

# Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

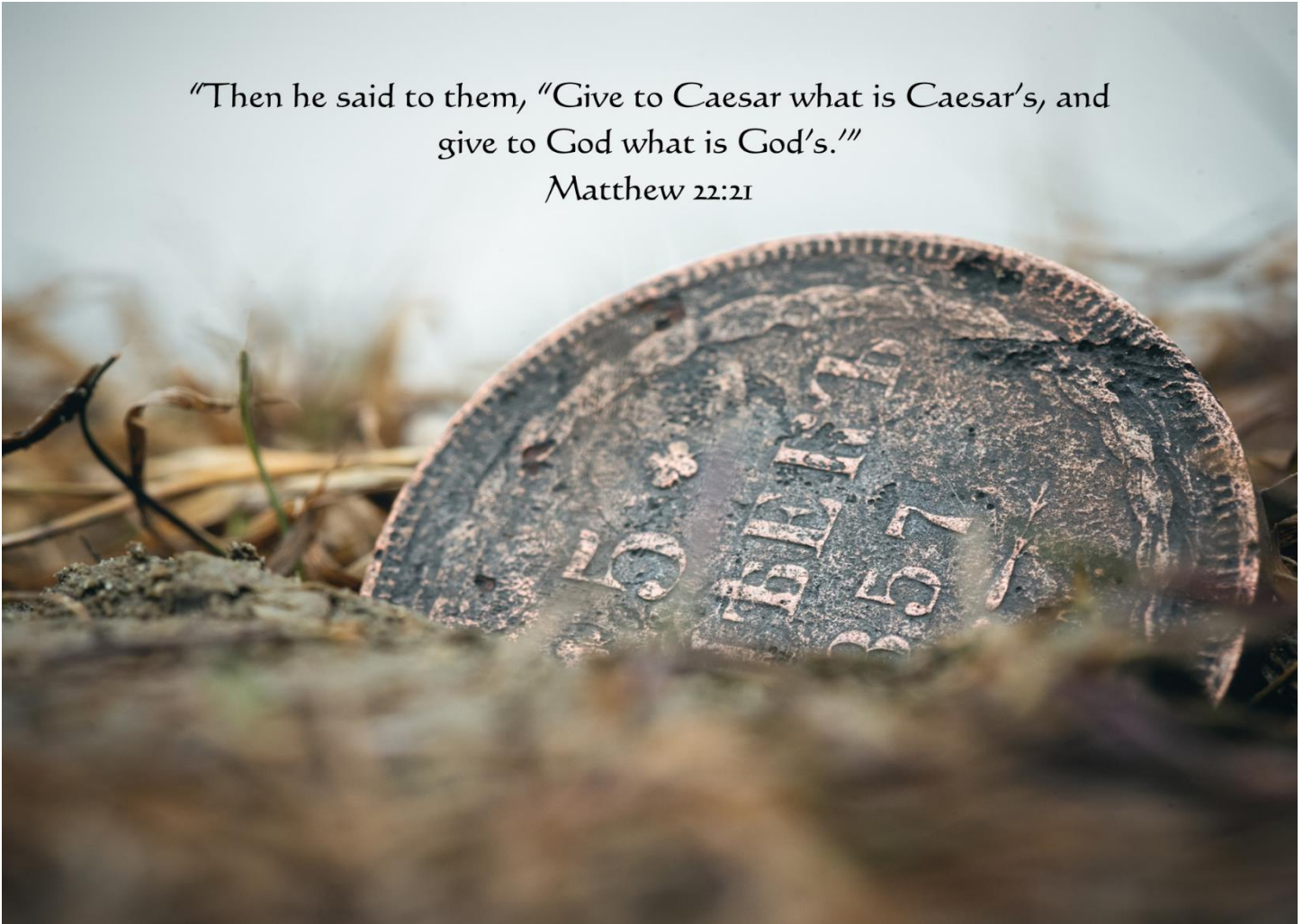
*Sharing God's love with those around us and our lives with one another.*

*Preparing for today, tomorrow and eternity.*

*Caring for each other, our community, and the world.*

*"Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and  
give to God what is God's."*

*Matthew 22:21*



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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."*

Sunday Worship: 9:00 am

Christian Education Hour (Kids & Adults): 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 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 Fellowship Register 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. 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...* are collected in the wooden box near the main sanctuary entrance. If you have questions, an usher will be happy to assist you.

*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 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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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: #915 ..... "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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## INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

## CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him to grant us forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

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

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## ABSOLUTION

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my 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.**

## KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together.

**C: O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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 .....Genesis 1:26-31**

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

*Pg. 3 in the Red Bible*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING .....Romans 13:1-10**

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

*Pg. 1764 in the Red Bible*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA**

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL ..... Matthew 22:15-22**

*Pg. 1535 in the Red Bible*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C: ♪Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*(The Gospel is read)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## CONFESSON OF FAITH ..... Nicene Creed

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY#844 ..... "Lord of All Nations..."



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace  
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide  
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred  
4 Give me Thy cour - age, Lord, to speak  
5 With Thine own love may I be filled



To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race;  
 Thy chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.  
 By love - less act and thought - less word.  
 When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.  
 And by Thy Ho - ly Spir - it willed,



And in each per - son may I see  
 My neigh - bor's good let me pur - sue;  
 Make me to see the wrong I do  
 Should I my - self the vic - tim be,  
 That all I touch, wher - e'er I be,



My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by Thee.  
 Let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.  
 Will grieve my wound - ed Lord a - new.  
 Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring Thee.  
 May be di - vine - ly touched by Thee.

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## SERMON

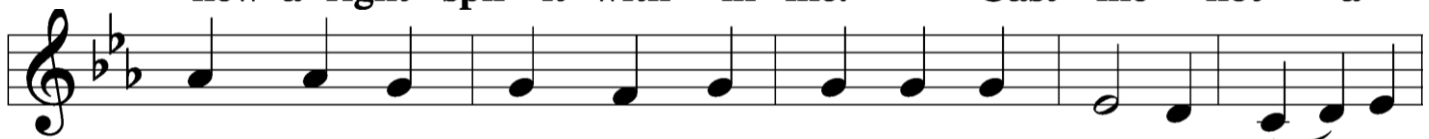
## OFFERTORY ..... "Create In Me A Clean Heart"



**☐** 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 whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs.

*After each prayer, the congregation responds as the pastor directs*

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

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 meet and right so to do.**

### THE PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### 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**

### **PAX DOMINI**

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

**C: Amen.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

**C: ♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**HYMN #628..... “Your Table I Approach”**

**HYMN #748..... “I’m But a Stranger Here”**

**HYMN #821..... “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”**

**HYMN #704..... “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”**

## **THANKSGIVING**

**P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,**

**C: and His mercy endures forever.**

## **POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P: 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 our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: 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 look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN #923..... ....“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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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)
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAY GROUP BIBLE STUDY AT 2:00 P.M (DURING WINTER)
- MT. CALVARY CHRISTIAN PRE-SCHOOL  
A Christ centered learning program for 3 and 4 year old children
- UNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
A quality Christ centered day school; grades K-8  
A quality Christ centered High School