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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

Bible Class
8:45 a.m. - Sunday
11:00 a.m. - Tuesday

Sunday School
8:45 a.m.



Jesus said to him

I AM

the
Way

the
Truth

and the
Life

No one comes to the
FATHER
except THROUGH me

JOHN 14:6



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Forward in Faith and Mission”

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 a.m.

May 10, 2020

MOTHER’S DAY

THE ORGAN PRELUDE *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”* M. Burkhardt

GREETING

P: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

OPENING HYMN

“Christ is Our Cornerstone”

#912



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

†THE INVOCATION/CALLING

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

C: **Amen.**

†THE CONFESSION/ADMISSION OF SINS

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.**

P: Let us 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.

✠ THE FORGIVENESS/PARDON

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. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives” #468 st. 1, 4



1 I am con-tent! My Je - sus ev - er lives, In whom my
4 I am con-tent! At length I shall be free, A - wak - ened



heart is pleased. He has ful - filled the Law of God for me,
from the dead, A - ris - ing glo - rious ev - er - more to be



God's wrath He has ap - peased. Since He in death
With You, my liv - ing head. The chains that hold



could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall
my bod - y, sev - er; Then shall my soul



not die for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
re - joice for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!

PSALM 146 (unison)

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

**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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

L: 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. Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

(Stephen, one chosen to assist with needs of the Christians, witnesses his faith in Christ and is stoned by the church leaders.)

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

² And Stephen said:

"Brothers and fathers, hear me.

⁵¹ "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord

Jesus, receive my spirit.”⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2: 2-10

(We are the living stones, Christ the cornerstone, to work with others in building God's kingdom.)

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸ and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

THE HYMN “Thine Forever, God of Love”

#687 st. 1, 3, 5



1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;
3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.
5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
All our sins by Thee for-giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

† THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

(Jesus is the way to the Father and speaks for the Father, trust and have faith in Him.)

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

HYMN OF THE DAY “The Church’s One Foundation”

#644 st. 1, 2, 5



1 The Church’s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ’ry na - tion, Yet one o’er all the earth;



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.



From heav’n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - ’ry grace en - dued.

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav’nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Rev. Kevin Barron

✠THE APOSTLES’ CREED/PROFESSION OF FAITH

**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.

† THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

† THE 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.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”* #461 st. 7, 8

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

† THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

P: Christ is risen, just as He said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

THE CLOSING HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

#411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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TODAY’S SERVANTS

Proclaimer: Rev. Kevin Barron
Organist: Barbara Sommer
Cantor: Laura Higgins
IT Assistants: Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, May 10, 2020****

WELCOME IN JESUS CHRIST!

Prayers for comfort: the family of Nancy Brown on her passing. Prayers for healing: Rev. Roy Axel Coats, Sue Bobo (Gina's friend), Robin Klein (friend of the Sommer family), Amanda Richter, Walter Eline and Bev Brown, Bill Romberger (father of Cara Lucas), Tessa Willen (Segal family member), Mary Richter (Amanda's sister-in-law), Linda Watts (Bryan Mackey's mother-in-law), Debbie Middendorf (Heather Mackey's cousin), Deborah Bell (Cheryl Reek's sister), Al Booth (father of Garrett Booth), Joan Colliflower, Alison Baptiste, Kevin Burns, Pastor Bob Kretzschmar, Helen Abrecht (Betty Hucke's sister), Rachel Negley, Paul Schildwachter, Lavenia White (Rosa White's daughter), Dale & Chris Amendt, Carolyn Underwood, Frances Dunker, Jean Plitt, Drew Wallace (Olive Abt's cousin), Thelma Lucas (Ameous Lucas' mother), Ed Seufert, Alasaro Lucas, and prayers for all the victims of severe weather, and families of gun violence and senseless acts of terror in our world. We also pray for members and relatives of Calvary Lutheran Church whose families are serving in the Armed Forces and First Responders. Call the office for prayer requests, where they will remain for four weeks.

If pastoral assistance is needed, please email Pastor Kevin @ pastorkbarron@gmail.com.

SPECIAL PRAYERS NEEDED

Many people are struggling during this extended period of isolation: those living with fear for their health, those whose only out is a trip to the food store or pharmacy; those whose living space is a small room or apartment; those who are working from home or not at all; those who care for children and worry about their losing ground on their education. We pray for them and especially those who are gravely ill from the virus, the overextended medical professionals, those who live with domestic abuse, and those with the extra burden of stress on mental and physical health. Jesus said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

OUR PRAYER ON THIS SPECIAL DAY

Nurturing God, we pray for those who tend and teach young children, for safe pregnancies of expectant parents, for families who struggle with infertility and miscarriage, and those who seek to guide their children through each often difficult stage of growth. We give thanks for all who have shown mothering care, and we remember all for whom this day is difficult. Amen.

ALL BIBLE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL RESUME IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Grace Place is closed for regular classes for the duration of the COVID 19 virus problem. Plans for *Grief Share* are postponed until further notice. Behind the scenes we have submitted a grant application to begin a Career Planning and Mentoring Program for Adults with our computer lab facilities.

Calvary's Biennial Coat Drive! What does that even mean?? Calvary holds a Coat Drive & Giveaway every two years (on even years) by gathering and collecting coats, hats, gloves, etc., anything which could a man, woman or child could use to keep warm during the winter. Since its 2020, it's now again time! The event will be held in the early Fall, date TBD, but we wanted to get ahead of the curve for those folks who are doing Spring cleaning and clearing out their closets - please consider saving your coats and jackets for a time (hopefully, very soon) when you can once again bring them to church for collection. We're also looking for ladies purses, blankets, sweaters, etc. Items can be gently worn, but should be clean and in good condition. See Sunnie Bell or Bridget Jones for more information.

Happy Mother's Day!