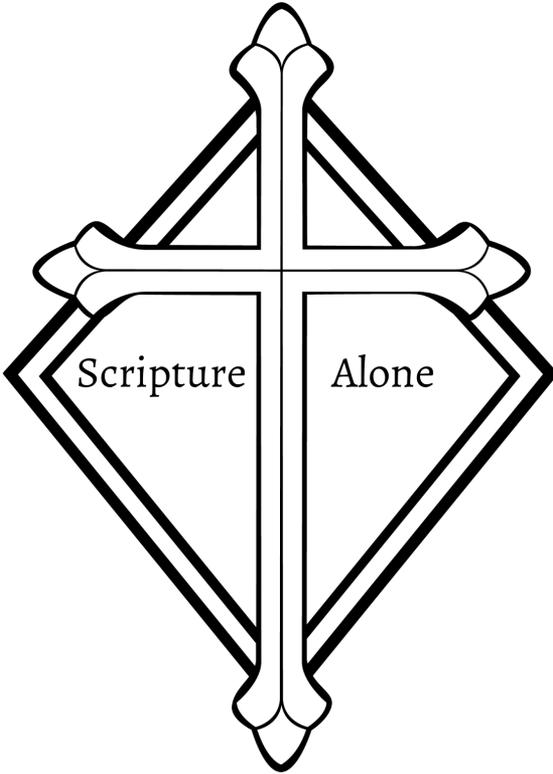


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February 19, 2017

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thanks for worshipping with us today! Please put your name in our visitor register at the entrance and please come soon to worship with us again.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS MORNING

The Sower sows the Seed of His Word. (Lk 8:4 –15) This Word is living and powerful (Heb 4:9 –13) to conceive new life in those who hear it. But the planting of Christ is attacked by the devil, the world, and the flesh. Satan snatches the Word away from hard hearts. The riches and pleasures of this life choke off faith. Shallow and emotional belief withers in time of temptation and trouble. But see how Christ bears this attack for us! Christ's cross was planted in the hard and rocky soil of Golgotha. A crown of thorns was placed upon His head. Satan and His demons hellishly hounded and devoured Him. Yet, through His dying and rising again, He destroyed these enemies of ours. Jesus is Himself the Seed which fell to the ground and died in order that it might sprout forth to new life and produce much grain. In Him the weak are strong. (2 Cor 11:19 –12:9) He is the Word of the Father which does not return void (Is 55:10 –13) but yields a hundredfold.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Everything we do in our worship service occurs within the context of the Divine Service ("Service of God"), in which the primary emphasis is what God does to serve us, and secondarily, our service rendered to God. Our services have various parts, including the confession of sins, the reading and preaching of the Word, and the sacrament. Each part "delivers the goods" of the Gospel and the forgiveness of sins, which reflects the central teaching of all of Scripture: that God has declared us justified on the basis of what Jesus has done for us.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher

Organist at Calvary

Rev. Jeff Hendrix

Andrew Bilitz

COMMON SERVICE

Pg. 5 – Calvary, Ulen

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SERVICE OF PREPARATION



The first part of our service is where we prepare our hearts to come before God in worship. We do so through confession, but more importantly, we receive absolution, the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

OPENING HYMN

Almighty God, thy Word is Cast | 49

INVOCATION

Matt 28:19b

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.** [*Amen: used hundreds of times in Scripture: "this is true"*]

P: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water, *beseeking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ* *Heb 10:22*
to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **Who made heaven and earth.** *Psalms 124:8*

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalms 32:5*

CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. *[Philippians 2:10]*

C: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for all of them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.** *[1 John 1:9]*

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

C: Amen.

INTROIT



Antiphon (refrain sung by pastor):

Awake! Why do `You sleep, O Lord? /

Arise! Do not cast us `off forever.

For our soul is bowed `down to the dust; /

arise for our help `and redeem us. *Psalm 44:23, 25-26*

Psalm:

We have heard with `our ears, O God, /

our fathers have told us the deeds You did `in days of old:

You drove out the nations `with Your hand, /

but you planted our fathers because `you favored them.

You have saved us from `our enemies, /

and have put to shame those `who hated us.

In God we `boast all day long, /

and praise Your `name forever. *Psalm 44:1-3, 7-8*

Glory be to the Father `and to the Son /

and to the `Holy Ghost;

As it was in the be`ginning, is now /

and ever shall be, forever`more. A-men. *[Matthew 28:19]*

KYRIE ELEISON

Matthew 20:30 (repeated 3 times)

Have mercy on us, O Lord,

Have mercy on us, O Christ,

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

From Septuagesima until Holy Saturday, the Gloria in Excelsis [Luke 2:14] is omitted.

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

C: Grace be with you.

