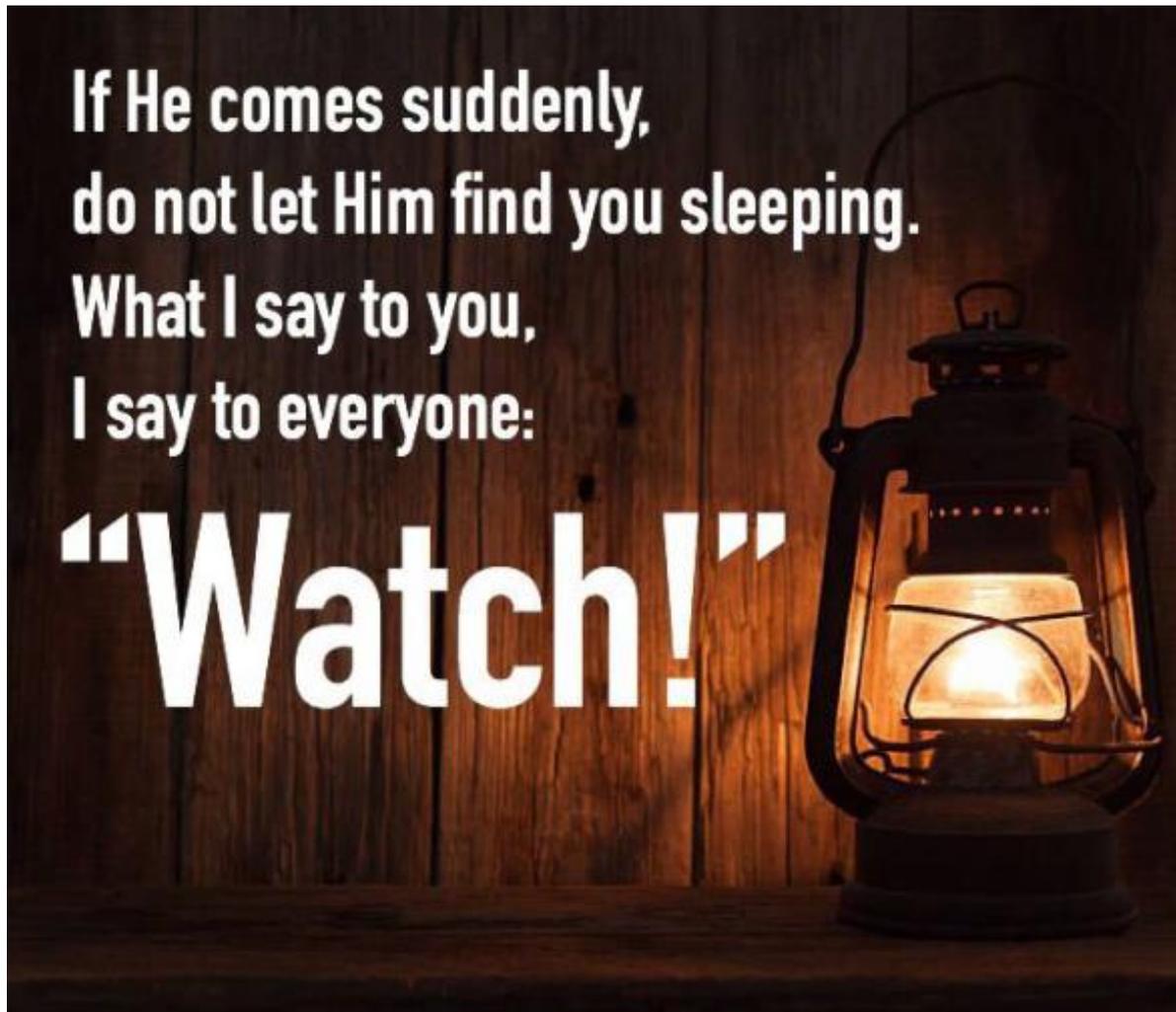


# *Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church*

*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.

# LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## AS WE GATHER

What would it be like to never worry? Can you imagine that? What would it look like to fully trust that your past, your present, and your future is completely secure? It's hard to imagine, but it would be pretty amazing, wouldn't it? As we near the end of the Church Year, Christians throughout the world reflect on Christ's return on the last day. But rather than this be a thing to regret or fear, Christ's return is a promise of joy and freedom. Knowing that Jesus is, as our text says, "*the Alpha and the Omega... who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty*" frees us to live in a very different way. Our past, our present, and our future is secure in Him. The heavy weight of being responsible for the "results" is taken away, and we are left with the joy of living and loving others. Today, we'll hear again that message of our Lord Jesus' kingship, His power, and authority so that we can live joyously as we wait for His kingdom that is not of this world.

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

### WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN: #905 ..... "Come, Thou Almighty King"**

## INVOCATION

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

**C:** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

**P:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## INTROIT

P: We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

**C: the home of righteousness.**

P: "Show me, Lord, my life's end and the number of my days;

**C: let me know how fleeting my life is.**

P: You have made my days a mere handbreadth;

**C: the span of my years is as nothing before you.**

P: But now, Lord, what do I look for?

**C: My hope is in you.**

P: Save me from all my transgressions;

**C: do not make me the scorn of fools.**

P: Hear my prayer, Lord, listen to my cry for help;

**C: do not be deaf to my weeping. 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.**

P: We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

**C: the home of righteousness.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT ..... Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

*pg. 631 in Blue Bible, pg. 1384 in the Red Bible*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE ..... Revelation 1:4-8

*pg. 867 in Blue Bible, pg. 1912 in the Red Bible*

L: 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. Alleluia.

## **HOLY GOSPEL ..... John 18:33-37**

*pg. 767 in Blue Bible, pg. 1683 in the Red Bible*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth 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.

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #336 "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"**

## **SERMON**

## **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.**

## **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**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN:..... “Give Thanks”**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.

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## **THE 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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN: #832 ..... “Jesus Shall Reign”**

## 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

- Matthew Gruenwald

### Our Officers

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- Doug Gerhardt

#### Vice-President

- Alan Dull

#### Secretary

- Tayler Anderson

#### Treasurer

- Rodger Koester

#### Financial Secretary

- Marsha Warnick

#### Head Elder

- Joel Fletcher

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