend an informal meeting this morning at 10:15 a.m., in the church basement to be informed about any policy changes or other changes for CRD for the 2019 camping season. Any changes will have been decided by the Board after reviewing the questionnaires CRD volunteers were asked to fill out. Doughnuts will be served! Bible Class will resume on September 30.

COUNCIL OF LUTHERAN WOMEN FALL MEETING - The CLW Fall Meeting on Monday will welcome in-gathering of donations to the many Lutheran ministries the Council helps support. This includes non-perishable food items for two Detroit Food Banks; layette items for Operation Layette (especially needed are gender-neutral sleepers and gowns in sizes 3-9 months, crib blankets, cloth diapers); paper meal serving supplies for Camp Restore Detroit and Family of God; glasses and sunglasses for MOST; Easter baskets and school supplies for Gifts for All God's Children. The complete list is available on the Council's webpage at <http://www.clwmichigan.com/> under "Opportunities for Participation". Registration starts at 9:15 a.m. with opening devotions at 9:45. Following the luncheon served by the ladies of Our Shepherd in Birmingham will be a presentation by missionaries Tim and Beth Heiney, currently on furlough from their ministry in Guinea, West Africa. If you'd like to help support the Heineys, a basket will be available on their display table. Checks should be made payable to: Global Lutheran Outreach, with Heineys written on the memo line.

BLOCKHEADS NEEDED – Volunteer help is needed for a construction project at Camp Restore Detroit. If you've worked with masonry, concrete blocks, cement or are just plain handy, please lend a hand! We're building a dumpster enclosure: pouring a footing and a concrete pad, raising a concrete block wall, hanging gates so Camp Restore Detroit can meet the code regulations of the city. Help us help this great mission continue! Please call Pastor Carrier at 810.887.0363 for more info.

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!

THE DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS – The 2018 – 2019 concert season of the Detroit Lutheran Singers begins on Saturday, October 20 and Sunday, October 21, with two concerts in the Detroit metro area. The fall series contains the usual high quality sacred music in diverse styles. The theme for this program, chosen by Director Hall, is “Made in Michigan” because most of this concert was composed by Michigan composers, or were commissioned for Michigan choirs. Tickets are available at the door for \$15 (general admission) and \$10 (students and seniors). Children under 12 are free. You may purchase your tickets in advance online at www.detroitlutheransingers.com. The performances are listed below:

Sat., October 20 at 7:00 p.m. – Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Sun., October 21 at 3:00 p.m. – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
814 N. Campbell Rd., Royal Oak

NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4321 Vicksburg in Detroit, invites you to their 41st Annual Salad Bar on Saturday, September 29. Worship will be held from 3:00 until 5:00, followed by the salad bar from 5:00 to 7:00. Tickets are available at the door for \$10.

HOLDING ON AND LETTING GO: Making Sense of End-of-Life Care

- What are “advance directives”? Can we go too far in sustaining life with all the modern technologies? For a discussion of these issues and others, come to St. Luke Lutheran Church, 21400 S. Nunneley, Clinton Township on Saturday morning, September 29. From 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., the St. Luke Life Team is offering a seminar on the medical and faith issues surrounding decisions at the end of life. A panel of nurses including the President of Michigan Nurses for Life will share their knowledge and experience to help you be better prepared to make sense of End-of-Life Care.

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 30, the Lutheran Hour theme will be:

“Cut Off...For Us!” – Sin is serious because it cuts us off from God. Guest Speaker, Dr. Lawrence Rast, says Jesus was cut off from God, in our place. (Mark 9:38-50)

**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: Adam Kurtz
 Altar Guild: Susan Riske, Carol Vietzke

**Serving Among Us
Sunday, September 30**

Elders: Erv Beyersdorf, Adam Kurtz,
 Matthew Lundgren, Jerry Roy
 Reader: Elizabeth Parrish
 Altar Guild: Susan Riske, Carol Vietzke

**Calendar for the Week of
September 23 through September 30**

Today:	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time and informal meeting in the auditorium regarding plans for Camp Restore Detroit
Monday:	9:15 a.m.	Council of Lutheran Women Fall Meeting at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Birmingham
Tuesday:	10:00 a.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday:	11:00 - 12:30	Food Bank
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study