

# 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.*



January 6, 2019

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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.

# THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## AS WE GATHER

Unexpected guests. That's who they were. The magi who came to worship the infant Jesus were not the people you would have expected to come knocking at the door. They were outsiders. Foreigners. Different. And yet, God, in His mercy, revealed Jesus to them. By a star, they were brought to a place where they would worship and give thanks to God. As we celebrate Epiphany today, we rejoice that God continues to guide all people, even the unexpected, to Jesus. But rather than guiding people by a star, the Holy Spirit guides us by His Word, so that we too may worship and give thanks to God for the blessing of His Son.

## † PREPARATION †

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

### WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN #412 .... "The People That in Darkness Sat" (v.1-3,6)**

## 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: I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

**C: therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.**

P: Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;

**C: a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.**

P: You love righteousness and hate wickedness;

**C: therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.**

P: All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

**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.**

P: I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

**C: therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.**

## 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: Let us pray together.**

**C: O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT .....Isaiah 60:1-6**

*pg. 528 in Blue Bible, pg. 1155 in the Red Bible*

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE.....Ephesians 3:1-12**

*pg. 828 in Blue Bible, pg. 1820 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, alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL ..... Matthew 2:1-12**

*pg. 681 in Blue Bible, pg. 1497 in the Red Bible*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</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 #397** ..... “As With Gladness Men of Old”

## **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**

*During the offering, please take a moment to fill out the black fellowship booklet as it is passed to you. Our ushers will collect them when they reach the end of the row.*

## 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 You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. As the glory of Your presence once filled Your holy temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You revealed the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in this Holy Supper You continue to reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day see Your glory face to face. 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

**☐** 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 #625..... "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

HYMN #537..... "Beautiful Savior"

HYMN #411..... "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HYMN #533..... "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"

HYMN #650..... "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

### 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

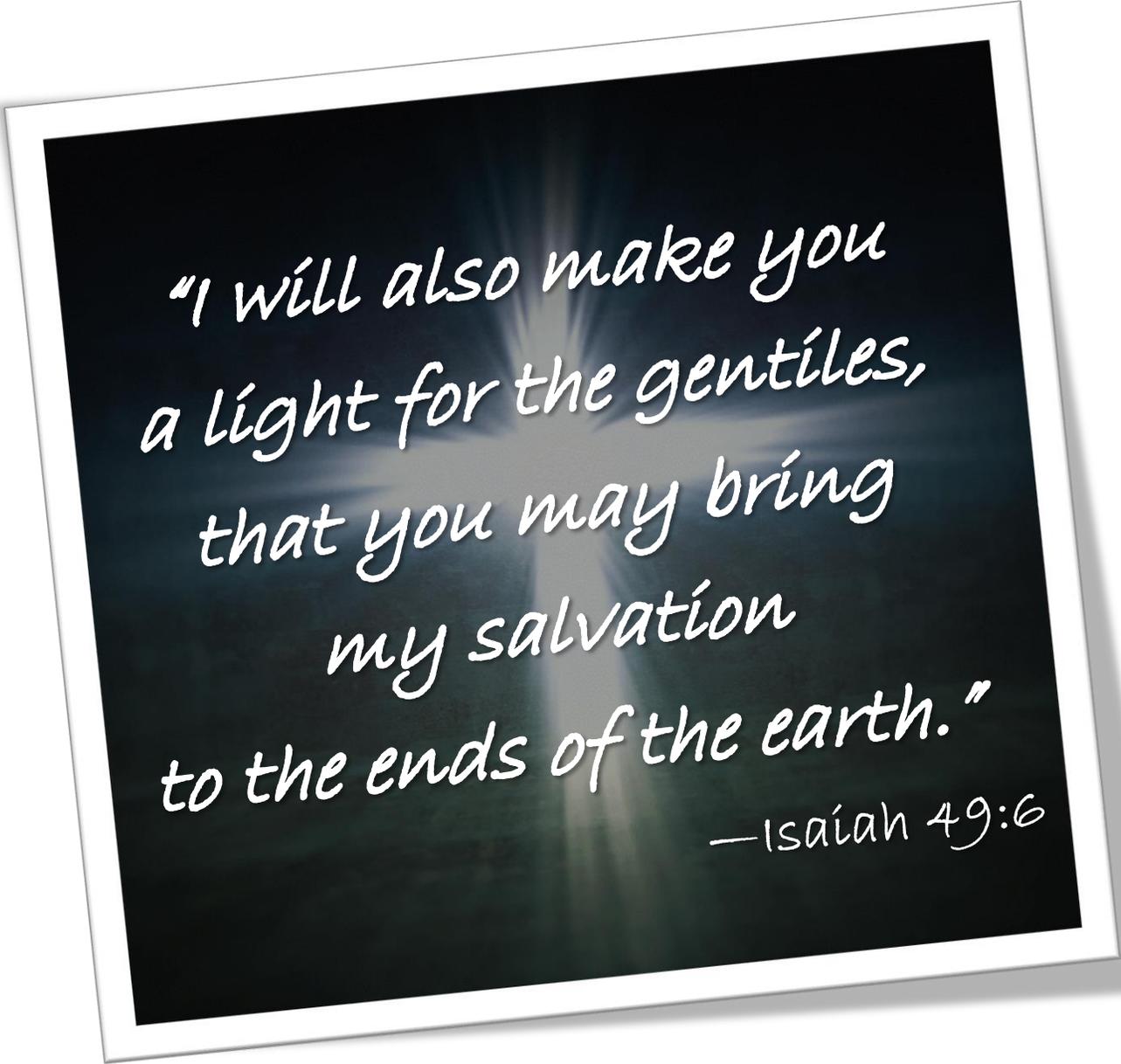
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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: #395** ..... "O Morning Star" (v.1-2,4-5)



*"I will also make you  
a light for the gentiles,  
that you may bring  
my salvation  
to the ends of the earth."  
—Isaiah 49:6*

## 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

#### Head Elder

- Joel Fletcher

#### LSA Representative

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