



Order of **Worship**

Calvary Lutheran Church

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WELCOME

SONG

O Holy Spirit Enter In #913 (v1-3)

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 116:1-9

¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

² Because he inclined his ear to me,

therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”

⁵ Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

⁶ The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.

⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;

⁹ I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

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'm 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

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart #806

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord,^[d] that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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.

JOHN 11:1-4

¹ “Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴ But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

SONG

Consider How the Birds Above #736 (v1-3, 5)

MESSAGE

SONG

Glorious Day

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

Good Good Father

O Lord, We Praise Thee #617 (v1-3)

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

Before You, Lord, We Bow #966 (v1-5)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This Week at Calvary

July 5 – July 11

- July 7 Women's Bible Study (zoom) at 3pm
- July 8 Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall) at 8:30am
- July 11 Sunday Worship Service at 9:00am

Announcements

Reading Together: Elijah

As a community, we'll be 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.

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.