

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.

Palm Sunday



April 14, 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 worshiping 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.

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday Worship

April 14th, 2019

AS WE GATHER

In congregations throughout the world, countless Christians join in celebrating the first day of Holy Week. Our worship begins with joy, as we remember Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem where He is greeted by worshippers who spread their cloaks and palm branches on the road. As we continue through the service, the joy of Palm Sunday slowly fades as we look toward Maundy Thursday and Good Friday when the crowds' cries of "Hosanna" change to "Crucify Him!" Even as we reflect on the suffering and death of Jesus, we eagerly wait for the joyful victory of Easter morning.

PLEASE NOTE:

As we begin our service, we invite those who would like to be a part of the procession to gather in the narthex for the "Palm Sunday Procession" portion of our service. All are invited to join their voices in this part of the service, even if you choose to remain at your pew in the Sanctuary. As we finish this brief portion of our service, we will process into the Sanctuary following the processional Cross and singing our opening hymn.

+PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION+

INVOCATION

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

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. We thank and praise You, O Christ, for coming into our midst so that we may be saved. Today, as we begin this most Holy Week, we recall Your triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, the loud shouts of hosanna, and the cloaks and palm branches that were scattered to prepare Your path. We humbly ask, O Lord, that you would bless these palm branches even as they prepare Your coming into our midst today. May they remind us that You are King and Lord of our lives, so we may look upon Your Passion rightly and follow You with full and fervent faith. This we ask through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

P: Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest!

C: **Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!**

P: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

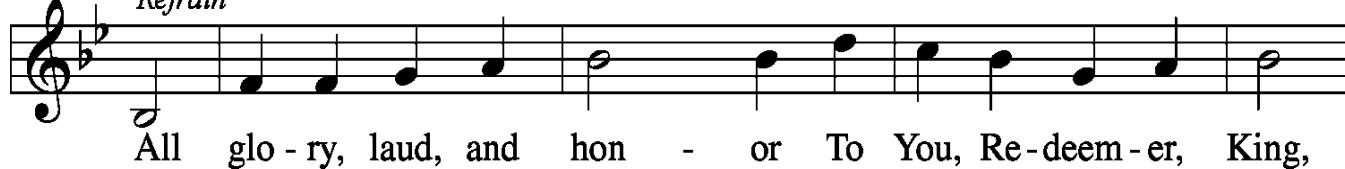
C: **Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest!**

Matt 21:9; Luke 19:38

*Please turn and follow the processional cross
as it enters the sanctuary*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem - er, King,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com-pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
5 As You re-ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - them Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

+CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS+

As we know from our earthly families, forgiveness is key to maintaining a close and connected relationship. The same is true with our Father in Heaven. Since we disobey God many times each day, in big ways and small ways, we are intentional about taking time each day to ask for the forgiveness He gives us through Jesus Christ. Asking for and receiving forgiveness is what this portion of the service is focused on.

CONFESSiON

- P: Return to me with all your heart, says the Lord, with prayer and fasting, with weeping and mourning, with broken and contrite hearts.
- C: For the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Joel 2:12-13

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

- C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I approach Your throne of mercy because I know I am a sinner and cannot stand before You based on anything I have done. I confess to you and to all, that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart nor I have not loved my neighbors as myself. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

- P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for You, and for His sake, He forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C: Amen.**

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Part of any relationship is taking time to listen to and to get to know the other person. The same is true with God. In the Service of the Word, Jesus comes to us and speaks to us. We take time to listen to Him and get to know Him through the stories and lessons He reveals to us in His Word, the Bible. As with all portions of the service, everything we hear is grounded in the truth God gives us through the Scriptures.

INTROIT

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

C: From the house of the LORD we bless you.

P: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,

C: that the King of glory may come in.

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

P: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,

C: that the King of glory may come in.

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.

GLORIA

C 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: Lord Jesus, while You were proclaimed as King by the crowds with shouts of “Hosanna” and the waving of palms, your true kingship was proven on the Cross amidst the shouts of “Crucify Him.” Grant us the humility to acknowledge our place in both crowds, confessing our rebellion, but also calling out for you to save us. This we pray through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGDeuteronomy 32:36-39

pg. 149 in Blue Bible, pg. 325 in the Red Bible

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING.....Philippians 2:5-11

pg. 831 in Blue Bible, pg. 1827 in the Red Bible

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 19:28-40

pg. 743 in Blue Bible, pg. 1631 in the Red Bible

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

CONFESION OF FAITHApostles' Creed

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

And 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.

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. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: #443 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Create In Me A Clean Heart”

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the notes. The lyrics are:

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 Church and all people according to their needs.

(after each portion of the prayers)

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King, who taught us to pray...

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 lift up His countenance upon you and ✝ give you peace.

C: ♫Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #444 "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"



Worship Service April 18th at 7:00 pm

We will continue with tradition and serve a Lenten meal at 6:00 pm that night. The main course will be lamb. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up so we know how much to prepare. You do not need to bring anything.
Worship and communion follow at 7:00 pm.

Worship Service April 19th 7:00 pm

Come join us and worship.
This is a service you won't soon forget.
The office is closed.



Saturday, April 20th 10:00 am

Bring your friends and family! Everyone is Welcome!



Worship & Communion April 21st Sunrise 6:30 am Traditional 9:00 am

Easter Breakfast is being prepared by the Ladies' Guild.

It will be served from 6:30 am until 8:45 am.



- ◆ Breakfast Casserole
- ◆ Sausage Gravy & Biscuits
- ◆ Coffee Cake
- ◆ Fruit
- ◆ Coffee/Tea/Milk/Juice

Take a minute to think of all the people that cross your path. If you haven't invited anyone to church lately, invite someone for Easter Sunday. Many people will go to church on Easter if someone invites them. Be that someone!

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

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