

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent: Our worship services will be every Wednesday at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., with a potluck at 6 P.M. We will offer Communion after the service for any who wishes to participate.

The focus of the worship will be:

Lent-April 6th: The Miracle of Raising (Matthew 27:52–53)

Lent-April 13th: The Miracle of Faith (Matthew 27:54)

Seder-April 15th: The Passover Meal

Holy Week: Services will be at 7 P.M.

Maunder Thursday-April 21: The Miracle of Holy Communion
(1 Corinthians 11:23–29)

Good Friday-April 22: Tenebrae Service

Easter: Services will be at Sunrise 6:00AM and at 9:00A.M.

Communion will be offered at both services.

Easter-April 24th: The Miracle of Easter (Matthew 28:1–10)

Worship Service Time Change: Please remember we go back to one service on Sunday, April 3rd. Service will be at 9:00am with Bible study and Sunday school following at 10:30am.

LENT MIDWEEK 4
MARCH 30, 2011
The Miracle of Splitting

Calvary Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Michael Joynt, Pastor

WELCOME

In the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, welcome to Christian worship. If you are a visitor with us, please sign our guest register by the front door and fill out a worship card given to you by an usher.

VESPERS

Stand

P O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

Psalmody

Psalm 102:18–28

Let this be recorded for a genera- | tion to come,*
so that a people yet to be created may | praise the Lord:

That he looked down from his | holy height;*
from heaven the Lord looked | at the earth,

To hear the groans of the | prisoners,*
to set free those who were | doomed to die,

that they may declare in Zion the name | of the Lord,*
and in Jerusa- | lem his praise,

when people gather to- | gether,*
and kingdoms, to wor- | ship the Lord.

He has broken my strength in | midcourse;*
he has shortened my days.

“O my God,” I say, “take me not away in the midst | of my days-
you whose years endure throughout all generations!”

Of old you laid the foundations | of the earth,*
and the heavens are the work | of your hands.

They will perish, but you | will remain;*
they will all wear out like a | garment.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

P Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of the Holy Spirit, help us to share the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Almighty and gracious God You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

[Additional petitions pertinent to parish circumstances/local needs may be inserted here.]

Collect for Peace

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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

C Amen.

Hymn

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

(LSB 423)

Magnificat

LSB 231

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer

Kyrie

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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.**

Collects

P O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

**You will change them like a robe, and they will | pass away,*
but you are the same, and your years | have no end.**

The children of your servants shall | dwell secure;*
their offspring shall be established be- | fore you.

**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.**

Sit

Office Hymn "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" (LSB 531)

Readings

Reading

Romans 8:18–30

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Matthew 26:57–27:10

Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’” And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.” Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor. Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.”

And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.” So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory for Lent

- P 1. Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
2. In You, O Lord, do I put my trust. Leave me not, O Lord, my God.
3. Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

Sermon *The Miracle of Splitting*

Matthew 27:51c

⁵¹“And the rocks were split.”

Canticle

Stand

(Morning)

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C O come, let us worship Him.

(Evening)

P Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.