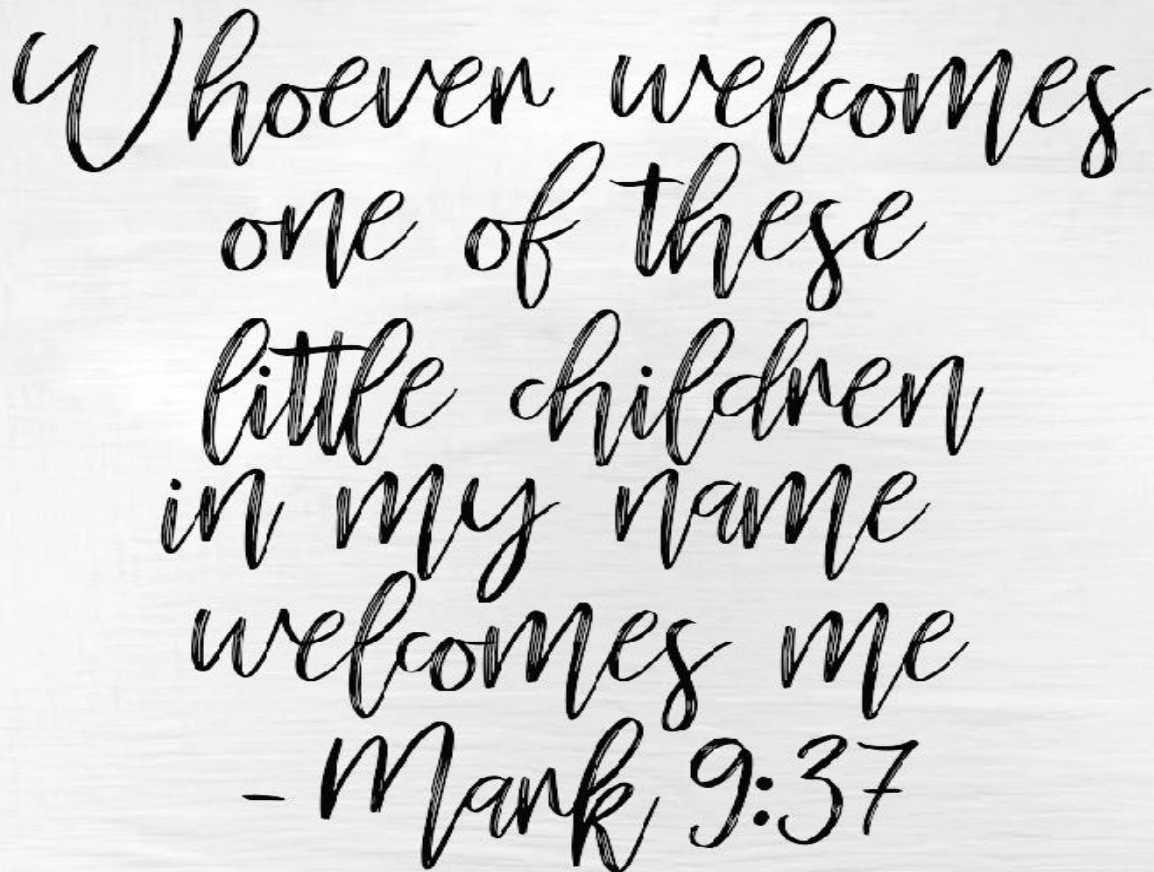


Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

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.



Whoever welcomes
one of these
little children
in my name
welcomes me
- Mark 9:37

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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 worshipping 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.

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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.

OPENING HYMN: #901 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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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.

INTROIT

Ps 37:5-7; antiphon: v.4

P: Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

C: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

P: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

C: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! Glory be to the Father and to the son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together.

C: O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; 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 READING Jeremiah 11:18-20

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pg. 1192 in the Red Bible

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING James 3:13-4:10

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pg. 1883 in the Red Bible

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

Pg. 1569 in the Red Bible

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C: ♪Glory be to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪Praise be to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY#725“Children of the Heavenly Father”



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958//Tune: Lofsånger och andeliga visor, 1873, Sweden//Text: Public domain

SERMON

CONFESSION 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

After each prayer, the congregation responds as the pastor directs

OFFERTORY

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the



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

CONCLUDING PRAYER

P: Let us pray together.

C: Lord Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith, we thank You that You continue to preach Your Gospel among us. Send Your blessing upon the Word You have spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You. Give us strength to fight the good fight of faith and to overcome all the temptations of sin, death, and the devil so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Trusting in all of Your promises, we are bold to pray...

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.

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”

sts. 1-4



1	Go,	My chil-dren, with	My bless - ing,	Nev - er	a - lone.
2	Go,	My chil-dren, sins	for - giv - en,	At	peace and pure.
3	Go,	My chil-dren, fed	and nour - ished,	Clos - er	to Me;
4	I	the Lord will bless	and keep you	And	give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil - dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.
Go, My chil - dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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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)
- 1st & 3rd 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

We Invite You To...

1. RELAX! At Mt. Calvary you always be yourself and know that you will be welcomed and cared for as a person who is created and loved by God.
2. BRING THE KIDS. For Kindergarten through 4th Grade students, we offer a "Children's Church" time during the sermon, where students learn an age-appropriate Bible story. For your preschool 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.

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