

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



APRIL 26th 2025
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are so thrilled to have you join us!

Calvary is a place for everyone, regardless of age or background. Whether you are young or simply young at heart; single, married, or widowed; a life-long believer or just getting started, you can find a home here. We are a congregation that worships, studies, and serves together.

A Special Welcome to Those With Young Children

First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that young children tend to wiggle, fuss, cry, or even giggle - so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Children are welcome here at Calvary!

Each Sunday your child may pick up a pew activity bag at the back of the sanctuary. Please return the pew bags after the service.

Feel free to sit wherever is most comfortable for your family. To make things a bit easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front so your child can see all the activity going on at the altar. We encourage you to help them to be a part of the service by leading them to stand/sit, sing along, and chime in on responses, such as "Amen" and "Thanks be to God!"

If needed, we have a parent's room available at the back of the church, with windows into the sanctuary and audio as well, so that you can both see and hear the service.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus's words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16). We know that children are a blessing to the church!

Communion at Calvary

Every week, Calvary celebrates the Lord's Supper with confidence and gladness in the forgiveness of sins that is offered by Jesus Christ at his table. This gift is more than a symbol; it is the true presence of Christ with us in his body and blood through the bread and wine. Our Lord invites to his table all baptized believers who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us.

If you are unsure of the beliefs and practices of the Lutheran Church, are questioning salvation in Christ Jesus, or do not believe, please speak with the pastor about receiving communion. We welcome you to come to the table with arms crossed upon your chest to indicate you would like a blessing.

When receiving, please know that the white cups are wine and the red cups are juice.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Harris.

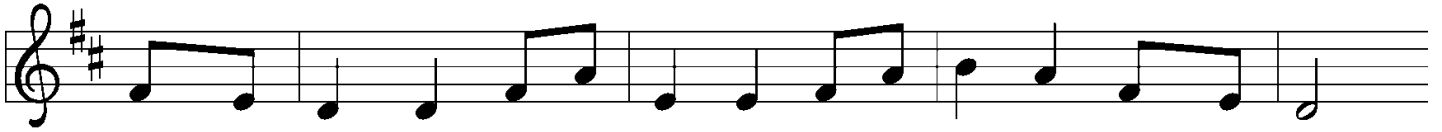
+ THE GATHERING +

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing



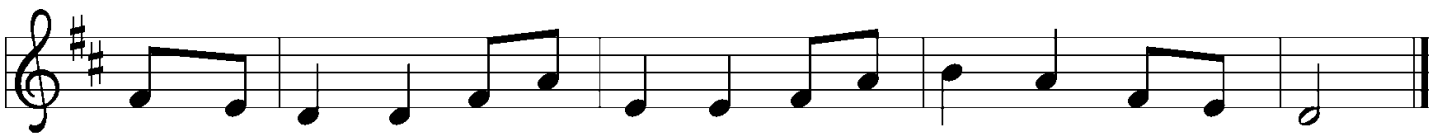
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God,
whose rising from the empty tomb
brings to us the promise of life eternal.

In the presence of the living God,

**C: we confess that we set our minds towards things of death,
and not on the life that is revealed in the Christ.**

In our fear and trembling

we quickly turn from you towards ourselves.

**Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and
neglect your creation.**

**Resurrect us O' God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in our
community, and our world.**

**Through the mercy of you beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give
us the new breath of your Spirit.**

P: Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ + proclaims,
"Do not be afraid!"

Know that you are washed anew in his rising, and your sins are forgiven.
Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God.

C: Amen!

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

HYMN OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast/Worthy is Chris*

Choir/Cantor



7 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

ALL



11 C: Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

15



Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength and

19



hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

23



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

29



Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-

36



a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and might be to God and the

lamb_ for - ev - er. A - men. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our

48
God, for the lamb who was slain has be - gun his

52
reign. Al - - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Alex Harris

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 23

Shepherd Me, O God - Marty Haugen

Refrain/Congregation

Shep - herd me, O God, Be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Verses/Cantors

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Refrain

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Refrain

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff,
my comfort and my hope.

Refrain

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.

Refrain

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore. _____

Refrain

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25 (NIV)

¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² "He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." ²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia! Lord To Whom Shall We Go"*



HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel is from Saint John, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Pastor Alex Harris

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Lord is My Shepherd - Howard Goodall

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea, though I walk through the the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

For your are with me, you will comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

OFFERTORY HYMN

We Know That Christ is Raised



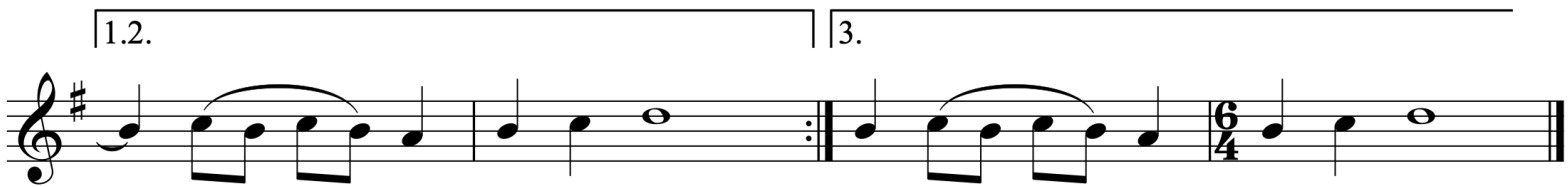
1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3. The Fath - er's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.



Hal - le lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(congregation may kneel or stand during the prayers)

P: Lord, in your mercy.

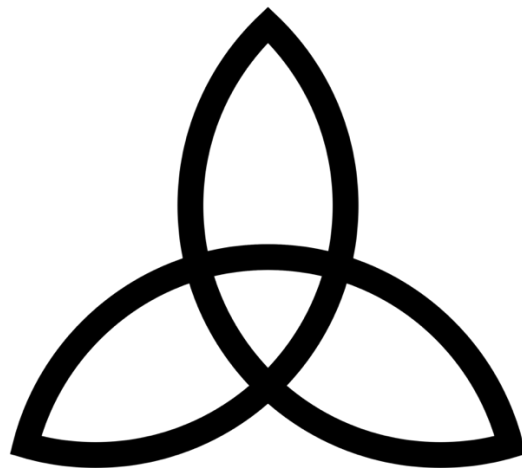
C: Hear our prayer.

APOSTLES' 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you

C: And _____ al - so _____ with _____ you.

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of four measures. The first measure contains a half note G4. The second measure contains a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The third measure contains a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a half note G4. The fourth measure contains a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a half note D4. The notes are connected by a slur across the first two measures and another slur across the last two measures.

P: Lift up your hearts:

C: We lift _____ them to _____ the Lord. _____

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P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

C: It is right _____ to give God thanks and praise. _____

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P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

The musical score for the Sanctus is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines, with some changes in time signature from 3/2 to 4/4.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 is My (+) Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another in the name of the Lord: "Peace be with you.

LAMB OF GOD



THE DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - jice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the truly present Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in body and soul unto life everlasting.
Go in peace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless you and Keep you;
The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
✠ the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! He is Risen!
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S FLOWERS WERE GENEROUSLY DONATED BY
WHITE FAMILY IN HONOR OF BODEN'S BIRTHDAY

Pastor

Alex Harris

Minister of Music

Brian Priebe

Organist/Pianist

Elizabeth Schneider

Bass

Phill Daniels

Drums

Bryan Isler

Choir

Singers

Nancy Dydak, Lori Schwartz

Altar Guild

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