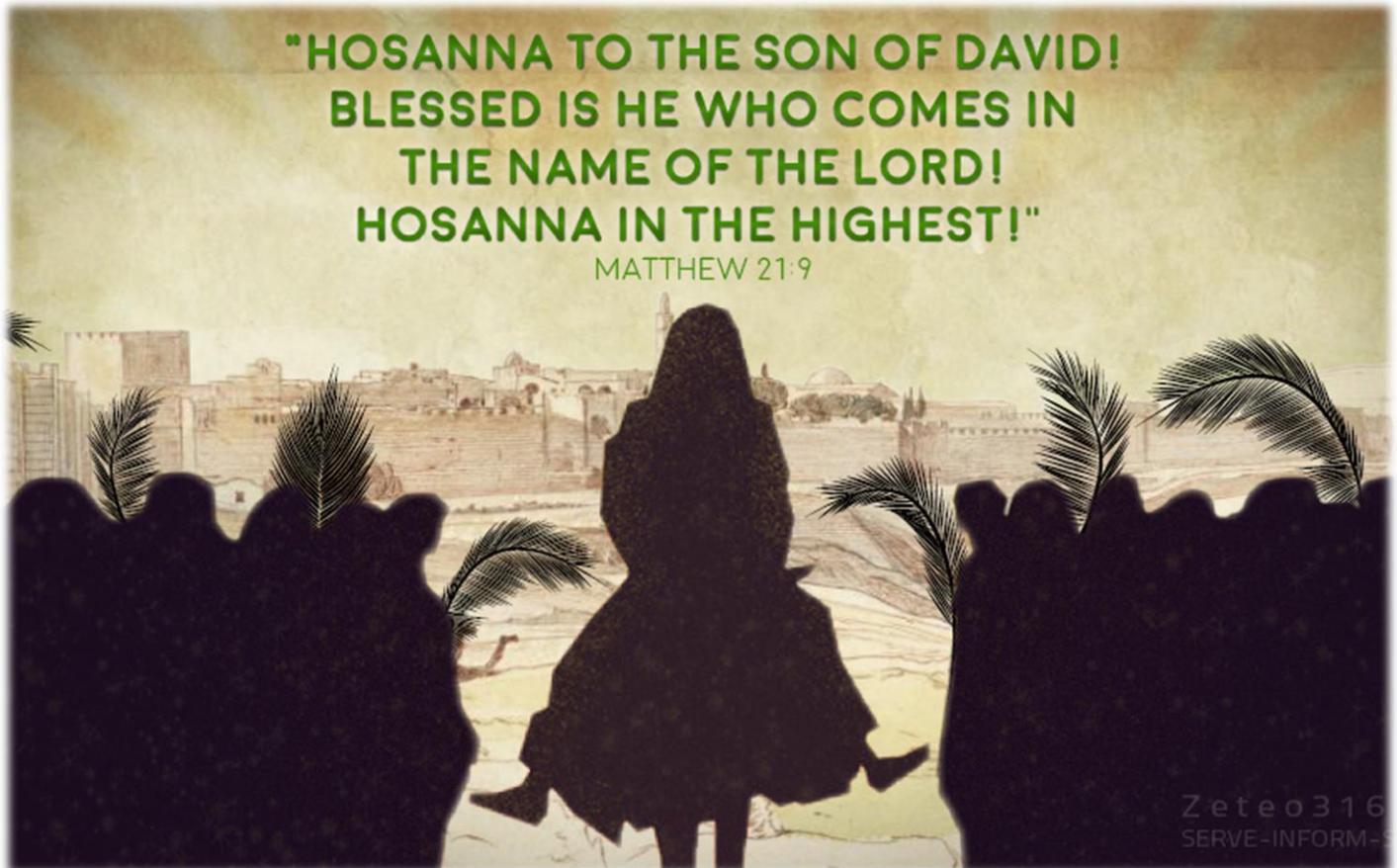


Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

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.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 2nd, 2018

AS WE GATHER

With the arrival of the Advent season, and the start of a new Church year, Christians throughout the world begin to hear the whole story of the Gospel again. And while our Gospel Reading about Palm Sunday may seem out of place, it reminds us of the main message of Advent and of Christianity: We have a God who doesn't wait for us to come to Him, but eagerly comes to us, whether we are ready or not. Just as Jesus rode into Jerusalem for the specific purpose of bringing about our salvation, Jesus continues to come to us today. He rides into the mess of our sinful broken lives to bring about His forgiveness and grace. And just as the crowds shouted their hosannas, echoing the cries of the angels at His birth, we also cry out in praise to Him! *"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"*

† PREPARATION †

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #331 "The Advent of Our King"

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: See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious.

C: For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord?

P: Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings?

C: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

P: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.

C: They rejoice in your name all day long; they celebrate your righteousness.

P: Indeed, our shield belongs to the Lord,

C: our king to the Holy One of Israel. 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: See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious.

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 “This Is the Feast”

♪This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God
and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 33:14-16

pg. 563 in Blue Bible, pg. 1232 in the Red Bible

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE..... 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

pg. 836 in Blue Bible, pg. 1839 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 Luke 19:28-40

pg. 743 in Blue Bible, pg. 1631 in the Red Bible

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th 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 #334 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" (v.1-4)

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 come into this corrupt and sinful world and restore it through His death and resurrection. 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

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: 'Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'

PROCLAMATION OF PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

☐ 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 #636**..... "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (v.1,3,5,7)
HYMN #606..... "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"
HYMN #621..... "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
HYMN #728..... "How Firm a Foundation"
HYMN #803..... "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

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: #345 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

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

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- Dorothy Damery

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- Dorothy Damery
- Dan Reynolds

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