

# Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

*Sharing God's love with those around us and our lives with one another.*

*Preparing for today, tomorrow and eternity.*

*Caring for each other, our community, and the world.*



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Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church and Preschool  
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THE MISSION OF MT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO:

“HELP THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW JESUS TO KNOW HIM;  
AND TO HELP THOSE WHO DO KNOW HIM TO KNOW HIM BETTER.”

Worship: 9:00 am

Adult Bible Class: 10:30am

Sunday School: 10:30am

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*Welcome...* to all who worship here this morning, especially our guests. What a blessing it is to come together in God's house to hear His Word and return to Him our thanksgiving and praise. We are happy to have you worshipping with us.

*Guests...* if you are looking for a church home, we'd love to have you as a member. If you would like to know what we believe or are interested in joining our congregation, please mark the appropriate box on the Fellowship Register as it is passed to you by an Usher. God wants every Christian to belong to a local community of believers where he or she can be fed and nourished with God's Word and Sacraments. Please consider God's will carefully as you think about your life with God.

*Aids Are Available For The Hearing Impaired...* Please speak with an Usher if you would like to use an aid during the service.

*Anyone...* who needs, or knows someone who needs, spiritual help, guidance, or comfort, please feel free to contact our Pastor.

*For Those Attending the Lord's Supper...* if you are not a member of Mt. Calvary or a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, speak to Pastor Hinrichs or an Elder before approaching the altar to commune. If you are communing today and need to avoid alcohol, the innermost ring of the individual cups is alcohol free wine. If you are gluten sensitive, please ask an elder for gluten free wafers.

*Live Streaming...* we are live streaming our services. If you and your family do not wish to be on camera, we suggest that you refrain from sitting in the first two rows of pews. And for Children's Sermon, we suggest using the side aisles to go up to the front of the sanctuary and have the children sit at the sides of the group.

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

## AS WE GATHER

Faith. As Christians, we know faith is an important gift of God. Faith enables us to take the promises of God and make them our own. But when it comes to certain situations, we find ourselves wrestling with how faith fits into our lives. In times of spiritual doubt, we may ask “Is my faith strong enough to save me?” In times of illness, we may wonder, “Am I not getting better from this sickness because I don’t have enough faith?” In times of great pain and struggle in life, we wish we could only trust Jesus more.

In our Gospel lesson, we meet a woman who seems to have it all figured out. In fact, Jesus goes so far as to actually praise her faith. But when you look a little closer, it’s not just the strength of her faith that matters. It is the strength of the God in whom she trusts. Today, we’ll explore what Scripture says about the gift of faith, and more importantly, what it tells us about the God to whom faith clings. We’ll see that we have a God who is more ready to help than we are to ask; a God who is more ready to give than we are to receive; a God who is more ready to deliver us from death, than we are to desire life. May our faith always cling to this God and His promises in Christ!

## † PREPARATION †

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

### WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN #378..... “My Faith Looks Trustingly”**

## INVOCATION

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## CONFESSION

**P:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C:** who made heaven and earth.

**P:** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C:** but with You there is forgiveness, therefore You are feared.

**P:** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and

deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **INTROIT**

P: I lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

**C: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

P: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

**C: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

P: The LORD will keep you from all evil;

**C: he will keep your life.**

P: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

**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.**

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## **KYRIE**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: ♪Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C: ♪Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C:  Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C:  Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C:  Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE.....Gloria in Excelsis



 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry Your Son Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love toward You that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT ..... Lamentations 3:22-33**

*pg. 584 in Blue Bible, pg. 1279 in the Red Bible*

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE ..... 2 Corinthians 8:1-9,13-15**

*pg. 820 in Blue Bible, pg. 1801 in the Red Bible*

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

**C: ♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL ..... Mark 5:21-43**

*pg. 710 in Blue Bible, pg. 1559 in the Red Bible*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH ..... 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 worshiped 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.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN #330 .. "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace" (v.1,4-6)**

## **SERMON**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people  
according to their needs.**

*(after each portion of the prayers)*

**P: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hand, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

## OFFERING

### THE OFFERTORY .....“We Give Thee But Thine Own”



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### THE 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.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of all creation, for In Your mercy You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to establish Your kingdom through the Cross and empty tomb. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us...

