



Order of **Worship**

Calvary Lutheran Church

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WELCOME

SONG

Lord, This Day We've Come to Worship #911 (v1,2,5)

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 129:1-8

¹ "Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth"—
let Israel now say—

² "Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,

yet they have not prevailed against me.

³ The plowers plowed upon my back;
they made long their furrows.”

⁴ The Lord is righteous;
he has cut the cords of the wicked.

⁵ May all who hate Zion
be put to shame and turned backward!

⁶ Let them be like the grass on the housetops,
which withers before it grows up,

⁷ with which the reaper does not fill his hand
nor the binder of sheaves his arms,

⁸ nor do those who pass by say,
“The blessing of the Lord be upon you!
We bless you in the name of the Lord!”

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

Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure #533 (v1-3)

1 KINGS 18:41-46, 19:1-8

⁴¹ And Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink, for there is a sound of the rushing of rain."⁴² So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel. And he bowed himself down on the earth and put his face between his knees. ⁴³ And he said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." And he went up and looked and said, "There is nothing." And he said, "Go again," seven times. ⁴⁴ And at the seventh time he said, "Behold, a little cloud like a man's hand is rising from the sea." And he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot and go down, lest the rain stop you.'" ⁴⁵ And in a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel.⁴⁶ And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah, and he gathered up his garment and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

^{19:1} Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³ Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵ And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶ And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ And the angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸ And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

SONG

O God, Forsake Me Not #731 (v1-2)

MATTHEW 24:1-13

Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ² But he answered them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

³ As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

⁹ “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. ¹⁰ And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹² And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for

the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

MESSAGE

SONG

O God, Forsake Me Not #731 (v3-4)

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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good that we give thanks to you, O God...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

What a Beautiful Name

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing #633 (v1,2,5,6)

BLESSING & POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing #633 (v7-8)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This Week at Calvary July 19 – July 25

- July 20 Office closed on Tuesday. Mary, church secretary will be on vacation Tuesday through the rest of the week.
- July 21 Women's Bible Study (zoom) at 3pm
 Calvary Prayer Quilter's Group 9am- 12noon (Parish Hall)
- July 22 Men's Bible Study at 8:30am (Parish Hall)
- July 25 Sunday Worship Service at 9:00am
 Gifted Bible Study and pot-luck 5:30 - 7:30pm (Parish Hall)

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.

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 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.