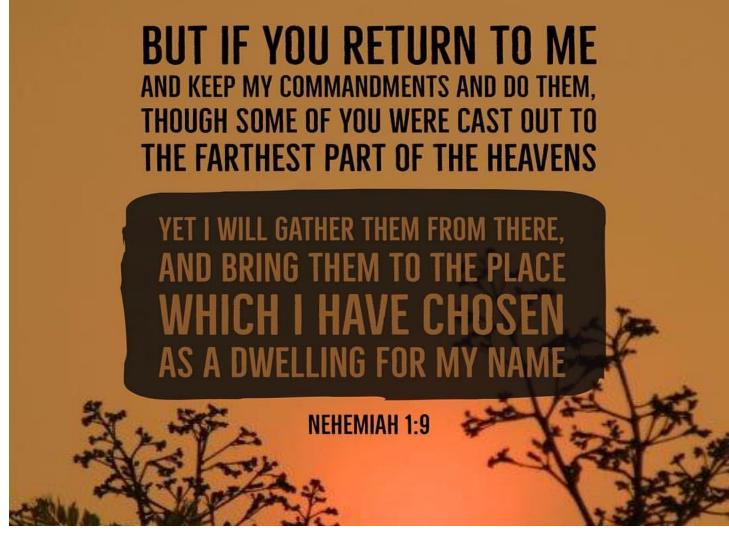
# Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

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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#### WELCOME TO MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL!

Sunday Worship: 9:00 am Christian Education Hour (Kids & Adults): 10:30am Midweek Bible Studies: See Bulletin Insert

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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.

*Connect Card Booklet...* We encourage all who attend our services to record your name in our "Connect Card" booklets. You'll find them at the edges of each row or have them passed to you by a neighbor. The information you share helps us better serve you in your faith.

*Guests...* if you are looking for a church home, we'd love to have you become a member of Mt. Calvary! If you would like to know what we believe or are interested in joining our congregation, please mark the appropriate box on the Connect Card which should be passed to you at the beginning of the service. God wants every Christian to belong to a local community of believers where they can be fed and nourished with God's Word and Sacraments.

*Families with children...* In addition to activity bags for younger children, we have a nursery and a cry room conveniently located close to the Sanctuary if you should need to leave the service with your child. There is a TV and the Service can be heard over the speaker system. You can find a changing table with supplies there or in the restrooms.

*Offerings...* In thankfulness for what God has given us, we give a portion of our time, talents, and treasure back to God. Please see the laminated card in the hymnal rack in the pews for more information about how to give.

*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... In the Lord's Supper God gives the incredible gift of forgiveness through His body and blood that is in, with, and under the bread and wine. Knowing that not everyone shares this belief, if you are not a member of Mt. Calvary or a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we encourage you to speak to our pastor before communing. If you need to avoid alcohol, the white wine is alcohol free. For those who are gluten sensitive, please inform the pastor or elder, so they can offer you your own gluten-free wafer.

#### The Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Service, Setting 1, page 151

#### **PREPARATION & WELCOME**

Before we begin our service, please take a moment to fill out the "Connect Card" Booklet in your pew. We use this information to get to know our guests and best serve all God's people in their faith. If you are the last in your row to complete a "Connect Card", please leave the booklet there for an usher to collect at end of the worship service.





#### INVOCATION

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

#### CONFESSION

- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- C: But if we confess our sin, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

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 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

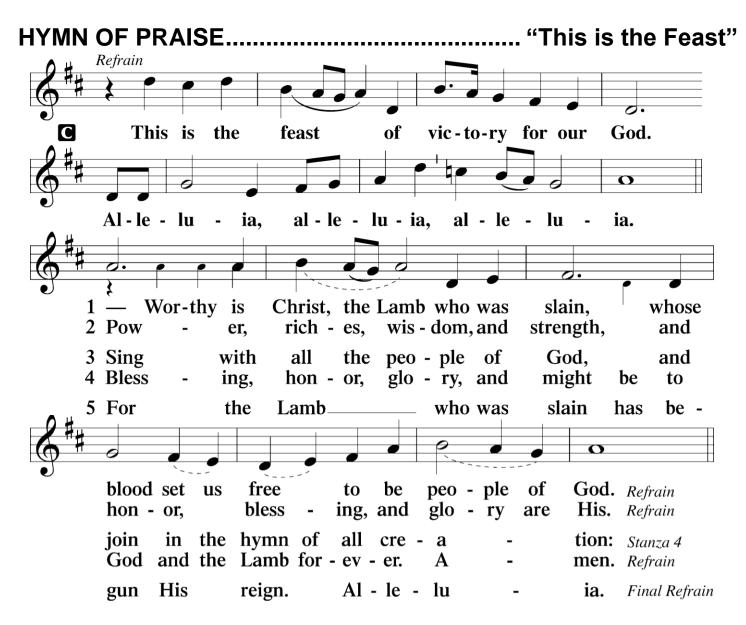
- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

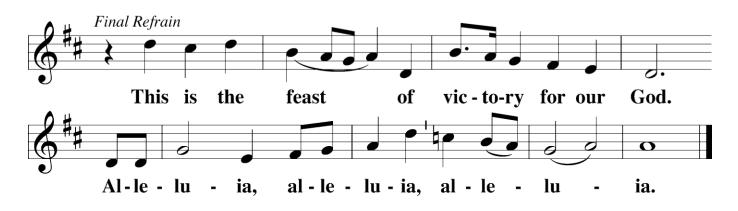
#### **KYRIE**

- P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C: ILord, have mercy.

