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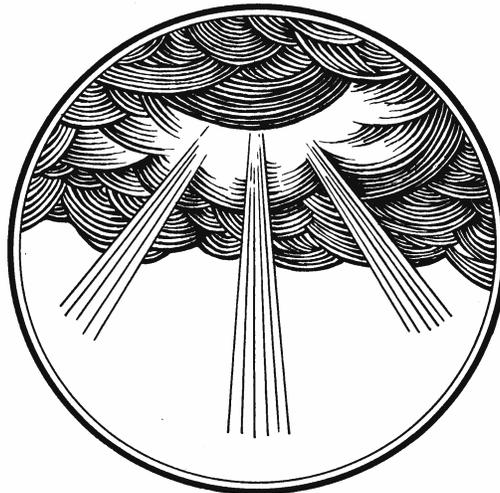
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***First Sunday in Advent***

**December 2, 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 Cor. 3:3).

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Divine Service, Setting One**  
**Pages 151-166**

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**The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

“Light One Candle” *(Solo)*

Sleeth

**Processional Hymn**

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

**Hymn 334**  
**Stanzas 1-4**

**Confession and Absolution** *(Page 151)*

**Introit**

Cantor: Behold, your king is com-/ ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal-/ vation.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation / of your throne;\*  
steadfast love and faithfulness go be-/ fore you.

All: **Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy / Spirit.**

**As it was in the be-/ ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

Cantor: Behold, your king is com-/ ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal-/ vation.

**Kyrie** *(Pages 152-153)*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** *(Page 156)*

P: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your  
protection, we may be rescued from the threatening perils of  
our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You  
live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading** Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup> “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Anthem**

“Prepare the Way”

Luvaas

**The Epistle Reading** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup> What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup> as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? <sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup> and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup> so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

**Hymn 341**  
**Stanzas 1-3**

**The Holy Gospel** Luke 21:25-36

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** *(Sung)*

<sup>25</sup> [Jesus said:] “**And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves,** <sup>26</sup> **people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.** <sup>27</sup> **And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.** <sup>28</sup> **Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”**

<sup>29</sup> And he told them a parable: “**Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.** <sup>30</sup> **As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near.** <sup>31</sup> **So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.** <sup>32</sup> **Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place.** <sup>33</sup> **Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.**

<sup>34</sup> “**But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.** <sup>35</sup> **For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth.** <sup>36</sup> **But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Children’s Message**

Pastor Carrier

**Hymn of the Day**

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

**Hymn 332**

**Sermon**

“Are You Reading the Signs?” *(Luke 21:25-26)*

**Nicene Creed** *(Page 158 or back cover of Service Book)*

**Prayer of the Church**

*(Each petition concludes; P: Lord in your mercy . . .  
C: Hear our prayer.)*

**Offering and Offertory** *(Pages 159-160)*

**Service of the Sacrament** *(Pages 160-164)*  
*(Our Communion Practice is printed on the insert.)*

**Hymn during the Distribution**

“Come, thou Precious Ransom, Come”

**Hymn 350**

**Post Communion Liturgy** *(Pages 164-166)*

**Recessional Hymn**

“The Advent of Our King”

**Hymn 331**

+ To God Alone be Glory +

## **OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus, those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

Because Holy Communion is a confession of our faith, if you are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, you should first speak to pastor. If you are unable to receive Holy Communion today and wish to come to the altar rail for a blessing, we ask that you cross your arms at the rail. During the distribution of Communion, you are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns, and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased. Those who have any concerns or questions are invited to speak with the pastor prior to or following the service.

**CHRISTMAS ART PROGRAM** - The kids Christmas Art Program started last Monday and will take place every Monday afternoon from 4:15 - 6. until December 17! The children 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! We are also asking for your help on December 15. If you are able to assist, please contact Terrie in the church office.

**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 this Friday, December 7**. Thank you!

**SCRIP NEWS** – Next Sunday (December 9) will be the last week to order any of the low denomination cards which are currently available. Orders on December 9 and 16 will be the last orders before Christmas for your give card purchases. See Lucie for a current order form or to place an order!

**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!

**Today at 3:00 p.m.**

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church  
1345 Gratiot Ave.  
Detroit

**Today 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: Sylvia Wallace  
 Altar Guild: Susan Riske, Carol Vietzke

**Serving Among Us  
Sunday, December 9**

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

**Calendar for the Week of  
December 2 through December 9**

<b>Today:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
<b>Monday:</b>	4:15-6:00	Christmas Art program
<b>Wednesday:</b>	11:15 - 12:45	Food Bank
<b>Thursday:</b>		No Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday:</b>		Last day to order Poinsettias
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study

**MEMORIALS** – Thank you to the following people for their gifts to Mt. Calvary in memory of Erv Beyersdorf: Pat Fritz, John Hupp, Brian McNally, Sue Riske, Ron Varty, and Carol Vietzke.

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

**From our fellowship:**

Bill and Judy Buchanan, Dina Gilmore, Debora and Jessie 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 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), Harrison McNally, Patricia McNally, Rev. Pat O'Brien, Sue Richardson, Izzy Sherman (niece of John Duff of Redeemer, Birmingham)

**Gathered Home by God:**

Doris Heymoss a former member of Mt. Calvary experienced God's ultimate healing grace in the resurrection last week. A Memorial Service is scheduled for December 18 at 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton Twp.

**We also pray for:**

The United States military, first responders, police officers (especially Police Officer Kevin 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 9, the Lutheran Hour theme will be:

**"Redeemer with a Capital R"** – When people use the word "redeem" outside of religious context, they tend to use it in a commercial sense such as redeeming points from purchases or casino tokens for cash. In the Bible, the word "redeem" is a family setting. In the story of Ruth, Boaz is a "kinsman redeemer", who points to Jesus, our capital-r Redeemer. Jesus has done more than pay our points. He redeems by bringing us into his clan, his people, and his household, that we might be with him forever. (Ruth 3-4)