



Order of **Worship**

Calvary Lutheran Church

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WELCOME

SONG

There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do

INVOCATION (1 KINGS 18:20-40)

P: Elijah expected Yahweh to meet him in worship, even on Mount Carmel.

C: We expect the same God to meet us here.

P: He was bold enough to pour water on the sacrifice once.

C: We gather in the name of the Father.

P: He was bold enough to pour water on the sacrifice twice.

C: We gather in the name of the Son.

P: He was audacious enough to pour water on the sacrifice a third time.

C: We gather in the name of the Holy Spirit.

P: Yahweh, the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit was with Elijah.

C: He is with us too! Amen.

PSALM 7:1-9

¹ O Lord my God, in you do I take refuge;
save me from all my pursuers and deliver me,

² lest like a lion they tear my soul apart,
rending it in pieces, with none to deliver.

³ O Lord my God, if I have done this,
if there is wrong in my hands,

⁴ if I have repaid my friend with evil
or plundered my enemy without cause,

⁵ let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it,
and let him trample my life to the ground
and lay my glory in the dust. *Selah*

⁶ Arise, O Lord, in your anger;
lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies;
awake for me; you have appointed a judgment.

⁷ Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about you;
over it return on high.

⁸ The Lord judges the peoples;
judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness
and according to the integrity that is in me.

⁹ Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end,
and may you establish the righteous—
you who test the minds and hearts,
O righteous God!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- C:** It's hard to relate to the bold faith of Elijah. It's easier to see myself portrayed in the widow resigned to a hopeless end. It's easier to see my wandering heart reflected in the idol worship of Israel. If I'm honest, it's easier to identify with the selfish pride of King Ahab. If I ever see myself in Elijah, it's when he feels exhausted, defeated, and all alone.
- P:** And yet, the God who spoke to Elijah speaks to you as well. The God who changed a widow's fortunes has changed your life too. The God who called Israel back from idolatry is calling to you. The God who defeated Ahab's pride is the One who humbles your heart. If - like Elijah on the run from Jezebel - you feel exhausted, defeated, and all alone, admit this and ask your God to forgive, strengthen, and encourage you.
- C:** I confess that I am sinful. I confess that I am weak. I confess that I am slow to admit my need for help. Lord, help me! For the sake of your Son Jesus, forgive my sins. Send your Holy Spirit to strengthen my faith. Heal my relationship to your church, that I may not be alone. Let your presence and your voice bring life to me.
- P:** When Elijah was troubled God did not come in wind, earthquake, or fire. When Elijah was weak and afraid, God met him in a low whisper. This same God meets you in your confession. He does

not overwhelm; he will not overpower; but he will change you.
This is his promise.

Jesus died for your sake, and because of his death and resurrection you are forgiven! God has sent his Spirit to strengthen your faith. He has given you a place with brothers and sisters who truly are your family. Like his servant Elijah, you can live boldly in the grace and strength of your God!

All: Amen.

SONG

Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious #548 (v1,2)

DEUTERONOMY 30:11-20

¹¹ “For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ ¹⁴ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you

shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live,²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

1 KINGS 18:17-21

¹⁷ When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, “Is it you, you troubler of Israel?” ¹⁸ And he answered, “I have not troubled Israel, but you have, and your father's house, because you have abandoned the commandments of the Lord and followed the Baals. ¹⁹ Now therefore send and gather all Israel to me at Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table.”

²⁰ So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. ²¹ And Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.” And the people did not answer him a word.

MESSAGE: CHOICES

SONG

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways #707 (v1, 2, 3)

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

1 KINGS 18:22-29

Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the Lord, but Baal's prophets are 450 men. ²³ Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. ²⁴ And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the Lord, and the God who answers by fire, he is God." And all the people answered,

“It is well spoken.” ²⁵ Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it.” ²⁶ And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, “O Baal, answer us!” But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made. ²⁷ And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, “Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.” ²⁸ And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. ²⁹ And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.

MESSAGE: DIY SPIRITUALITY

SONG

We Are Called to Stand Together #828 (v1 5)

MATTHEW 12:38-42

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.” ³⁹ But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For just as

Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. ⁴² The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

1 KINGS 18:30-35

Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been thrown down. ³¹ Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, "Israel shall be your name," ³² and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord. And he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs^[a] of seed.³³ And he put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood." ³⁴ And he said, "Do it a second time." And they did it a second time. And he said, "Do it a third time." And they did it a third time. ³⁵ And the water ran around the altar and filled the trench also with water.

MESSAGE: IMPOSSIBLE TIMES THREE

SONG

O Darkest Woe #448 (v1, 3, 7)

MATTHEW 17:1-8

¹ And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

1 KINGS 18:36-40

And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. ³⁷ Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back." ³⁸ Then the fire of

the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. ³⁹ And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The Lord, he is God; the Lord, he is God." ⁴⁰ And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape." And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slaughtered them there.

MESSAGE: I BELIEVE

Song

There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do

APOSTLES' CREED

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING PRAYER

P: With thankful hearts we receive from you, O Lord.

C: With thankful hearts we respond.

P: Receive our thanks and praise.

C: Receive our offerings.

All: Receive us as your own. Amen.

PRAYERS

Each request closes with the words

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

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;

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.

BLESSING

P: When Elisha took up Elijah's role as God's prophet he cried out,

C: "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?"

P: And the LORD was present with his prophet, Elisha.

C: Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah, today?

P: He is with you and with me, even as we go from here.

C: Yes he is! The LORD has sent his Spirit to us!

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit...

All: be with us all. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

The Blessing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This Week at Calvary July 12 – July 18

July 14 Women's Bible Study (zoom) at 3pm

Calvary Prayer Quilter's Group 9am- 12noon

July 15 Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall) at 8:30am

July 18 Sunday Worship Service at 9:00am

Gifted Bible Study and pot-luck (Parish Hall) 5:30 - 7:30pm

Announcements

Reading Together: Elijah

As a community, we are reading the stories of Elijah prior to each message. Printed copies of this guide are available in the church entry.

Small Groups

Women's Bible study - Wednesdays at 3pm on Zoom.

Strong - men's Bible study: Thursdays at 8:30am in the Parish Hall.

Sunday Bible Study

Meet in the library Sundays at 10:30am to read the book of James together. Starts next Sunday, July 11.

Gifted

We'll learn about spiritual gifts over food and fellowship during the next three Sundays. Bring a dish to share for our pot-luck meal and join with friends in the Parish Hall Sundays, 5:30-7:30pm. We will meet today July 11, 18, and 25.

Pray With Us

Have a prayer request you would like included in this handout? You can email info@calvaryslz.org during the week or complete one of the "Here for You" cards in the racks at the church entry and leave it with your offering.

Below are some prayer prompts for this week.

Monday: For singles, widows and widowers.

Tuesday: For children and parents (and those who fill parenting roles)

Wednesday: For our government and those who serve in its various branches at all levels

Thursday: For our Calvary family

Friday: For our partners: LINC, Lea's Christian School, Hope Lutheran Church

Saturday: For neighbors we serve, including Wittenburg and the San Lorenzo Family Help Center

Sunday: For God's people as the Holy Spirit gathers us.