

# 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.

# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## AS WE GATHER

The key to a good relay team in Track and Field is the handoff, as the baton is passed from one runner to the next. In our readings for today, we see how God makes these perfect handoffs happen. We see how John the Baptist's work of preparation is passed on to Jesus. As he runs the race, Jesus secures our eternal life through His death and resurrection. Today, as the Holy Spirit works within us, we run the race set before us, pointing others to the work that Jesus has done for us. All of these exchanges happen as God works through Baptism to bring all people to the finish line of salvation.

## † PREPARATION †

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

### WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN #605..... "Father Welcomes"**

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  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 and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

## DECLARATION OF BAPTISMAL GRACE

**P:** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**C** 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 together.

**C: Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT .....Isaiah 43:1-7**

*pg. 514 in Blue Bible, pg. 1126 in the Red Bible*

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE .....Romans 6:1-11**

*pg. 799 in Blue Bible, pg. 1754 in the Red Bible*

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **ALLELUIA VERSE**

**C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL .....Luke 3:15-22**

*pg. 726 in Blue Bible, pg. 1594 in the Red Bible*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3<sup>rd</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 .....Apostles' Creed**

*Found on the inside back cover of the hymnal*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SERMON HYMN #405 ..... "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"**

## 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 worship booklet in your pew as it is passed to you. Our ushers will collect it when it reaches the end of the row.*

**THE OFFERTORY ..... "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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## LORD'S PRAYER

*Found on the inside back cover of the hymnal*

## 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 #664 ..... "Fight the Good Fight"**

## 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

#### President

- Doug Gerhardt

#### Vice-President

- Alan Dull

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- Tayler Anderson

#### Treasurer

- Rodger Koester

#### Financial Secretary

- Marsha Warnick

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