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





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

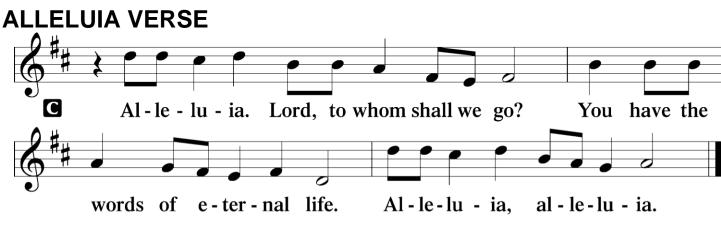
- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray together.
- C: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## FIRST READING......Nehemiah 1:1-11a

- A: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

#### EPISTLE READING.....

- A: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL ...... John 20:19-31

Pg. 1686 in the Red Bible

Pg. 750 in the Red Bible

Pg. 1853 in the Red Bible

.....2 Timothy 2:8-13

V: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter. C: JGlory be to Thee, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read)

V: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### HYMN OF THE DAY#737 ...... "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad..."

sts. 1-2, 6-7

1 Re - joice, heart, be glad and sing, my Α 2 He He Your is your your trea sure. joy, 6 His wis plans vain Nor dom in nev er 7 Up lay on your lips, then, your hand. And cheer - ful main - tain; For God. the of trust source life light Your coun - sel when and and Lord, or fal mis - takes. His coun - sels ters nor A11 that like trust His guid ing love: Then rock а vour thing, Your por - tion shall 'ry main. ev -re shield doubts noy, Your and great ward. re an may dain Α bless ed end ing makes. or peace shall stand Here and in heav'n a bove. Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.//Tune: Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz, 1738, Frankfurt//Text and tune: Public domain

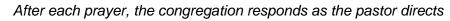
#### SERMON

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

V: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs.







courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

# + 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, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### 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

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: this is My + body, which is given for you. This do

in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **PROCLAMATION OF PEACE**

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

C: *G*Amen.

#### **AGNUS DEI**

C: I 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 #617 | "O Lord, We Praise Thee"         |
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| HYMN #480 | "He's Risen, He's Risen"         |
| HYMN #537 | "Beautiful Savior"               |
| HYMN #467 | "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" |

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

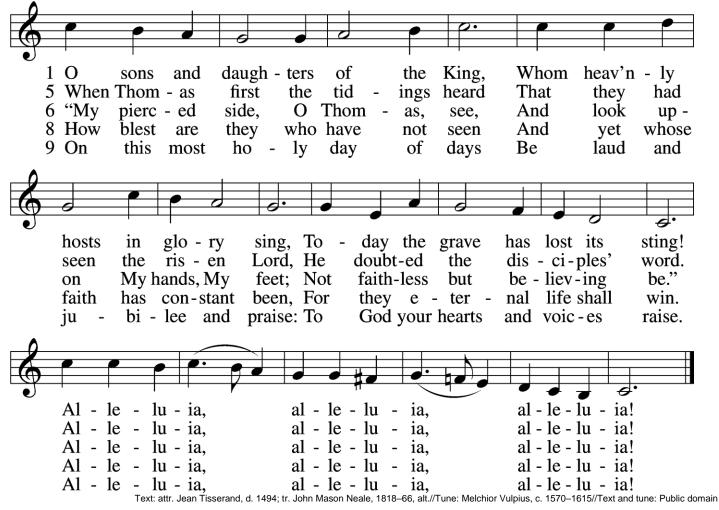
- P: Let us pray together.
- C: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 #470...... "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

sts. 1, 5–6, 8–9



#### **SERMON NOTES:**

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.
- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR AT 10:30 A.M. Join us for children's Sunday school classes and various adult Bible Studies
- MEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY AT 6:30 P.M. (Meets in the Conference Room
- WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY AT 9:00 A.M. (Meets in the Conference Room)
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY AT 6:00 P.M. (Meets in the Conference Room)
- MT. CALVARY CHRISTIAN PRE-SCHOOL A Christ centered learning program for 3 and 4 year old children
- LUTHERAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
  A quality Christian Elementary & Jr. High school (Pre-K Bridge Class; Grades K-8)

A quality Christian High School