### **Liturgy for Corporate Worship**

The Lord's Day November 3, 2024

Prelude Chris Holmberg

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Choir

Praise Ye the Lord

Call to Worship Ephesians 2:18-19

Hymn 408

For All the Saints (vv. 1-4)

Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

Holy Lord, against you we have sinned times without number. We have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your Word, of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our transgressions and short-comings present us with a list of accusations. They are just, but we bless you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Subdue our corruptions, and grant us grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor the lustings of the mind bring our spirits into subjection, but rule over us in liberty and power, for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Titus 3:4-6

The Gloria Patri 572

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

**Prayer of Dedication** 

Elder Randy Heidtman

The Lord's Prayer

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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem Choir

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Unison Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 7:1-13

Hymn 52\*

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Sermon Rev. Pete Scribner

Lamentations 3:40-66

Statement of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 1 & 2

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Q. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Hymn 408

For All the Saints (vv. 5-8)

Benediction Hebrews 13:20-21

Parting Hymn

God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet again.

Postlude

Our prayer of confession was adapted from The Vally of Vision.

\* - Hymns of Grace

#### For All the Saints



- 6. The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

  Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way.
  Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.al. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

# Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it; where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,
All sufficient grace for even me.

Broader than the scope of my transgressions, Greater far than all my sin and shame; O magnify the precious name of Jesus; Praise His name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost, By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost. Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty, For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,
All sufficient grace for even me.

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# **Unison Scripture Reading...Ecclesiastes 7:1-13**

- <sup>1</sup> A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of birth.
- <sup>2</sup> It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart.
- <sup>3</sup> Sorrow is better than laughter, for by sadness of face the heart is made glad.
- <sup>4</sup> The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.
- <sup>5</sup> It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the song of fools.
- <sup>6</sup> For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fools; this also is vanity.
- <sup>7</sup> Surely oppression drives the wise into madness, and a bribe corrupts the heart.
- <sup>8</sup> Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.
- <sup>9</sup> Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the heart of fools.
- <sup>10</sup>Say not, "Why were the former days better than these?" For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.
- <sup>11</sup>Wisdom is good with an inheritance, an advantage to those who see the sun.
- <sup>12</sup>For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money, and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it.
- <sup>13</sup>Consider the work of God: who can make straight what he has made crooked?



Words: Anne Steele, 1716-1778 Music: Matthew Merker

# **Sermon Text...Lamentations 3:40-66**

- <sup>40</sup> Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord!
- <sup>41</sup> Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven:
- <sup>42</sup> "We have transgressed and rebelled, and you have not forgiven.
- <sup>43</sup> "You have wrapped yourself with anger and pursued us, killing without pity;
- <sup>44</sup> you have wrapped yourself with a cloud so that no prayer can pass through.
- <sup>45</sup> You have made us scum and garbage among the peoples.
- <sup>46</sup> "All our enemies open their mouths against us;
- <sup>47</sup> panic and pitfall have come upon us, devastation and destruction;
- <sup>48</sup> my eyes flow with rivers of tears because of the destruction of the daughter of my people.
- <sup>49</sup> "My eyes will flow without ceasing, without respite,
- <sup>50</sup> until the Lord from heaven looks down and sees;
- <sup>51</sup> my eyes cause me grief at the fate of all the daughters of my city.
- <sup>52</sup> "I have been hunted like a bird by those who were my enemies without cause;
- <sup>53</sup> they flung me alive into the pit and cast stones on me;
- <sup>54</sup> water closed over my head; I said, 'I am lost.'
- <sup>55</sup> "I called on your name, O Lord, from the depths of the pit;
- <sup>56</sup> you heard my plea, 'Do not close your ear to my cry for help!'
- <sup>57</sup> You came near when I called on you; you said, 'Do not fear!'
- <sup>58</sup> "You have taken up my cause, O Lord; you have redeemed my life.
- <sup>59</sup> You have seen the wrong done to me, O Lord; judge my cause.
- <sup>60</sup> You have seen all their vengeance, all their plots against me.
- <sup>61</sup> "You have heard their taunts, O Lord, all their plots against me.
- <sup>62</sup> The lips and thoughts of my assailants are against me all the day long.
- <sup>63</sup> Behold their sitting and their rising; I am the object of their taunts.
- <sup>64</sup> "You will repay them, O Lord, according to the work of their hands.
- <sup>65</sup> You will give them dullness of heart; your curse will be on them.
- <sup>66</sup> You will pursue them in anger and destroy them from under your heavens, O Lord."

