

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 10<sup>th</sup> 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!

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### **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

*Pavane pour une infante defunte -Ravel*

### WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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### INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

## **CONFESSIO 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.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31 (NIV)**

<sup>22</sup> Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup> "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup> 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup> "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

# Psalm 66

*Let All the Earth Cry Out - Marty Haugen*

## *Refrain/Congregation*



Let all the earth cry out with joy to the Lord;

Let all the earth cry out with joy to the Lord!

## *Verses/Cantor*

Cry out in joy to the Lord, all peoples on earth.  
Sing to the praise of his name.  
Proclaim him forever, tremendous his deeds for us. *Refrain*

Leading his people safe through fire and water,  
Bringing their souls to life,  
Come sing of his glory, his love is eternal. *Refrain*

Hearken to me as I sing my love of the Lord,  
He answers the prayer of my heart,  
He leads me in safety, from death unto life. *Refrain*

## SECOND READING

## 1 Peter 3:13-22 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." <sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup> For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> After being made alive, he went and made a proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— <sup>20</sup> to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup> and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

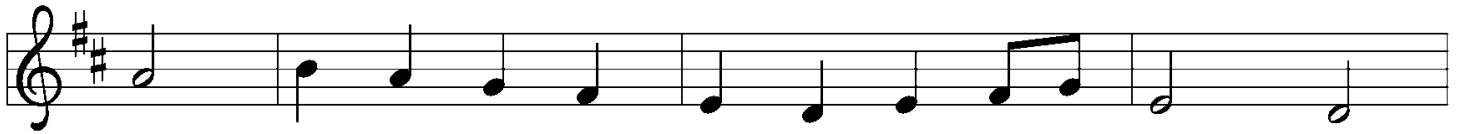


## HYMN OF THE DAY

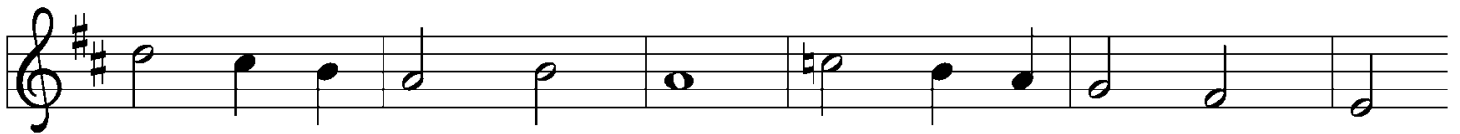
### *Come Down, O Love Divine*



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine  
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn  
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,  
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,  
no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

## THE OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

Voluntary

## 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.



## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(congregation may kneel or stand during the prayers)

P: Lord, in your mercy.

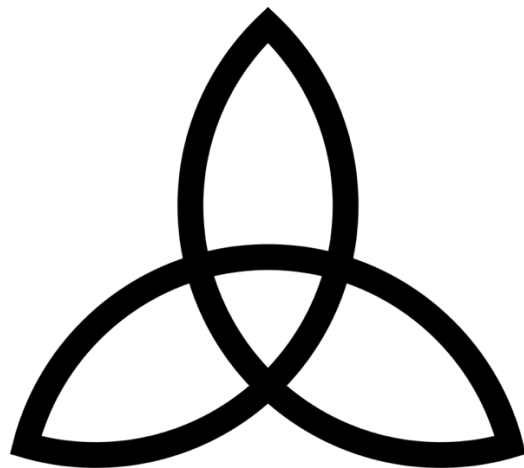
**C: Hear our prayer.**

## **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 half note A4. The third measure contains a half note B4. The fourth measure contains a half note C5. There are slurs under the first two notes and the last two notes.

*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



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."

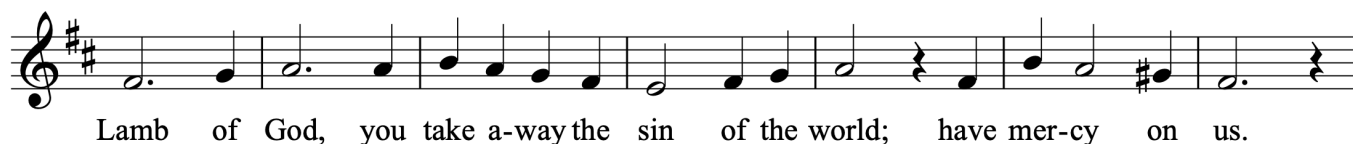
## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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.*

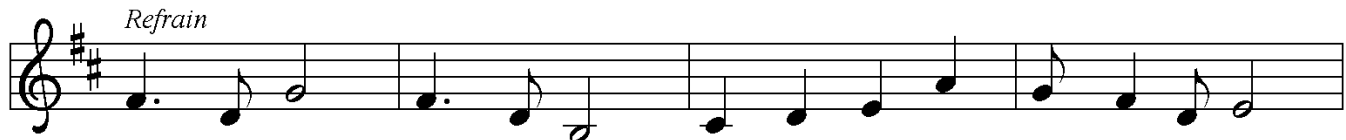
## LAMB OF GOD



# THE DISTRIBUTION

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

### *Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup*



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



*Refrain*  
in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!  
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.  
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.  
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

## 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 +**

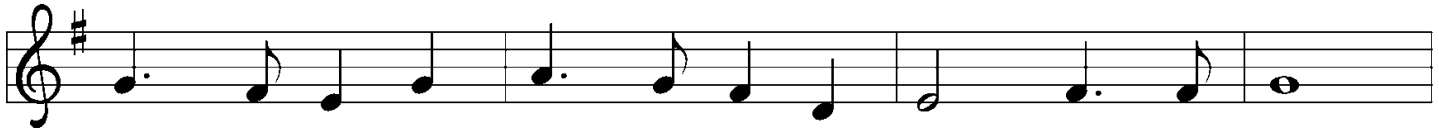
### **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

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

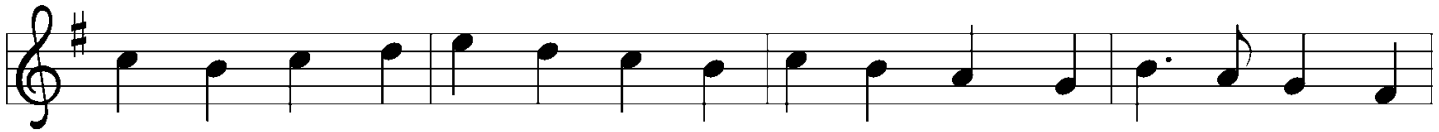
## Go My Children With My Blessing



- 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.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



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."

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*Pavane* by Faure

TODAY'S FLOWERS WERE GENEROUSLY DONATED BY  
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