

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.



April 21, 2019

9:00AM

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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 Resurrection of our Lord-Celebration Service

April 21st, 2019

AS WE GATHER

“Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!” That Easter greeting, proclaimed throughout the ages of the Church, is not merely a catchy slogan we repeat each year at Easter. These words proclaim a profound truth that shapes our lives and impacts how we relate with the world. Through His Resurrection, Jesus reverses everything! This means that the worst the world can do to us, the worst we can do to ourselves with our sin, God reverses it in Jesus! He forgives our sins! He raises us to new life now by faith. And on the last day He will renew all things! All of this comes because Jesus went to the Cross and now proves His victory as He rises from the dead! Christ is Risen and we too shall rise! This is why we shout “Alleluia!” This is why say, “Praise the LORD!” *“Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!”*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: #457 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

1 Cor. 15:20-22

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Death has been swallowed up in victory!

C: O death, where is your victory?

P: O death, where is your sting?

C: The sting of death is sin,

P: and the power of sin is the law.

C: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION

P: As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus this Easter morning, we come before our Father, knowing that sin and death go hand in hand. The book of Romans tells us, *“For the wages of sin is death.”* and *“All have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God.”*

C: And yet, through Christ’s Resurrection we know that sin and death do not have the final word. The Scriptures also tell us *“The free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus.”*

P: Living in light of this victorious gift, let us honestly confess our sins to God our Father.

C: O Almighty God, merciful Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P: Today we stand before the cross and the empty tomb, rejoicing that sin, death, and Satan himself has been defeated by the living Christ. As a called and ordained servant of God, it is my privilege and responsibility to proclaim Christ’s victorious new life to you. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of our 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! We rejoice that we share in His victory. Alleluia! Amen!

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: ♪ Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "This Is the Feast"



♩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



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EASTER PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together.

C: **O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONIsaiah 65:17-25

pg. 532 in Blue Bible, pg. 1164 in the Red Bible

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON1 Corinthians 15:19-26

pg. 815 in Blue Bible, pg. 1790 in the Red Bible

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:1-12

pg. 748 in Blue Bible, pg. 1642 in the Red Bible

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: #466“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITHApostles' Creed

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.

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: In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer, Risen Lord.

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

THE OFFERING RESPONSE.....“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

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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.

P: You are saved by this Good News: Christ died to take away our sins as the Scriptures have said. He was placed in a tomb. He was raised to life on the third day. He appeared to Peter and to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than 500 believers at one time. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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

C:  Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN #633..... “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

HYMN #480..... “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

HYMN #474..... “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”

HYMN #483..... “With High Delight Let Us Unite”

HYMN #469..... “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

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.

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: #482 “This Joyful Eastertide”

Easter Lilies Sponsored by:

Kim Copeland & Jessi, Tessa & Kallie – In Memory of Steve “Pokey” Copeland ,
Grandpa Tom Copeland, and Aunt Marena Copeland

Mary Duncan - Blessings

Dick & Sharon Goers – In Memory of Loved Ones

Roger & Barb Harting – In Memory of Loved Ones

Sandy & Steve Haseley – In Memory of Loved Ones

Dan & Pat Hursh – In Memory of Parents and Friend

Winston & Melba Lacey – In Memory of Parents

The Shutters – In Memory of Parents



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

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- Cathy Kurecki
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