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Sunday Worship  
*10:00 a.m.*

Bible Study  
*8:45 a.m.*

Sunday School  
*8:45 a.m.*



**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*“Forward in Faith and Mission”*

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**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD 8:00 a.m.**  
**Easter Early Service**

**March 31, 2024**

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**HOLY COMMUNION AT CALVARY**

*“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him” (Psalm 34:8).*



**God’s Word teaches the real presence of Christ’s body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27–29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the Sacrament will have to first speak with the pastor before communing.**

**Please sign the clip board at the end of the pews to indicate your attendance.**

## Opening Verses

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! (Job 19:23-27)

C **For I know that my redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold and not another.**

P Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## THE UNVEILING OF THE CROSS

### Opening Hymn

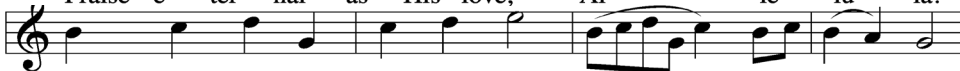
#### 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Confession and Announcement of Forgiveness

P When we were baptized, we died to sin and were buried with Christ.

**C We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.**

P Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, so that the shroud may be lifted from our hearts and a new life restored.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P Almighty and all-merciful God,

**C We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise. We have offended Your majesty and defied Your divinity; we have brought death and darkness where You once said, “Let there be light.”**

P But Christ is risen! Since we have been united with Him in a death like His,

**C we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. For His sake we implore You, O gracious God, forgive our sins that we may always rejoice in Your salvation. Let us be raised with Christ.**

P “Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in His name.” That word is now proclaimed to you. Jesus has carried our sins to His own death. His sacrifice is complete and full and He won the victory of death and the devil! In Jesus’ name and by His command, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

Hymn of Praise      *Celtic Alleluia*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn of praise. It consists of two staves of music, both in treble clef and G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' written below the notes. The first staff has a final double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody. The music is set in a 4/4 time signature.

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

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

**Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Scripture Readings

### Old Testament Reading

Exodus 15:1-18

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,  
“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD is a man of war;  
the LORD is his name.

<sup>4</sup>“Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea,  
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

<sup>5</sup>The floods covered them;  
they went down into the depths like a stone.

<sup>6</sup>Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,  
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

<sup>7</sup>In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;  
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

<sup>8</sup>At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;  
the floods stood up in a heap;  
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

<sup>9</sup>The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake,  
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.  
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’

10 You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.  
11 “Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?  
12 You stretched out your right hand;  
the earth swallowed them.  
13 “You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;  
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.  
14 The peoples have heard; they tremble;  
pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.  
15 Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed;  
trembling seizes the leaders of Moab;  
all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.  
16 Terror and dread fall upon them;  
because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone,  
till your people, O LORD, pass by,  
till the people pass by whom you have purchased.  
17 You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,  
the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,  
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.  
18 The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 118:15-29 (read responsively)**

15 Glad songs of salvation  
are in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,  
16 the right hand of the LORD exalts,  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”  
17 **I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.**  
18 **The LORD has disciplined me severely,  
but he has not given me over to death.**

- <sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.
- <sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup>**The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**
- <sup>23</sup>**This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- <sup>24</sup>**This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- <sup>25</sup>Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- <sup>26</sup>Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- <sup>27</sup>The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon us.  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!
- <sup>28</sup>**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.**
- <sup>29</sup>**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

## Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:55-58

<sup>55</sup>“O death, where is your victory?  
O death, where is your sting?”

<sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks  
to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup>Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding  
in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

***Alleluia!*** Let us sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously; our strength and our might, who has become our salvation. ***Alleluia!***

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-21

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he<sup>Ⓜ</sup> lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

<sup>11</sup> While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. <sup>12</sup> And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers <sup>13</sup> and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' <sup>14</sup> And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." <sup>15</sup> So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in<sup>Ⓜ</sup> the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



# Sermon Hymn

## 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
life And by His pres - ence stills all  
day That by our lives we tru - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"



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

**Apostles' Creed**

**C 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.**

**Prayers of the Church**

**Offering**

*(The offerings should be placed in the plate near the entrance of the worship area.)*



## Offering Hymn

*He Lives* st.1

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer  
And just the time I need Him He's always near

## *Refrain*

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today*

*He walks with me and talks with me*

*Along life's narrow way*

*He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart*

*You ask me how I know He lives?*

*He lives within my heart*

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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 right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

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 (spoken)**

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.**

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.**

# The Words of Our Lord

## Proclamation of Christ

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach 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.**

## Pax Domini

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

## Post Communion Hymn

### *He Lives* st. 2 & 3

In all the world around me I see His loving care  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair  
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast  
The day of His appearing will come at last.

### *Refrain*

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today*

*He walks with me and talks with me*

*Along life's narrow way*

*He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart*

*You ask me how I know He lives?*

*He lives within my heart*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find  
None other is so loving, so good and kind. ***Refrain***

## The Dismissal

### Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **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 T give you peace. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

### ***Thine is the Glory***

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

### ***Refrain***

***Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.***

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.  
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! ***Refrain***

*The cross will be placed on the hill overlooking Northern Parkway, as we share our joy of the resurrection of Christ, with forgiveness and salvation to all who believe.*

## **The Sending**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## TODAY'S SERVANTS

**Proclaimer:** Rev. Kevin Barron  
**Liturgist:** Dave Sitter  
**Organist:** Barbara Sommer  
**Communion:** Paul Thompson  
**IT Assistants:** Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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*Happy Easter  
To All!*