

# *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 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

## AS WE GATHER

In our Gospel Lesson for today, we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus, that moment of time where Peter, James, and John saw Jesus in all of His glory. And while they would have loved to live in that moment forever, this vision does not last and the glory they saw seems to fade away. Ultimately, though, as Jesus makes His way to the Cross, they discover God's true glory is different than human glory. His glory and His love is seen in the Cross.

Like the disciples, there are many times when we wish that we could live in those "mountaintop experiences" of our lives forever. We want to see Jesus in His glory. We want to live in that glorious way. But just as Jesus goes down the mountain to face the Cross, we also must go through the many valleys of life. But we never do so alone. Jesus goes before us and goes with us, until that day when we too shall see Him in all His glory in heaven.

## † PREPARATION †

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #814 ..... "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## RITE OF BAPTISM

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus has given us a wonderful gift in Baptism. Through the power of His Word and simple water, God washes away our sin and makes us His children. In Baptism, Jesus delivers the gifts He earned for us by His death on the Cross. As ones who believe in Christ, we strive to follow His Word and Command which we hear in the last chapter of Matthew,

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I commanded you."*

Not only do we seek to follow His Command, but we also seek the blessings He gives in baptism, for in the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, *"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."* Even the apostle Peter writes, *"Baptism now saves you."*

As we know from God's Word, these gifts are needed by all people, no matter how young or old they may be, because each and every one of us

are conceived and born as sinful people, selfish and self-centered from the time of birth. We know that we would be lost forever unless we are delivered from sin, death, and everlasting separation from God.

Knowing our need, we rejoice that the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who paid for the sin of the whole world through His death on the cross, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:*

P: Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P: Hear how the Word of our Savior Jesus Christ, as He speaks with Nicodemus about the new birth of water and the Spirit.

*“I tell you the truth, unless a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.”*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The pastor addresses the sponsors, saying:*

P: From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for those who are to be baptized and instructed in the faith. In the evangelical Lutheran Church, sponsors are to confess with the whole Church the faith in our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whose name you to be baptized and are, whenever possible, to witness the baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P: Knowing this responsibility, is it your intention to serve as sponsors in the Christian faith? If so, then respond, “Yes, with the help of God.”

S: Yes, with the help of God.

P: God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**C: Amen.**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate:*

P: We all now join together in praying:

**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.**

P: The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

P: Because God has already called you to faith through the Gospel, it is good for you to join together with the rest of the Church, in confessing the basics of your faith and the blessings that God works in and through baptism.

P: Do you renounce the devil?.

**C: Yes, I renounce him.**

P: Do you renounce all of his works?.

**C: Yes, I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce all of his ways?.

**C: Yes, I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**C: Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

**C: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*The pastor, turning to the candidates, asks:*

P: Do you wish to be baptized? If so, then respond, "I do."

*R: I do.*

**P:** Because God calls us each by name, I will ask you to say your full name as you are about to be baptized.

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:*

**P:** I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:*

**P:** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

The pastor may present a white garment to the newly baptized while saying:

**P:** Receive this white baptismal cloth to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:

**P:** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted to Josh, Heather, Hunter and Bryan, new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We pray You that You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that in keeping with Your good will they may faithfully grow in leading a godly life to the praise of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, receive the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:

**A:** Through baptism God has added, Josh, Heather, Hunter, and Bryan to his own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**C: Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord and receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, and children of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.**

**P: Now, Josh, Heather, Hunter and Bryan, may the Lord bless in you in all your ways from this time forth and forevermore. 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, in the glorious transfiguration of Your Son, You proved that Jesus is indeed Your Son and our Lord. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our own adoption by grace. Mercifully make us fellow heirs with Christ in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; 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 .....Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

*pg. 151 in Blue Bible, pg. 329 in the Red Bible*

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE.....Hebrews 3:1-6**

*pg. 847 in Blue Bible, pg. 1864 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 ..... Luke 9:28-36**