# **Sermon Notes**

Weep over brokenness.

Cry out to God as our only hope.

Trust in the Lord for redemption.

The Flowers adorning our worship this morning have been provided by Joe & Esma Walker in celebration of the anniversaries of their children: Jennifer & Jim Knight (23 years, Nov. 3) and John & Heather Walker (20 years, Nov 20).

Women's Christmas Luncheon - Women's Ministries invites you to their annual Christmas luncheon in Frankenmuth on December 6th. The luncheon will be at 10am the Bavaria Inn Alpine Room. Our theme will be God's Grace from Titus 2:11 and our guest speaker is Autumn Howard. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$9 for children (free for those under 6) and will be on sale each Sunday throughout November. In conjunction with the luncheon, we will once again be collecting gifts for Voices for Children Child Advocacy Center in Flint. Come and share the joy of celebrating the birth of our Savior!

## **Communion at Calvary**

If you are our guest in worship today, we welcome you both to Calvary and to the Lord's Table. Our celebration of the Lord's Supper is open to all who have trusted in Christ as Savior and follow Him as Lord, that in partaking they might experience spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Mindful not only of Scripture's promises, but also of its cautions regarding the Lord's Supper, we generally discourage children from partaking of the sacrament. Regardless of age, it should be shared only by those people who understand and give ascent to the historical and personal significance of the cross of Jesus Christ.

When the bread is passed to us by the Elders, each person wishing to participate is asked to remove a piece from the tray and hold it while others are being served. Then, as a symbol of our common union with Christ as one body, we shall all partake together.

When the cups are distributed, each person wishing to participate is asked to remove a cup from the tray and, as a symbol of our individual trust in Christ, to drink on our own.

We encourage worshippers to use the time during which others are being served for the thoughtful reading of Scriptures or guiet meditation and prayer.

May God nourish our spirits as we worship Him through partaking of these elements in faith, as a sign and a seal of the covenant of grace.

### This Week at Calvary

10:00	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome) Worship Service with Communion followed by Fellowship, Refreshments Sunday School / New Members Class
Monday - Friday	Office Closed

NO TUESDAYS AT TWO THIS WEEK Tuesday

6:30 Choir Rehearsal **Thursday** 

**Next Sunday** Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)

10:00 Worship Service

followed by Fellowship & Refreshments

11:30 Sunday School / New Members Class

Next Sunday's Sermon Text: Rev. Scribner will preach on Lamentations 4 next Sunday. In addition to Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 104-107 (printed on the previous page), consider spending some time this week meditating upon this chapter as you reflect on this week's service and look forward to our next corporate worship gathering.

## **Church Staff**

Pete Scribner **Pastor Director of Music** Susan Lechota **Music Minister** Chris Holmberg Custodian Vicky Haughey

Offerings are received each week in the wooden donation box in the Narthex. We have placed it there as a convenience for our members and friends. If you are visiting us this Sunday, please feel no pressure to make any donation. We are glad to have you simply be our guest today, and invite you to join us for a donut and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after worship!

#### **Meditation for the Week:**

## **Westminster Shorter Catechism (Questions 104-107)**

Q. 104. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

A. In the fourth petition, which is, Give us this day our daily bread, we pray that of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.

Q. 105. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A. In the fifth petition, which is, And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins;2 which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.3

Q. 106. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

A. In the sixth petition, which is, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin,4 or support and deliver us when we are tempted.5

Q. 107. What doth the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

A. The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, which is, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen, teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only,<sup>6</sup> and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him;<sup>7</sup> and, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, Amen.8

# Calvary Presbyterian Church

November 3, 2024



Our Mission - We exist to know, worship, serve, and enjoy the one true God.

Our Vision - We seek to love God completely, love others selflessly, and everywhere proclaim Christ: crucified, risen, and reigning forever.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Proverbs 30:8-9; Matthew 6:31-34; Philippians 4:11, 19; 1 Timothy 6:6-8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Psalm 51:1-2, 7, 9; Daniel 9:17-19; 1 John 1:7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Matthew 18:21-35; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Psalm 19:13; Matthew 26:41; John 17:15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Luke 22:31-32; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 12:7-9; Hebrews 2:18.

Daniel 9:4, 7-9, 16-19; Luke 18:1, 7-8.
 Chronicles 29:10-13, 1 Timothy 1:17, Revelation 5:11-13.
 Corinthians 14:16; Revelation 22:20.