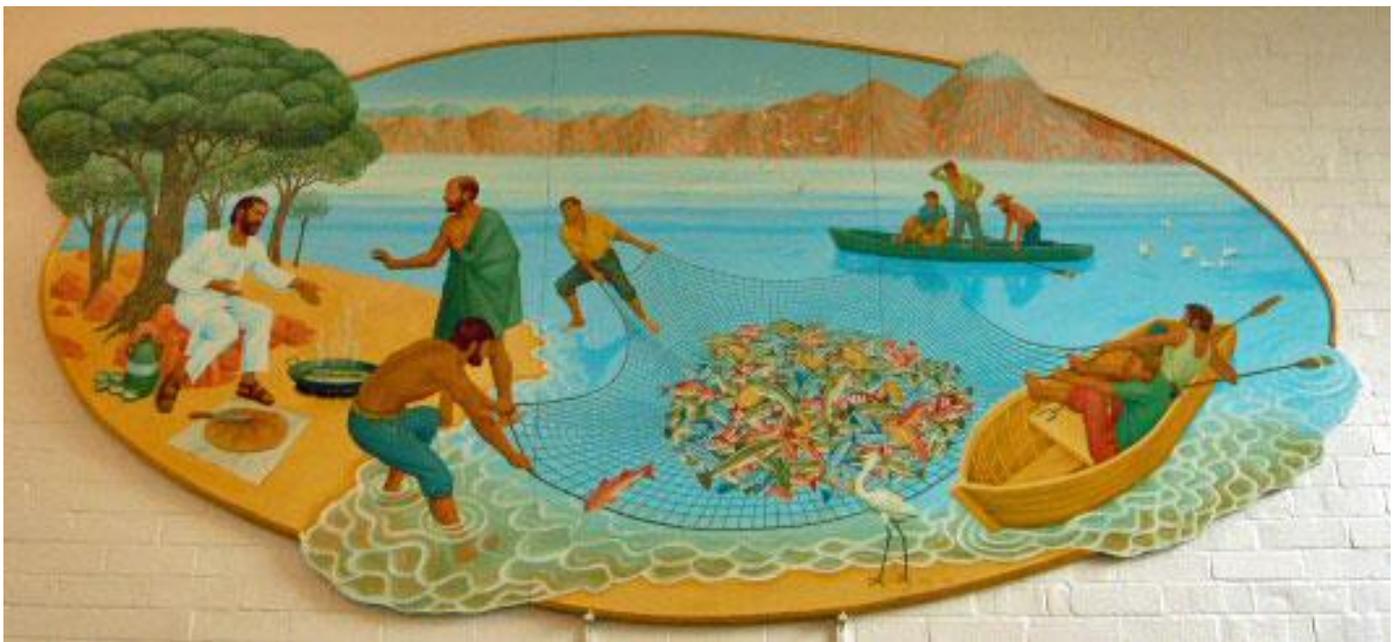


# Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

*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.*



May 5, 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 OF EASTER

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## AS WE GATHER

Have you ever gone to use a tool around the house only to discover that it is broken? Have you ever gone to fill up a glass of water to find that it leaks? What do you do with the glass or the tool when that happens? Do you through it away? Do you try to fix it? In our reading from Acts today, we hear about the Apostle Paul's encounter with Jesus. Despite the many sins and problems that Paul had, God still chose him and used him to be His witness. We, too, have our pasts, our problems, our sins. But God's grace in Christ is powerful enough to change, heal, and even use broken vessels like us for His glory!

## † PREPARATION †

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

### WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN #589 ..... "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"**

## INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, 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.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake 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.**

## RITE OF BAPTISM

P: Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

We also learn from the Word of God that we are all conceived and born sinful and so are in need of forgiveness. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The pastor addresses the parents:*

P: How is this child named?

*R: Ryker Allen McCoy*

*The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:*

P: Ryker Allen McCoy, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✝ forehead and upon your ✝ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P: Hear how our Lord Jesus opened the kingdom of God to little children.

*People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not enter the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And Jesus took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The pastor addresses the sponsors, saying:*

P: From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for those who are to be baptized and instructed in the faith. In the evangelical Lutheran Church, sponsors are to confess with the whole Church the faith in our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whose name Caroline is to be baptized and are, whenever possible, to witness the

baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P: Knowing this responsibility, is it your intention to serve Ryker as sponsors in the Christian faith? If so, then respond, "Yes, with the help of God."

S: Yes, with the help of God.

P: God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**C: Amen.**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate:*

P: We all now join together in praying:

**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.**

P: The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

P: Because this child cannot answer for himself, we all shall, together with sponsors and parents, faithfully speak on his behalf, testifying to the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the life of faith which God bestows in and through baptism.

P: Do you renounce the devil?.

**C: Yes, I renounce him.**

P: Do you renounce all of his works?.

**C: Yes, I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce all of his ways?.

**C: Yes, I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

**C: Yes, I believe 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.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: Yes, 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.**

*The pastor, turning to the parents, asks:*

P: Who brings this child to be baptized?

R: *We do.*

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:*

P: Ryker Allen McCoy, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:*

P: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

*The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:*

P: Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

*The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:*

P: Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

*The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:*

A: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in

the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**C: Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Ryker the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together.

**C: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING ..... Acts 9:1-22**

*pg. 777 in Blue Bible, pg. 1706 in the Red Bible*

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING ..... Revelation 5:8-14**

*pg. 870 in Blue Bible, pg. 1918 in the Red Bible*

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA VERSE

**C:** ♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL ..... **John 21:1-14**

*pg. 769 in Blue Bible, pg. 1687 in the Red Bible*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 21<sup>st</sup> 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

## SERMON HYMN #611 ..... "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

## SERMON

## 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.**

## OFFERING

*During the offering, please take a moment to fill out the black fellowship booklet as it is passed to you. Our ushers will collect them when they reach the end of the row.*

## + 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach 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.**

### PROCLAMATION OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### AGNUS DEI



**☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have**



**mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the**

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## HOLY COMMUNION

- HYMN #617..... "O Lord, We Praise Thee"  
 HYMN #740..... "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"  
 HYMN #605..... "Father Welcomes"  
 HYMN #490..... "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"  
 HYMN #487..... "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

## 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 in our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled to serve You constantly; 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: #922 ..... "Go, My Children, With My Blessing"**

## 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

#### Preschool

- Cathy Kurecki
- Mary Pressley

#### LSA

- Dorothy Damery
- Matthew Gruenwald

### Our Officers

#### President

- Doug Gerhardt

#### Vice-President

- Alan Dull

#### Secretary

- Tayler Anderson

#### Treasurer

- Rodger Koester

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- Marsha Warnick

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