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***Last Sunday of the Church Year***

**November 25, 2018**

**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:**

Bill and Judy Buchanan, Dina Gilmore, Debora Jackson, Arnold Karcher (who is at Shore Point Rehab after a recent fall), Jeff Kurtz, Karen Roemer, Karolyn Swad, Carol Vietzke, and Philonese Walker

**Among our friends and families:**

Ronda Burns Aitchison, Kimiko Asalos, Gabrielle Awada, Julie Buckbee (daughter of Kimiko Astolos), David Coates, Barbara Drisko (friend of Sylvia Wallace), Elizabeth Higginbotham (who has been hospitalized), Jill Hupp, Luella Lanier (mother of Philonese Walker), Harrison McNally, Patricia McNally, Rev. Pat O'Brien, Sue Richardson, Izzy Sherman (niece of John Duff of Redeemer, Birmingham)

**Gathered Home by God:**

Erv Beyersdorf experienced God's ultimate healing grace in the resurrection this past Tuesday. We pray that God the Holy Spirit would comfort his family and friends.

**We also pray for:**

The United States military, first responders, police officers (especially Police Officer Jamal Jackson), firefighters of the 9<sup>th</sup> precinct, and the city of Detroit.

**Lutheran Hour Ministries** - Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" every Sunday with host Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on the following radio dials: Detroit WDFN (1130) @ 6:30 a.m.; WRDT (560) @ 6:30 p.m. and Sirius XM Satellite Family Radio 170 @ 1:00 P.M. Next Sunday, December 2, the Lutheran Hour theme will be:

**"Reality Therapy"** – The book of Ruth deals with unimportant people and unimportant matters, but deals with them in such a way to show that God is active in ordinary lives - like yours and mine. Ruth's story became an important part of the story of Jesus. Listening to God's work in her life can rescue us from dead-end delusions and bring us what is most real - a Jesus-centered reality. (Ruth 1-2)

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Service of Prayer and Preaching**  
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**Opening Hymn**

“Lord of Our Life”

**Hymn 659**

**Opening Versicles** *(Page 260)*

**Old Testament Canticle** *(Pages 261-262)*

**(All sing refrain)**

*(Cantor sings the verses)*

**The Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 51:4-6

<sup>4</sup>“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. <sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Anthem**

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

Hildebrand

*(Text may be found in Hymn 336)*

**The Epistle Reading** Jude 20-25

<sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ

that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup> And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup> save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

<sup>24</sup> Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup> to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

**Hymn 801**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
 And there proclaim; “My God, how great Thou art!”  
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

## The Holy Gospel Mark 13:24-37

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

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

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

<sup>24</sup> [Jesus said:] **“In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And then he will send out the angels**

and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup> “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup> “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup> Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup> lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Common Responsory** (*Page 263*)

**Catechism** (*Page 264*)

“Apostles’ Creed”

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn**

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

**Hymn 516**

**Sermon**

“While You’re Waiting...” (*Jude 20-25*)

**Offering**

**Prayer** *(Page 265-266)*

**Collect of the Day**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Collect for the Word** *(page 265)*

**Morning Prayer** *(page 266)*

**New Testament Canticle** *(Pages 266-267)*

**Blessing** *(Page 267)*

**Closing Hymn**

“We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

**Hymn 941**

+ To God Alone be Glory +

**CHURCH DECORATING** - Please plan to join your fellow church members in decorating the sanctuary tomorrow, November 26 at 12:30 p.m. following the Church Council meeting and lunch in the auditorium. The old phrase, "Many hands make light work" is definitely appropriate in our endeavor to beautify the sanctuary in honor of Christ's birth.

**COOKIES NEEDED** - Cookies are needed for packaging for shut-ins and for the Christmas Gift delivery for our Head Start families on December 15. Please bring your cookies with you tomorrow. Perhaps we can "taste-test" a few of the cookies with our lunch, plus any broken ones set aside for quality control!

**CHRISTMAS ART PROGRAM** - The kids Christmas Art Program is starting tomorrow and will take place every Monday afternoon from 4:15 p.m. - 6 p.m. until December 17! Kids will be making Christmas decorations to bring home, and the final day will be a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Christmas party! A simple meal will be provided to the kids at each event. We are looking for volunteers to help with food, registration, and the art class itself. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Elizabeth Parrish at 612.499.1038 or [elizabeth@campstore.org](mailto:elizabeth@campstore.org). Thank you!

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** - We need your help! We will need empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls for a craft project for the Christmas party on December 15. A marked container is available in the church office for your drop offs. Thank you for your help!

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** - We will once again have beautiful red poinsettias surrounding the Christmas trees in the chancel. If you would like to place one or more, the cost is \$10 per plant. You may sign up on the form located in the Altar Guild Room. Please place your order **no later than Friday, December 7**. Thank you!

**SCRIP NEWS** - Including today's order, there are four orders before Christmas (Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16), so please pick up a paper order form or visit [www.shopwithscrip](http://www.shopwithscrip) if you want to see the entire list of retailers available for order. Then see Lucie to place your order. Remember, your order not only does your shopping for you, but earns a rebate that helps support our Food Bank efforts here at Mt. Calvary.

**THE DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS** - This Christmas season, the Detroit Lutheran Singers are pleased to present Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols." This collection of Christmas music is based on old English carols and is accompanied by harp! In addition, there will be wonderful arrangements of traditional songs of the season, and the audience will be invited to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus." Did you know this is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Silent Night?" Come and hear!

**Sun., December 2 at 3:00 p.m.**      Historic Trinity Lutheran Church  
1345 Gratiot Ave.  
Detroit

**Sun., December 2 at 7:00 p.m.**      St. Mary Catholic Church  
1955 E Commerce Rd.  
Milford

**Fri., December 7 at 7:30 p.m.**      Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
34567 W Seven Mile Rd.  
Livonia

**Sat., December 8 at 7:00 p.m.**      Redeemer Lutheran Church  
1800 W Maple Rd.  
Birmingham

**Serving Christ and  
His People Today**

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

**Serving Among Us  
Sunday, December 2**

Elders: Adam Kurtz, Matthew Lundgren  
 Reader: Sylvia Wallace  
 Altar Guild: Susan Riske, Carol Vietzke

**Calendar for the Week of  
November 25 through December 2**

**Today:** 9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time  
 10:30 a.m. Bible Study

**Monday:** 10:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting  
 Noon Luncheon in auditorium  
 12:30 p.m. Sanctuary Decorating  
 4:15-6:00 p.m. Christmas Art program

**Wednesday:** 10:00 a.m. Mt. Calvary Head Start Reading program

**Thursday:** 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion  
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time  
 10:30 a.m. Bible Study