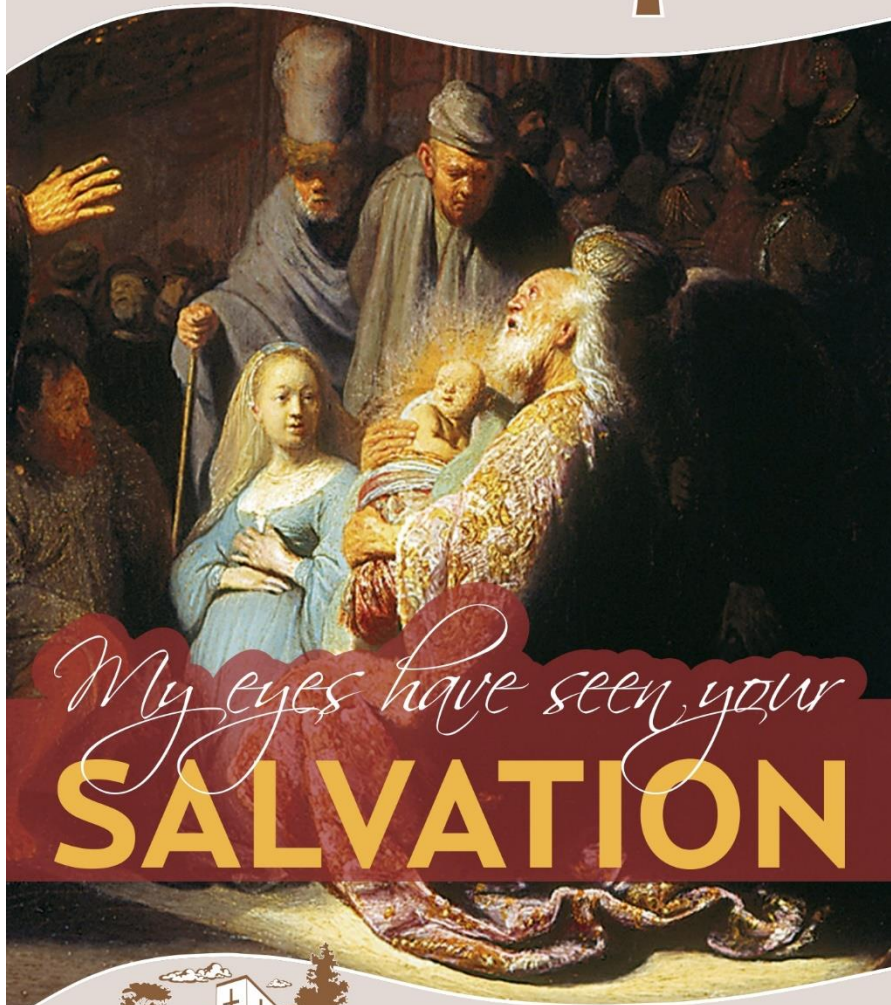


January 1, 2023
1st Sunday after Christmas



My eyes have seen your
SALVATION



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #106:1-5

"The People That in Darkness Sat"

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

C ♪ Amen.

P Pastor

C Congregation

Confession of Our Sins

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C ♪ **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O Almighty God, our Maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ Amen.

The Introit

Ps. 98:1-4; Is. 53:10

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** 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.
- C** **Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**
- P** The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- C** **He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**
- P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

The Gloria Patri

TLH 68:5

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

- C** *♩* **All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One, Through all eternity.**

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

- 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.**

Exodus 13:1-3a; 11-15

The 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." ³ Then 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, ¹² you 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. ¹³ Every 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. ¹⁴ And 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. ¹⁵ For 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.'



TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.

Colossians 3:12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, 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.

✠ Installation of Church Officers ✠

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

I BELIEVE...

in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #90:1-3, 6-7 *"Come, Your Hearts & Voices Raising"*

Luke 2:22-35

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (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."

Redefining our Christmas Joy

- I. Christmas has given us purpose to live
- II. Christmas has given us peace to die

The Offertory

☩ ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #139

"In His Temple Now Behold Him"

✠ The General Prayer ✠

The Lord's Prayer

Sung to the Tune of "Away in a Manger"

**☩ ♪ Our Father in heaven, All praise to Your name!
Your kingdom among us, Your will done the same
By mortals and angels. Come, Lord, reign alone:
Oh, hear us and bless us From heaven's high throne.**

**The bread that we yearn for Provide us each day;
As we forgive others, Our sins take away;
In times of temptation, to lead us be near;
From evil deliver Your children most dear,**

**For yours is the kingdom; O'er all things You reign.
And Yours is the power; All things You maintain.
To You be the glory, Resounding again
From all of creation, Forever! Amen.**

✠ Order of Holy Communion ✠

The Preface *To the tune of "Good Christian Men Rejoice"*

P ♪ Oh, may the good Lord be with you.

