

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 Lent

March 10th, 2019

AS WE GATHER

Temptation. It comes in many ways, at many times. But no matter when it comes or how it comes, it is always a struggle to resist. In our readings for today, we will see stories of how this temptation comes and how God gives us strength to overcome these temptations that show up in our lives. But even more importantly we will see how Christ himself withstood temptation, doing what we cannot do on our own and so showing His power over the devil.

† PREPARATION †

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: #435 “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ! As we begin this Lenten season, and our worship today, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him to grant us forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and Your forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalm 32:5

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

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

C: I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.

P: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

C: the Most High, who is my refuge—

P: no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

C: no plague come near your tent.

P: For he will command his angels concerning you

C: to guard you in all your ways.

P: On their hands they will bear you up,

C: lest you strike your foot against a stone.

Psalm 91:15-16, 9-12

GLORIA

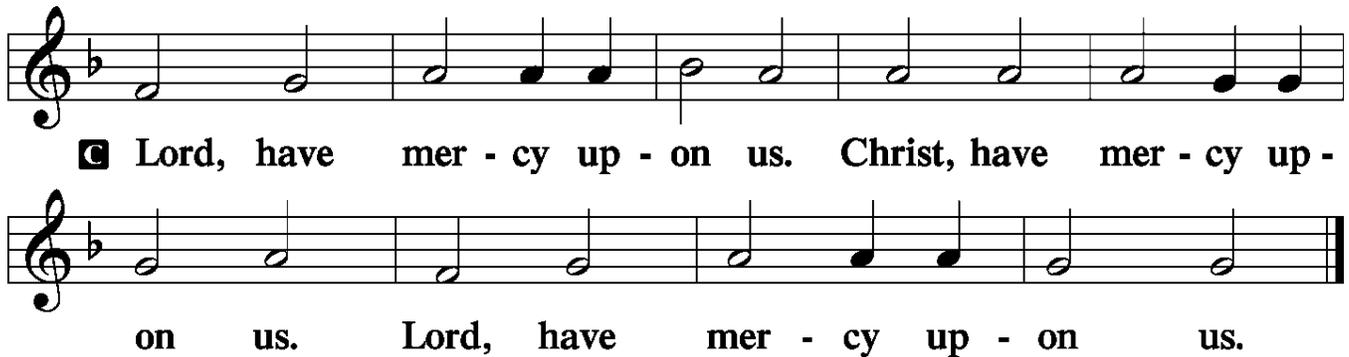


G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together.

C: O Lord, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGDeuteronomy 26:1-11

pg. 143 in Blue Bible, pg. 311 in the Red Bible

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING..... Romans 10:8b-13

pg. 802 in Blue Bible, pg. 1760 in the Red Bible

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13

pg. 727 in Blue Bible, pg. 1595 in the Red Bible

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth 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 FAITHApostles' Creed

Found on the inside back cover of the hymnal

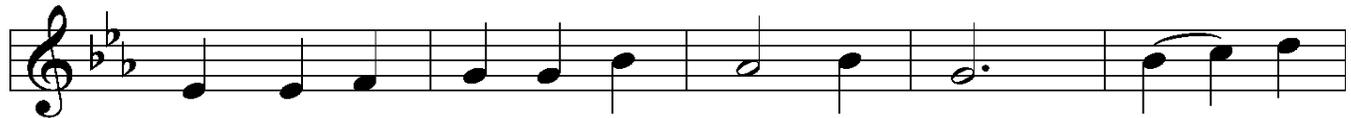
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: #424“O Christ, You Walked The Road”

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY“Create In Me A Clean Heart”



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

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.

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.

BENEDICAMUS

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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: #418“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

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

Our Staff

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- Kim Copeland

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- Jean Graham
- Dorothy Damery

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- Ashley Atchason
- Dorothy Damery
- Dan Reynolds

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- Mary Pressley

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