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December 30, 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, De'Borah and Jessie Jackson, 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 and family, Patricia McNally, Rev. Pat O'Brien, Sue Richardson, Izzy Sherman (niece of John Duff of Redeemer, Birmingham)

We also pray for:

The United States military, first responders, police officers (especially Police Officer Helen Jones), firefighters of the 9th precinct, and the city of Detroit.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service, Setting One
Without Communion
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Opening Hymn

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Hymn 384

Confession and Absolution *(Page 151)*

Introit *(Spoken)*

Cantor: The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the /
nations,*
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation / of our
God.
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done / marvelous
things!*

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- / tion for
him.

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: The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the / nations,*
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation / of our God.

Solo

“We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth”

Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Hymn 368

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

P: O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created

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P: O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son, yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Old Testament Reading Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” ³Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place....

¹¹“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

"Let Our Gladness Have No End"

Hymn 381**The Epistle Reading** Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.**Solo**

"Lord, Now You Let Your Servant Go in Peace"

Schalk

The Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

²² When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord")²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was

Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day

"Let All Together Praise Our God"

Hymn 389

Sermon

Apostles' Creed (*Page 159 or back cover of Service Book*)

Prayer of the Church

(After each petition . . . P: Lord in Your mercy . . .

C: hear our Prayer.

Offering and Offertory (*Pages 159-160*)

Lord's Prayer (*Back cover of Service Book*)

Benediction

"Amen." (*Spoken response*)

Closing Hymn

"See amid the Winter's Snow"

Hymn 373

+ To God Alone be Glory +

WE WELCOME Rev. Richard Robinson from St. John, Detroit today. We thank him for leading our worship the last two weeks.

DONATIONS – We thank Diana Lundak for her donations to Mt. Calvary in memory of her loved ones and friends. In addition, we thank her for her memorial given in memory of Erv Beyersdorf. We also thank the grandparents of Charlotte Caffrey for their donation to Mt. Calvary in honor of her baptism.

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, January 6, the Lutheran Hour theme will be:

“The Word Turned Toward” – People use their words to build bonds of trust with people they love. In Jesus, God does the same; He turns His Word toward us. (John 1:1-18)

**Serving Christ and
His People Today**

Worship Leader: Rev. Richard Robinson
Organist/Cantor: Daryl Witte
Soloist: Daryl Witte
Elders: Adam Kurtz, Matthew Lundgren, Jerry Roy
Worship Reader: Matthew Lundgren
Altar Guild: Susan Riske, Carol Vietzke

**Serving Among Us
Epiphany Sunday, January 6**

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

**Calendar for the Week of
December 30 through January 6**

Today: 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
No Bible Study

Monday: Church office closes for the day at 11 a.m.

Tuesday: Church Office Closed

Wednesday: Head Start Staff returns to work

Thursday: No Choir Rehearsal

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time with the taking down
of Christmas decorations... lunch
following