

# 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.

# Second Sunday in Lent

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## AS WE GATHER

If you've ever spent any time in a foreign country, you know that it can be an incredible experience, but also an uncomfortable one. The primary language that the people around you speak is not your own. The customs and values they hold are different from those that you are familiar with. As alluring as the sights and sounds may be, there is still this sense that this new place is not "home." In our Epistle Reading for today, the Apostle Paul reminds us that, as Christians, our citizenship is in heaven. Our values, traditions, and customs are different than those around us. And most importantly, our identity is not to be found in the things which matter most to the rest of the world. We are different people because we have a God who acts differently than the rest of the world, a God who operates based on grace! So today, we'll reflect upon what it is to be "grace-based" people in a non-grace based world.

## † PREPARATION †

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN: #790 ..... "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

## 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! 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: For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

**C: O God, why do you cast us off forever? Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?**

P: Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

**C: Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt. Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins; the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!**

Psalm 69:9, Psalm 74:1–3

## GLORIA

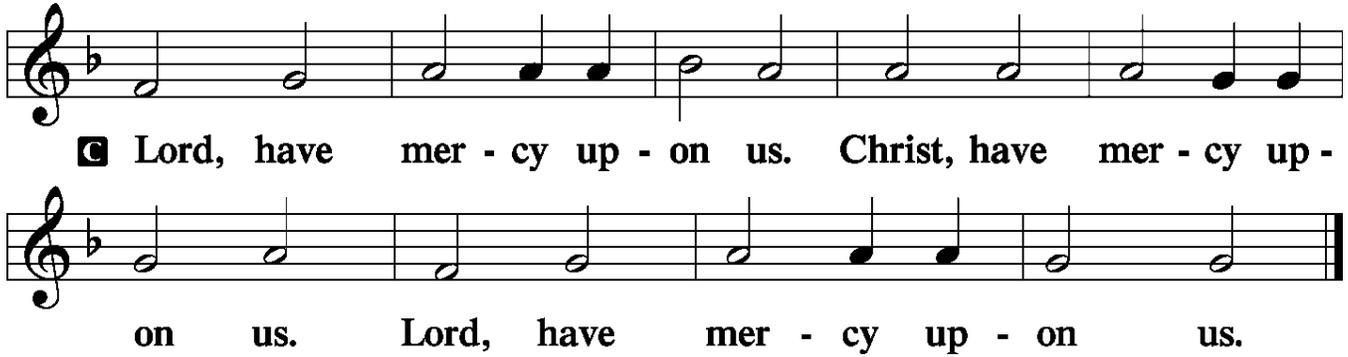


**Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;**



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

## KYRIE



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 God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING ..... Jeremiah 26:8-15

*pg. 556 in Blue Bible, pg. 1217 in the Red Bible*

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING ..... Philippians 3:17-4:1

*pg. 832 in Blue Bible, pg. 1829 in the Red Bible*

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL ..... Luke 13:31-35

*pg. 739 in Blue Bible, pg. 1621 in the Red Bible*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth 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**

*Printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #748 ..... "I'm But a Stranger Here"**

**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.**

## **+ 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 that we may faithfully eat and drink the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. So 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

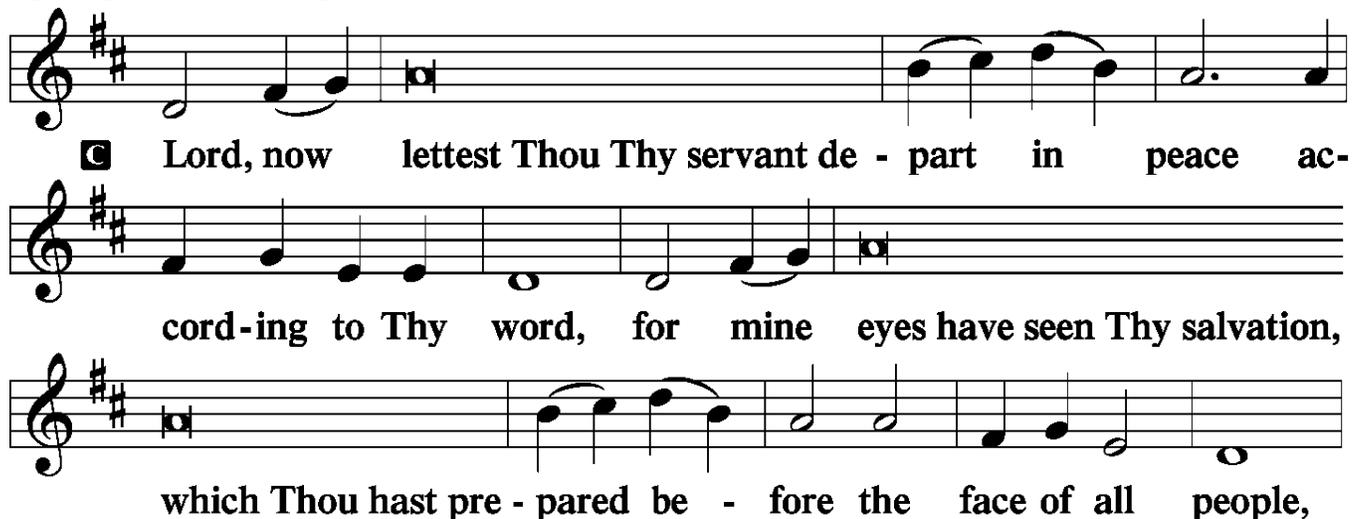


□ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## HOLY COMMUNION

- HYMN #637..... "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"  
HYMN #685..... "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"  
HYMN #727..... "On Eagles' Wings"  
HYMN #629..... "What Is This Bread"  
HYMN #696..... "O God, My Faithful God"

## NUNC DIMITTIS



□ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
 C: and His mercy endures forever.

## POST COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
 C: 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: #794 ..... “The Lord, My God, Be Praised”**

# Back to the Basics: The Creed

*Historically, the season of Lent is a time when new Christians were instructed in the basics of the Christian faith as they prepared to be welcomed into the Church by Baptism on Easter Sunday morning. Since these new members were to be received into a living community, the entire congregation was also called to go “back to the basics” with those were new to the faith. Although the intensity of these traditions have changed over time, it is still a good practice for all Christians to take time to reflect upon the core teachings of our shared faith. During the season of Lent, we will print this “Back to Basics” section every other week, with a brief excerpt from the Luther’s Small Catechism to guide you as you get “back to basics”.*

## **The First Article of the Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

### **What does this mean?**

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

## 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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- Jean Graham
- Dorothy Damery

#### Sunday School

- Ashley Atchason
- Dorothy Damery
- Dan Reynolds

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