## LORD'S PRAYER

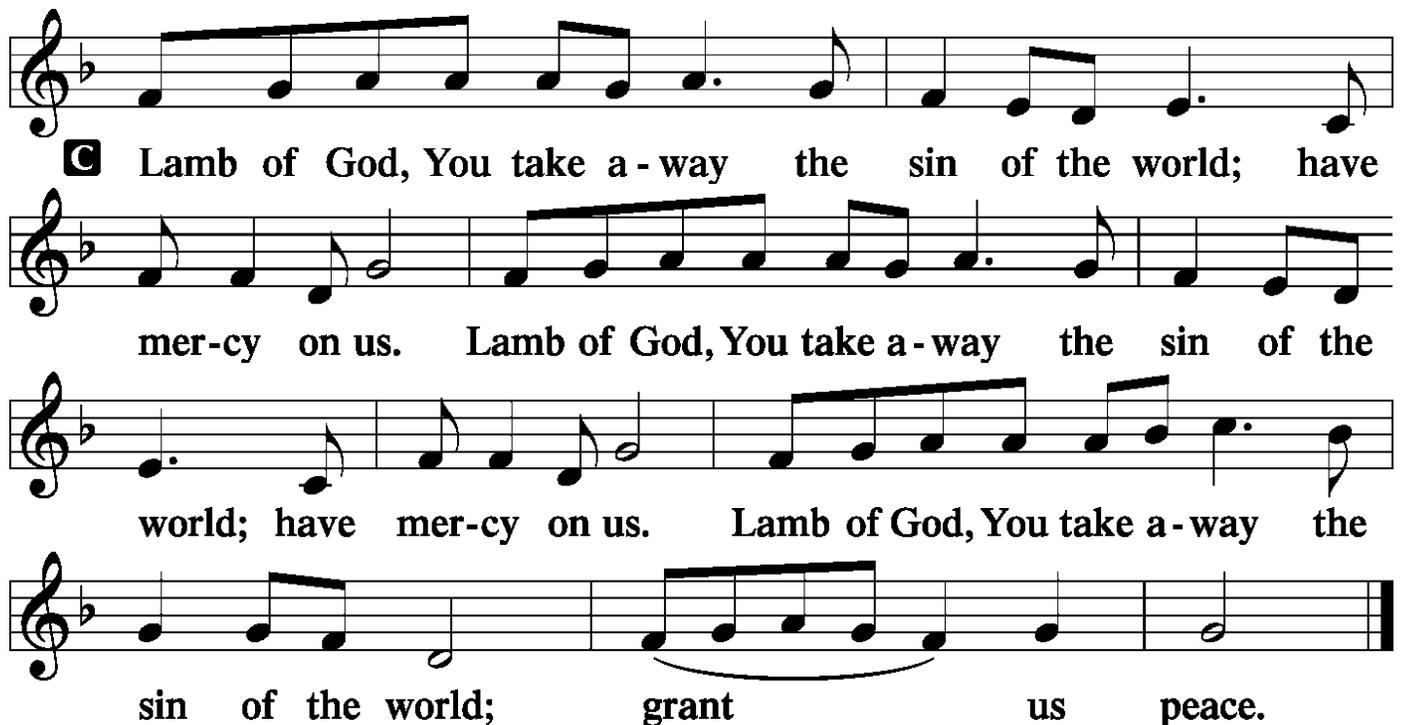
**C:** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass  
against us; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PROCLAMATION OF PEACE

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C:** And also with you.

## AGNUS DEI



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**HYMN #240** ..... "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"  
**HYMN #352** ..... "God Loved the World So that He Gave"  
**HYMN #411** ..... "How Firm a Foundation"  
**HYMN #180** ..... "Our God, our Help in Ages Past"  
**HYMN #336** ..... "Grant, Holy Ghost, that We Behold"

## **POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: #354**..... "I Know My Faith is Founded"

## We Believe and Teach That...

- The Bible is the Word of God.
- The Ten Commandments are a revelation of God's will for our lives.
- Since we cannot keep the Ten Commandments perfectly we cannot save ourselves.
- God provided our salvation for us by sending Jesus Christ, His only Son, to die for our sins.
- Jesus proved His effectiveness by rising from the dead on the third day.
- The only way to heaven is to trust that God has saved us through Jesus' work and his all sufficient death for us.
- God expects His people to gather for worship and service in the local congregation.

## Our Ministries Include...

- SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 9:00 A.M.
- ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT 10:30 A.M.
- CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:30 A.M.
- MEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY AT 6:30 P.M.
- WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY AT 9:00 A.M.
- MT. CALVARY CHRISTIAN PRE-SCHOOL

A Christ centered learning program for 3 and 4 year old children

- LUTHERAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

A quality Christ centered day school; grades K-8

A quality Christ centered High School

## We Invite You To...

1. RELAX. At Mt. Calvary you can rest assured that you will never be put on the spot, never singled out or embarrassed.
2. BRING THE KIDS. For your pre-school children we provide a supervised nursery that runs simultaneously with our services. There is also a diaper changing station available in the nursery for your convenience.
3. ENJOY FELLOWSHIP WITH US. Join us after worship for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by, pick up a cup of coffee or tea, and enjoy some fellowship before the 10:30 AM Bible Study begins.

### Our Staff

#### Office Manager

- Kim Copeland

#### Music

- Jean Graham
- Dorothy Damery

#### Sunday School

- Ashley Atchason
- Dorothy Damery
- Dan Reynolds

#### Preschool

- Cathy Kurecki
- Mary Pressley

#### LSA

- Dorothy Damery
- Matthew Gruenwald

### Our Officers

#### President

- Doug Gerhardt

#### Vice-President

- Alan Dull

#### Secretary

- Tayler Anderson

#### Treasurer

- Rodger Koester

#### Financial Secretary

- Marsha Warnick

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