*pg. 733 in Blue Bible, pg. 1609 in the Red Bible*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9<sup>th</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.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN #414 ..... "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"**

**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.*

## **+ 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. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we, along with Peter, James, John, and all the saints, 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.**

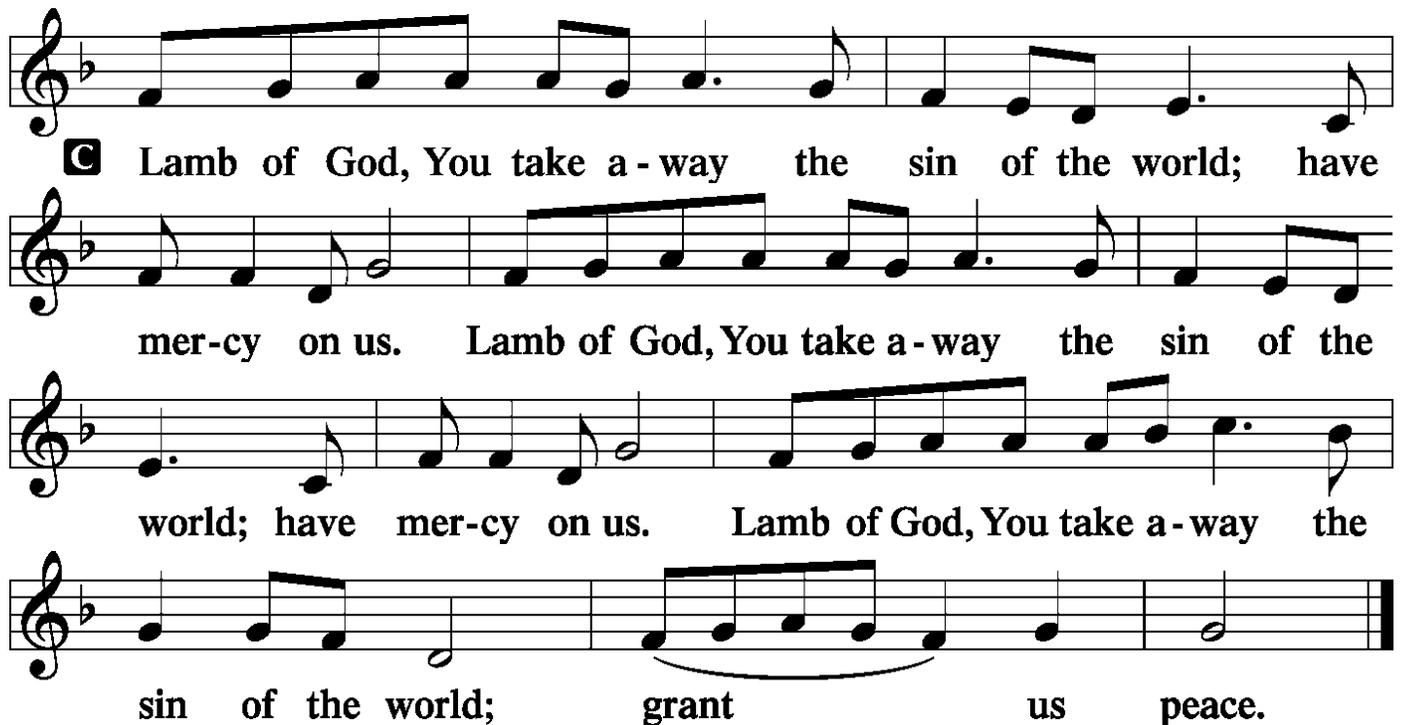
### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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 #622....."Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" (v. 1,4,6-8)**

**HYMN #670..... "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"**

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

**HYMN #524....."How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"**

**HYMN #832....."Jesus Shall Reign"**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

## FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

## 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: #417 ..... "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"**

## 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

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