THE COLLECT

[Based on the Epistle & Gospel for today]

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that through Your Son Jesus Christ You have sown Your holy Word among us: We pray that You will prepare our hearts by Your holy Spirit, that we may diligently and reverently hear Your Word, keep it in good hearts, and bring forth fruit with patience; and that we may not incline to sin, but subdue it by Your power, and in all persecutions comfort ourselves with Your grace and continual help; through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD



After being absolved of our sins, we “enter” (hence the “introit”) the service proper and God comes to us through means of His Word. The Service of the Word begins with the lessons, and is where we hear God’s Word in the hymns, lessons, and sermon.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 55:10-13

“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”



GRADUAL FOR THE PASSIONTIDE

Philippians 2:8

All: Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to `the point of death, / even the `death of the cross.

EPISTLE LESSON*2 Corinthians 11:9-12:9*

For you put up with fools gladly, since you yourselves are wise! For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face. To our shame, I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold—I speak foolishly—I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to apprehend me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I forbear, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 8:4-15

C: *(spoken)* **Glory be to You, O Lord!** [*Psalm 86:12*]

And when a great multitude had gathered, and others had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience."

C: *(spoken)* **Praise be to You, O Christ!** [*2 Corinthians 1:3-5*]

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Augsburg Confession: V – The Ministry of the Church

That we may obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the sacraments was instituted. For through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given, who works faith where and when it pleases God in those who hear the Gospel. That is, God, not because of our own merits, but for Christ's sake, justifies those who believe that they are received into favor for Christ's sake. We condemn the Anabaptists and others who think that the Holy Spirit comes without the external Word but through their own preparations and works.

CHIEF HYMN

The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace | 297

SERMON: Scripture Alone (*Luke 8:4-15*)

Pastor begins by praying John 17:17 & ends with a blessing from Philipians 4:7.

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

**A: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from Your presence,
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.**

OFFERING

[2 Corinthians 9:7]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast By Thy Word | **261**

Grace completes the service with Holy Communion.

Calvary ends with the prayers on pg. 10 in the service folder.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



Our faith is not sustained by our own efforts, but by God. God gives to us His own Body and Blood, through which we receive forgiveness, life, salvation, and strength to remain in the true faith unto life everlasting. We have these blessings as often as we eat the bread and drink the cup.

EATING THE BODY & DRINKING THE BLOOD OF THE LORD

*God, through St. Paul explains the blessings of Holy Communion, but also warns of the dangers of eating and drinking the Lord's Body and Blood unworthily. We practice "closed communion" in order to protect anyone from receiving the Body and Blood unworthily. The Bible teaches us that we are unworthy to receive this Sacrament not only if we don't believe in Him and His forgiveness (*Matthew 10:32-33*), but also if we don't recognize the presence of the Lord's Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine (*1 Cor. 11:26-29* and *Acts 2:42*); if we aren't repentant of our sins (*Matthew 6:14-15*); or if we hold to different confessions or beliefs (*Romans 16:17-18*). We ask that only those who are members of our church body and who have examined themselves come forward to the altar. If you wish to commune here, we'd love to make that happen; please speak to pastor after the service.*

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

C: Grace be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1, Lamentations 3:41]

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

[Psalm 136]

P: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; *You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God.* Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

[Revelation 5 & 8]

SANCTUS

A: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

The whole earth is full of His glory!”

Isaiah 6:3

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’

Hosanna in the highest!”

Matthew 21:9

THE LORD’S PRAYER

A: Our Father...

Matthew 6:9-13

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

P: Peace be with you.

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29 (repeated 3 times)

C: **Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**
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DISTRIBUTION

Communicants may pray in private preparation the traditional prayer: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but only speak a word, and my [soul] will be healed"

[Matthew 8:8] and/or "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies" (Psalm 116:12-13 & Psalm 18:3).

Pastor says "The true body of Christ," "The true blood of Christ."

1 Corinthians 11:24-27, John 6:53, [1 Corinthians 4:1]

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32

C: **"Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace,
According to Your word;
For my eyes have seen Your salvation
Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,
A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles,
And the glory of Your people Israel."**

THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

C: **For His mercy endures forever.**

Psalm 107:1

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

[Acts 2:46-47]

C: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P: The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

C: Grace be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Psalm 103:1]

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P: “The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.”

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth | **296**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

A: Our Father...

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

[2 Timothy 3:16-17]

C: Amen.

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NEWS & NOTES

Today	8am	Divine Service at Calvary
	9am	Sunday School at Calvary
	10:45am	Divine Service with Holy Communion at Grace
	12:00pm	Bible Study at Grace
Today–Monday		Youth Retreat at Camp Indianhead
Wednesday	4:30pm	Confirmation at the Parsonage
	7:00pm	Bible Study at the Parsonage
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service at Calvary
	9:00am	Sunday School at Calvary
	10:45am	Divine Service at Grace
Sunday	12:00pm	Bible Study at Grace

Sermons Available Online

Our sermons from our Sunday services are available on our websites! Please make use of this resource if you were not able to attend church on a Sunday. Please also consider sharing these proclamations of the Gospel to those in need.

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