



**Worship Bulletin: Mount Calvary Lutheran Church  
Jan. 30 (5:30 PM) and Jan. 31 (8:45AM) 2021**

## **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: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

P: Mighty and loving God,

**A: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

P: Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever. **A: Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

"When Long Before Time"

When long before time and the worlds were begun,  
when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,  
and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,  
and even our Maker had only a dream.

The silence was broken when God sang the Song,  
and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,  
and with its first birth-cries creation was born,  
and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.

The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's,  
their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;  
the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the Song,  
the choir of the creatures reechoed it long.

Down through the ages the Song disappeared,  
its harmonies broken and almost unheard,  
Down through the ages the Song disappeared,  
its harmonies broken and almost unheard,  
the Singer comes to us to sing it again,  
our God-is-with-us in the world now as then.

To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,  
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,  
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice  
the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

## **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: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Make whole all that is broken and replace our confusion with truth, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A: Amen**

## **FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20**

*Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.*

Moses said: <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

R: The word of the Lord,

**A: Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALMODY:**

"You Can't Hurry Love" by The Supremes

I need love, love to ease my mind  
I need to find, find someone to call mine  
But mama said

"You can't hurry love  
No, you just have to wait"  
She said, "Love don't come easy  
It's a game of give and take"

"You can't hurry love  
No, you just have to wait"

You gotta trust, give it time  
No matter how long it takes"

But how many heartaches must I stand  
Before I find a love to let me live again?  
Right now the only thing that keeps me hangin' on  
When I feel my strength, yeah, it's almost gone  
I remember mama said

"No, you just have to wait"  
She said, "Love don't come easy  
It's a game of give and take"  
How long must I wait?  
How much more can I take?  
Before loneliness will cause my heart  
Heart to break?

No, I can't bear to live my life alone  
I grow impatient for a love to call my own  
But when I feel that I, I can't go on  
These precious words keeps me hangin' on  
I remember mama said

"No, you just have to wait"  
She said, "Love don't come easy  
It's a game of give and take"  
"You can't hurry love  
No, you just have to wait"  
She said, "Trust, give it time  
No matter how long it takes"

No, love, love, don't come easy  
But I keep on waiting, anticipating  
For that soft voice to talk to me at night  
For some tender arms to hold me tight  
I keep waitin', I keep on waitin'  
But it ain't easy, it ain't easy, but mama said

"You can't hurry love  
No, you just have to wait"  
She said, "Trust, give it time  
No matter how long it takes"

You can't hurry love  
No, you just have to wait

## **SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13**

*Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

R: The word of the Lord,

**A: Thanks be to God!**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P: Alleluia!

**A: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light; for those who sat in the shadow of death light has dawned.**

P: Alleluia!

## GOSPEL: MARK 1:21-28

P: The holy Gospel according to Mark,

A: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.*

<sup>21</sup>Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The gospel of the Lord,

A: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF PRAISE "Lead On, O King Eternal" as interpreted by Dan Gresh



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-*forth* in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.  
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;  
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,  
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

## APOSTLES' CREED

**A: 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: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

P: For all who share the gospel and proclaim freedom in Christ throughout the world: prophets, teachers, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders; for the church and its ministries, let us pray. **A: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For all God's works in creation: plants and animals, water and soil, forests and farms; and for those tasked with protecting our natural resources and all that exists, let us pray. **A: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For government and leaders: cities and nations, rescue professionals and legal aid attorneys, elected officials and grassroots organizers; for all responsible for the well-being of civil society, let us pray. **A: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit: those who are sick and hospitalized, those living with HIV/AIDS, those struggling with mental illness, those who are hungry or homeless, and all in any need (especially); for caregivers, hospice workers, and home health aides, let us pray. **A: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For the concerns of this congregation: those who travel, those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries; for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community (especially), let us pray. **A: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For the covenant God made with us in the waters of baptism, in thanksgiving for the baptized who have died in the Lord, let us pray. **A: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**A: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**A: And also with you.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Generous God,

**A: you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**A: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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: Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**A: 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: There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

### **SHARING OF COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: We thank you, O God,

**A: that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN:**                   “ Get Ready ”   by the Temptations

I never met a girl who makes me feel the way that you do.

(You're alright)

Whenever I'm asked who makes my dreams real, I say that you do.

(You're outta sight)

So, fee-fi-fo-fum

Look out baby, 'cause here I come.

And I'm bringing you a love that's true.

So get ready, so get ready.

I'm gonna try to make you love me too.

So get ready, so get ready 'cause here I come.

(Get ready 'cause here I come) I'm on my way.

(Get ready 'cause here I come)

If you wanna play hide and seek with love, let me remind you (It's alright)  
But the lovin' you're gonna miss and the time it take to find you (It's outta sight)

So, fiddley-dee, fiddley-dum

Look out baby, 'cause here I come.

And I'm bringing you a love that's true.

So get ready, so get ready.

I'm gonna try to make you love me too.

So get ready, so get ready 'cause here I come.

(Get ready 'cause here I come) I'm on my way.  
(Get ready 'cause here I come)  
(Get ready)

If all my friends should want you too, I'll understand it. (Be alright)  
I hope I get to you before they do, the way I planned it. (Be outta sight)

So tiddley-dee, tiddley-dum  
Look out baby, 'cause here I come.

And I'm bringing you a love that's true.

So get ready, so get ready.

I'm gonna try to make you love me too.

So get ready, so get ready 'cause here I come.

(Get ready 'cause here I come) I'm on my way.  
(Get ready 'cause here I come)

### **BLESSING**

P: God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, ✠ bless you and keep you in hope and peace.

**A: Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

P: With faith renewed, hope restored, and love revived, we go,

**A: to invite every generation on a shared journey to Christian growth.**