

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 3rd 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

Awake My Heart With Gladness



1. A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, see what to - day___ is done;
2. Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, of all___their pow'r__ are shorn;
3. This is a sight that glad - dens what peace__ it does__ im - part!
4. Now I will cling for - ev - er to Christ, my Sav - ior true;



now af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes forth___ the glo - rious sun.
now I am safe from e - vil, and sin___ I laugh___ to scorn.
Now no-thing ev - er sad - dns the joy___ with - ing___ my heart.
my Lord will leave me nev - er, what - e'er___ he pass - es through.



My Sav - ior there___ was laid where our bed must___ be made when,
For Christ a - gain___ is free; in glo - rious vic - to - ry he
No gloom shall ev - er shake, no foe shall ev - er take, the
He rends death's i - ron chain; he breaks through sin___ and pain; he



as___ on wings___ in flight, we soar___ to realms of light.
who___ is stong to save has tri - umphed o're___ the grave.
hope___ which God's___ own Son in love___ for me___ has won.
shat - ters hell's___ grim thrall; I fol - low him___ through all.

5. Christ brings me to the portal that leads to bliss untold,
whereon this rhyme immortal is found in script of gold:
"Who there my crown has shared finds here a crown prepared;
who there with me has died shall here be glorified."

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.

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 God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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 7:55-60 (NIV)

⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

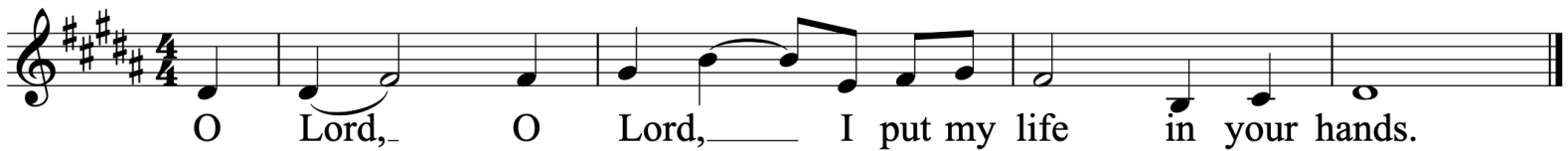
⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 31 *O Lord, I Put My Life In Your Hands - Michel Guimont*

REFRAIN/CONGREGATION



VERSES/CANTOR

In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame.
In your justice, set me free. Into your hands I commend my spirit.
It is you who will redeem me, Lord.

In the face of all my foes I am a reproach
an object of scorn to my neighbors and of fear to my friends.

Those who see me in the street run far away from me.
I am like the dead, forgotten by all, like a thing thrown away.

But as for me, I trust in you, Lord; I say: "You are my God
My life is in your hand, deliver me from the hands of those who hate me.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10 (NIV)

² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”
⁸ and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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



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

The first line of musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It begins with a 4/4 time signature, followed by a 3/2 time signature, and ends with a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The second line of musical notation continues in the same key signature and time signature. It features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." ⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you, I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Pastor Alex Harris

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come My Way, My Truth, My Life



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

We Know That Christ is Raised



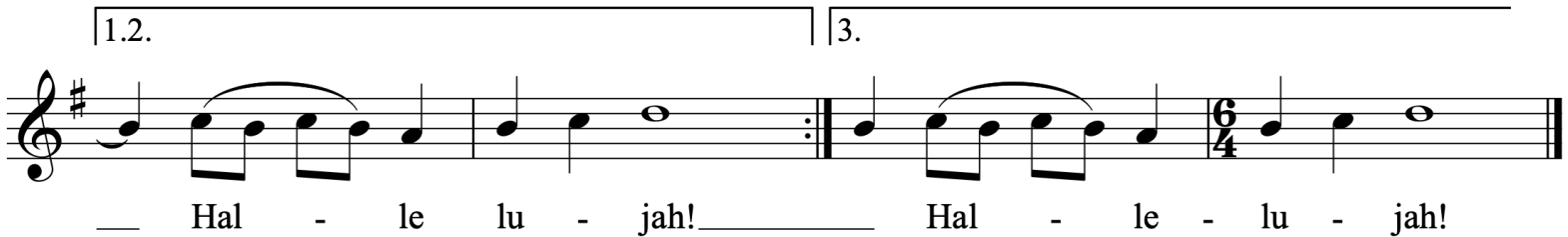
1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3. The Fath - er's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.



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.

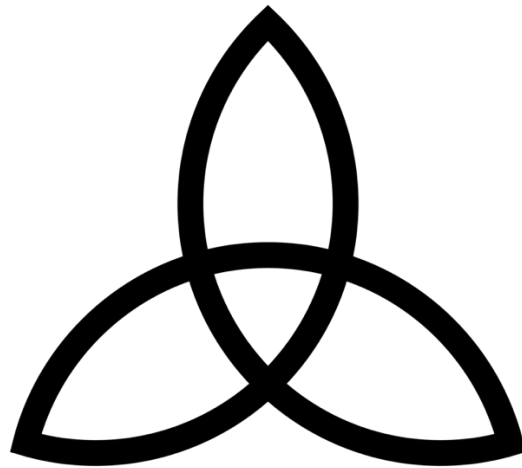
C: Hear our prayer.

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 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. _____

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef, key of D major, and 4/4 time. It consists of four measures. The first measure contains a quarter 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 second and third notes, and the fourth note.

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.

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The second staff continues the melody. The third staff features a change in time signature from 3/2 to 4/4. The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff features another change in time signature from 3/2 to 4/4. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing.

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."

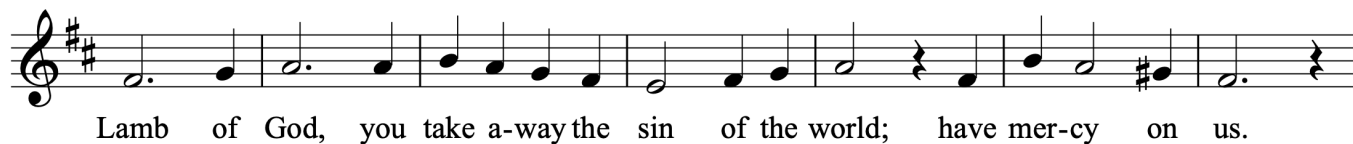
PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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

I Received the Living God

Refrain




I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



Refrain

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

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

Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing



1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2. Christ is a - live! no long - er bound to dis - tant
3. In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4. Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty___ to the sky. Let streets and homes with
year's_ in___ Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or___ wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it,___ hear the call, and find the way, the
this___ and___ ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es___ ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here_ and_ now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry___ place and time.
loves_ the___ more, and lives, where e - ven___ hope has died.
life,___ the___ truth, re - vealed in Je - sus,___ freed for all.
o - cean_ ring with joy, with jus - tice,___ love and praise.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S FLOWERS WERE GENEROUSLY DONATED BY
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