

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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WE WORSHIP AND STUDY GOD'S WORD TOGETHER:

—Sunday Morning Worship: 9:00 am (FACEBOOK LIVE & ON 100.9FM)—

—Wednesday Evening Worship: 6:30pm (FACEBOOK LIVE)—

—Desire Holy Communion while we are not able to meet in person?—

Please call the Church Office to make an appointment with Pastor. Stay tuned as we explore other options to deliver God's gifts to you.

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Welcome... to all who worship with us today, especially our guests. What a blessing it is to come together 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 contact the Church Office at by phone at 217.428.0641 or you can email our pastor at pastor@mtcalvarydecatur.org.

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.

Anyone... who needs, or knows someone who needs, spiritual help, guidance, or comfort, please feel free to contact our Pastor.

Live Streaming... we are live streaming all of our services. If you miss us when we go live, an archived copy of the services can be found on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/mtcalvarydecatur.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3rd, 2020

AS WE GATHER

Each year on the 4th Sunday of Easter, churches throughout the world celebrate what is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. While most people today do not have daily interaction with the agricultural world, the image of Jesus as our Good Shepherd remains a powerful way to look at Christ's care for His people. In our Gospel Lesson, Jesus talks about being the door for the sheep, the one through whom we enter in the safety of God's pasture. Today our worship will lead us to rejoice in the blessing of belonging to our Good Shepherd!

PREPARATION & WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #711 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly

need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly

feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have

bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,

bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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.

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 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.

INTROIT

P: "I am the good shepherd;

C: I know my sheep and my sheep know me - and I lay down my life for the sheep.

P: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

C: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

P: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!

C: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. 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: "I am the good shepherd;

C: I know my sheep and my sheep know me - and I lay down my life for the sheep.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:19-25

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 10:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th 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.

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.

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, who taught 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.

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: #724 "If God Himself Be for Me"



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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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.

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