

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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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.

Thanksgiving Eve Praise

November 21, 2018 7:00 PM

AS WE GATHER

Thanksgiving is a special season when we take time to acknowledge the countless blessings we have received from our gracious God. And yet, if we are honest with ourselves, all too often we take our many blessings for granted. And yet, God, in His unconditional love, continues to bless us. Tonight, we are pointed once again to the generous nature of our Lord and all He has done for us, so that our soul may bless His Name and not forget all the Lord's benefits to us.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: #892 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: As we stand in the presence of our Almighty God, we are aware of His great blessings in our lives. Yet, all too often, we take these blessings for granted and fail to live our whole life in thankfulness to God. As we begin our service, let us confess our sins to our Heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, saying, "Lord, have mercy upon us."

C: Heavenly Father, we confess to You that we are indeed by nature, sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You and against our neighbor, by selfishness actions we have done and unkind words we have spoken. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins and create in us clean hearts, O God, that we may know the fullness of Your love and reflect that love in thankful living.

P: Take heart, O people of God! Rejoice for Christ has died in Your place and forgives you all your sin! As a called and ordained servant of God, 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!

HYMN OF PRAISE: #790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord of time and God of history, we ask You to keep our nation and its leaders under Your care. It is by Your grace and blessing alone that we can know peace and freedom. Direct and lead us to live justly with our neighbors, peaceably in our communities, and joyfully in our land, seeking the common good. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Moses calls on the people to praise the Lord with thanksgiving.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 4:6-9

St. Paul urges that all sorts of thanksgivings be given to God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

Jesus is thanked by the Samaritan leper for the healing he received.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN #725 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

HOMILY

CONFESSION OF FAITH Nicene Creed

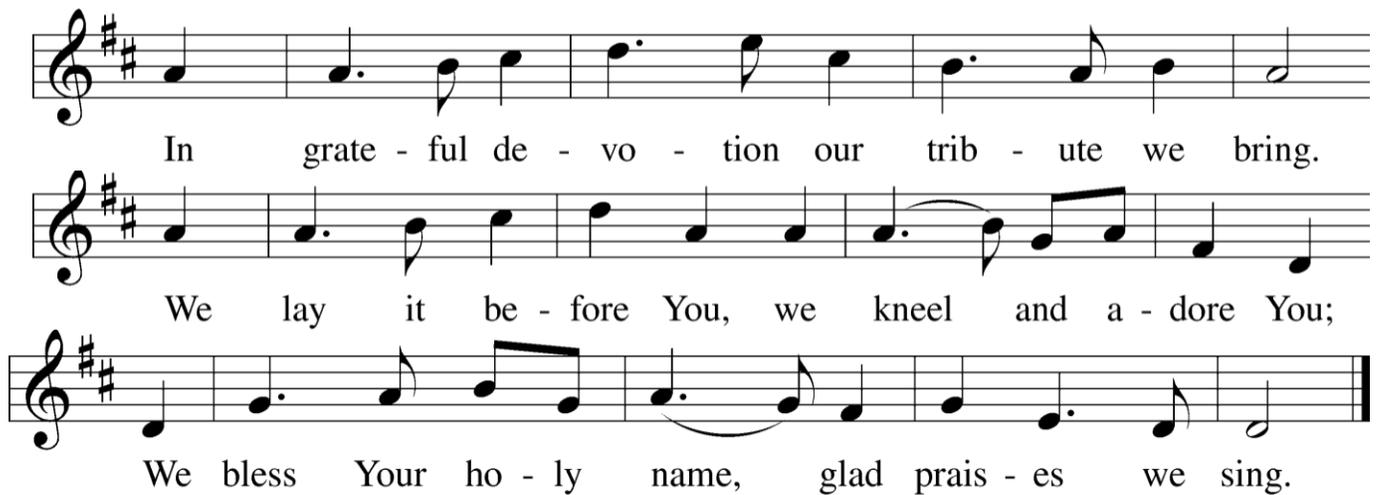
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OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: #785 "We Praise You, O God"(v.1)



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
 We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: With thankful hearts, Lord, we bring You our prayers and praises. We rejoice and remember the mighty acts of kindness You have shown to Your people through all ages. We give You thanks for Your provision, Your protection, and Your peace. We praise You for the progression of the seasons and thank You for the rich harvest from the fields of our Land. Bountiful Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the world, where thankfulness is sometimes in short supply and a spirit of sharing is often lacking. Grant us all things needful for our lives, O God, and direct our deeds that we may be good stewards of Your gifts. Gracious Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: At this time of thanksgiving, we pray for the Church, which is our spiritual home. Give its leaders and all the people thankfulness and a willingness to speak of Your gracious love to everyone. Caring Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Also, we pray for ourselves, that we would be truly thankful people not only at thanksgiving, but in all times throughout the year. Precious Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: On this day of joy and thanksgiving, we pray for those with special needs, whose earthly journeys are challenging or difficult. We especially pray for the sick, the shut-in, and also those whom we name in our hearts that are in need of prayer. Blessed Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

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 good and right to do so.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, because You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You, saying;

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN #637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

HYMN #722 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray: Lord of harvest, we thank You for the blessings You grant to the earth in each season. We rejoice in the wonderful richness of the land and in the astounding variety of food it produces to delight and satisfy us. We ask for one thing more, the willingness to share our blessings, so that all the earth can rejoice in Your generosity. This we ask in the great name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and keep you always.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #895 "Now Thank We All Our God"

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	Music	Sunday School	Preschool	LSA
▪ Kim Copeland	▪ Jean Graham • Dorothy Damery	▪ Ashley Atchason ▪ Dorothy Damery ▪ Dan Reynolds	▪ Cathy Kurecki ▪ Mary Pressley	▪ Matthew Gruenwald

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