C ♪ **And may the Lord be with you too.**

P ♪ Lift your hearts to Him in praise.

C ♪ **To the Lord our hearts we raise.**

P ♪ Let us offer praises true.

C ♪ **It is fitting so to do:
Gratefully we sing
To the Lord, our King!**

P It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should, at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus *To the tune of "As With Gladness Men of Old"*

C ♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of hosts, by all adored:
Heav'n and earth cannot contain
All the glory of Your name!
With the heavenly host we sing
Highest praises to our King:**

**Hail! Hosanna! Endless fame
Be to Him who, in God's name,
Now draws nigh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hail! Hosanna! Praises be
To the Lord eternally!**



The Words of Institution

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

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. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way 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 covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C ♪ Amen.

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

✠ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper ✠

Thanksgiving *To the tune of "Angels from the Realms..."*

C ♪ **Thank the Lord, His praises voicing**

For His promised faithfulness!

All who seek the Lord, rejoicing

Tell His love, His name confess,

For He leads us, with thanksgiving

In the paths of righteousness.

At Your Word, Lord, let Your servant

Go in peace, for with my eyes

I have seen Your bright salvation,

Israel's Light, begin to rise

As the Glory of the nations

Leading us to Paradise!

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C *♫ Amen, amen, a – men.*

Hymn: TLH #50

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

Thank you! I would like to thank you all for your very generous Christmas gift. It has been such a joyful privilege to be the Pastor for this congregation, and I thank the Lord for the mutual love that we are able to share in this fellowship. May the Lord continue to bless us all in the New Year! Thank you again!

Bible Class will resume this Wednesday, January 4th, at the usual 9:30 am timeslot. If you haven't attended midweek Bible Study before and have the time, make it your New Year's resolution to begin now! Sunday Bible Study and Sunday School will also resume next Sunday, January 8th.

The Annual Voter's Meeting will take place on January 22nd.

CLC Call News: Pastor Andrew Schaller of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, **has received** the call to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

December 25th Offerings:	\$ 1,635.75
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,607.69
General Fund Balance	\$23,580.90
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$30,025.23
Total Cash All Funds	\$68,941.97



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Jan. 2 - 7, '23

Mon Luke 4:16-21 When Jesus taught in the synagogue, it was not only as another prophet, but as the fulfiller of prophecy proclaiming the "year of the Lord's favor" (v19). As we enter a new year, we may recognize our poverty, captivity, afflictions, or oppressions. His answer: it is another year of the Lord's favor in Christ.

Tues Romans 8:24-32 Looking forward, we recognize our weakness and long for the redemption of our bodies. The Spirit helps us in our weakness. Indeed, the triune God is on our side and will in this and every year graciously fill our every need (v32)!

Wed Psalm 90:1-4,12,14,17 God is eternal and almighty, before the mountains were made. We are mortal, return to dust, and need to recognize that our days are numbered. But God's steadfast love in Christ assures us of the Lord's favor resting upon us and blessing us day by day in 2023.

Thurs Matthew 16:1-4 The Pharisees and Sadducees were not satisfied with the One whom God had sent to them, neither in His words nor in His deeds, but looked for some other sign. But if they will not receive the fulfillment of Moses and the prophets (Lk4:21), they will not believe even if one rises from the dead, as Jonah came back from the great fish. Thank God He has given us His Word as we face the future!

Fri James 4:13-17 The beginning of a year is a time when people make plans. But it is the Lord who holds the future in His hands, and will determine what is best for our brief life. "If the Lord will," our plans will bear fruit. He is in control, knows our weakness, and wants to bless us.

Sat Psalm 73:23-28 If we should be troubled in 2023 by the success and prosperity of the wicked, who test the Lord (Mt16) and boast of their plans (Jas4) the Psalmist was troubled by the same thing in his day. But the Lord was near him, supported him, and kept him upright, giving him eternal blessings to look forward to. So does He also promise to be our refuge.