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**Worship Bulletin: Mount Calvary Lutheran Church
Nov. 28 (5:30 PM) and Nov. 29 (8:45AM) 2020**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We gather in the name of our baptism, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

P: Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

P: God of all time,

A: we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

P: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In ✠ Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

A: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"The Prayer"
by Andrea Bocelli and Celine Dion

I pray you'll be our eyes
And watch us where we go
And help us to be wise
In times when we don't know

Let this be our prayer
As we go our way

Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace
To a place where we'll be safe

La luce che tu dai
I pray we'll find your light
Nel cuore resterà
And hold it in our hearts
A ricordarci che
When stars go out each night
L'eterna stella sei

Nella mia preghiera
Let this be our prayer
Quanta fede c'è
When shadows fill our day

Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe

Sogniamo il mondo senza più violenza
Un mondo di giustizia e di speranza
Ognuno dia la mano al suo vicino
Simbolo di pace e di fraternità

La forza che ci dai
We ask that life be kind
È il desiderio che
And watch us from above
Ognuno trovi amore
We hope each soul will find
Intorno e dentro sé
Another soul to love

Let this be our prayer
Let this be our prayer
Just like every child
Just like every child

Needs to find a place
Guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe

E la fede che
Hai acceso in noi
Sento che ci salverà

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

A: Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 64:1-9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

P: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

A: In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

P: Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

A: O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

P: You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

A: You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

P: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

A: Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.

P: And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

A: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

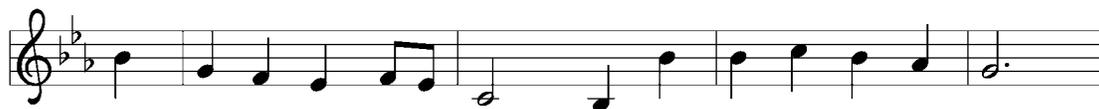
As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

MUSIC INTERLUDE:

**“We All Are One in Mission”
St. John’s Lutheran Church
Wilmette, Illinois**



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit-ness in God’s name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f’rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God’s re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God’s sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ’s love.
so ev - ’ry folk and na - tion may feel God’s warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia!

A: Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

P: Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MARK 13:24-37

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

Jesus said: ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then 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.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"To Be Your Presence"
as interpreted by Dan Gresh

To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face
and listening ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To be your presence is our mission bold,
to feed the poor and shelter
homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To be your presence is our mission blest,

to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope,
your love expressed,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We are your heart, O Christ,
your hands and voice,
to serve your people is
our call and choice,
and in this mission we,
the church, rejoice,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

P: We pray for the ministry we share in Christ's name. Open our hearts to your call for justice, peace, and healing. Attune us to the needs of the world as you draw near. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for this planet in need of restoration: for devastated habitats, polluted waters, thawing ice, blazing fires, swelling floods, and long-lasting droughts. Renew the face of the earth and our relationship to it. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for all people who care for others in our community and around the world. Fill them with compassion and the power to respond with justice for those

who are oppressed, with welcome for those who are excluded, and with relief for those who suffer. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for people who are in crisis as the seasons change: for those without homes facing severe weather, for those who are unemployed or underemployed, and for those in poverty or facing food insecurity. (Local feeding or housing ministries may be named). Relieve their burdens, sustain their bodies, and ease their minds. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for the people in our families and congregation who live with depression, anxiety, chronic pain, addiction, and other invisible illnesses (*especially*). Ease their suffering and support them when they struggle. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

P: We give thanks for the lives and witness of those who died while waiting for justice, peace, or healing, those whose names we know and those whose names are known only to you. Sustain all who still yearn for the completion of your redeeming work. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for the people of the Allegheny Synod as we look towards an election of a new Bishop. As we watch and wait, give us the patience to hear your voice. Help us to hear you speaking in our discernment. Allow us to feel your spirit moving as you call leaders of your Church. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

P: Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

A: You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

A: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

A: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

A: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast of salvation.

SHARING OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of abundance,

A: we give you thanks for allowing us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love abide, and may our lips and lives call others into your bountiful grace. Send us out to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior. Amen.

SENDING

“Just the Way You Are”

by Billy Joel

Don't go changing
To try and please me
You never let me down before, mhm-mmh
Don't imagine you're too familiar
And I don't see you anymore...

I would not leave you in times of trouble
We never could have come this far, mhm-mmh
I took the good times
I'll take the bad times

I take you just the way you are

Don't go trying some new fashion
Don't change the color of your hair, mhm-mmh
You always have my unspoken passion
Although I might not seem to care

I, don't want clever conversation
Never want to work that hard, mhm-mmh

I just want someone

That I can talk to

I want you just the way you are

Need to know that you will always be
Same old someone that I knew
Oh, what will it take 'til you believe in me?
The way that I believe in you

I said I love you that's forever
This I promise from the heart, mhm-mmh
I couldn't love you any better
I love you just the way you are

I don't want clever conversation
I never want to work that hard, mhm-mmh
I just want someone that I can talk to
I want you just the way you are

BLESSING

P: May God's gathering love lead you in right and just pathways. May God's intimate knowledge of your life lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom. May God's goodness lead you in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, remain with you now and forever. **A: Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.