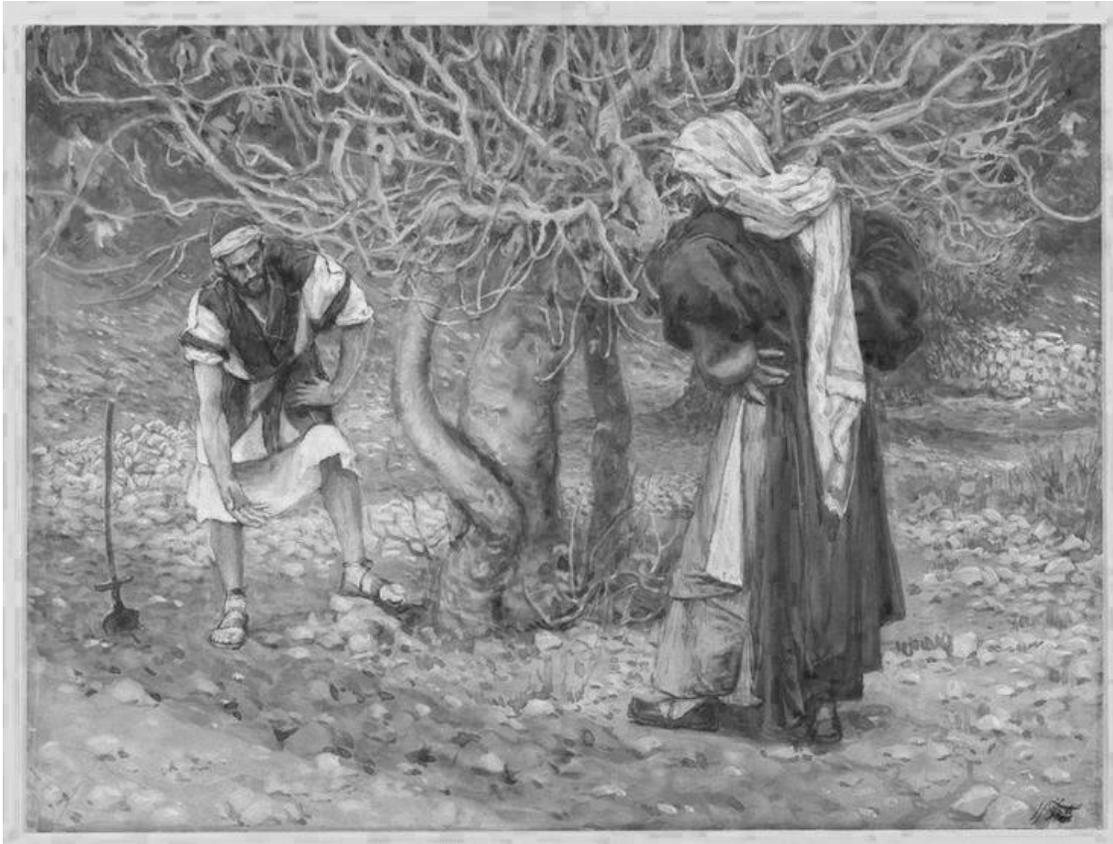


Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

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.



March 24, 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.

Third Sunday in Lent

March 24th, 2019

AS WE GATHER

When tragedy strikes we often wrestle with all kinds of questions. Why did this happen? Did I do something to deserve this? What, if any purpose, does God have for all of this? These troubling questions have been asked by people for centuries. In our Gospel Lesson, we hear how Jesus responds when He encounters some people who are wrestling with these very issues. As we explore the answers He gives, we'll learn where our focus should be in these times and how Jesus' patient loving care sustains us in these trials.

† PREPARATION †

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: #609 “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

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: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

C: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

P: The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

C: You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

P: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

C: I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

Psalm 5:4-8

GLORIA

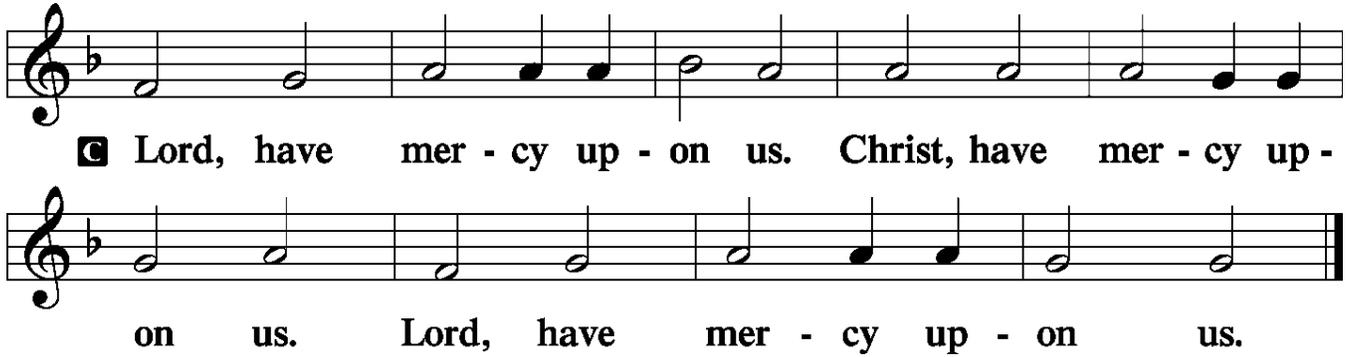


Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



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, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 READINGEzekiel 33:7-20

pg. 611 in Blue Bible, pg. 1339 in the Red Bible

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING1 Corinthians 10:1-13

pg. 811 in Blue Bible, pg. 1782 in the Red Bible

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 13:1-9

pg. 738 in Blue Bible, pg. 1620 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 FAITHApostles' Creed

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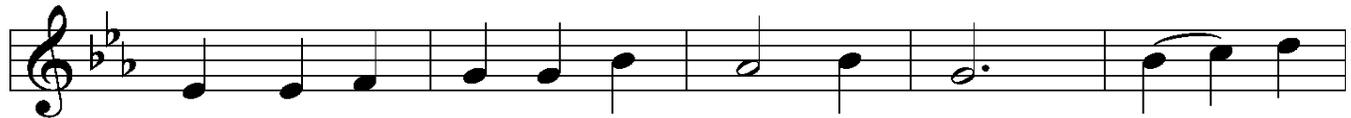
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: #575 .. "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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: #918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"



"On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand."

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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- Dorothy Damery

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- Ashley Atchason
- Dorothy Damery
- Dan Reynolds

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