



**CALVARY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

Sunday School
8:45 a.m.



John 20, 19-31

*“Blessed are those who have not seen and
yet have believed.”*

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Forward in Faith and Mission”

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10 a.m.

October 5, 2025

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 pew to indicate your attendance.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn

Hymn of Invocation



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!
 4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;
 6 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.
 But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.
 Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.
 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
 For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take
 Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;
 He rends death's i - ron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
 He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
 It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.
 He shat - ters hell's grimthrall; I fol - low Him through all.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

The Kyrie

Assistant: *Congregation:*



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,

to Verses




Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

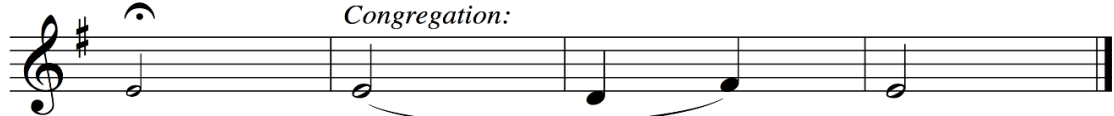
Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:



Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:



God. A - men.

Hymn of Praise *Now the Feast and Celebration*

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;

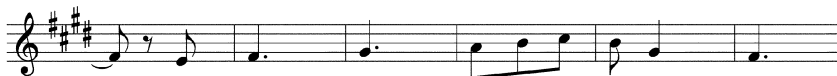


praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

Verse 1



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,



whose blood has freed and u - nit - ed us



to be one great peo - ple of God. **D.C.**

Verse 2



2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. **D.C.**

Verse 3



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us



peo - ple of God; to make all things new. **D.C.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture Lessons

First Reading

Acts 5:29-42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 (read responsively)

¹Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

²**Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!**

³**Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!**

⁴**Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵**Let them praise the name of the Lord!
For he commanded and they were created.**

⁶**And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

⁸fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!

⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!

¹³**Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!**

Epistle

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

***Alleluia!* Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.**

Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be

with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

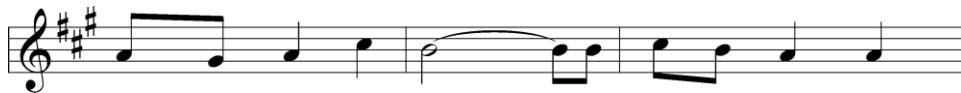
C Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn

720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
 2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
 4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are
 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when
 found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
 we re - jice And cry "My Lord and God!"
 You are near And seek where You are found.
 and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.

Sermon

Rev. Kevin Barron

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Offering

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

Offertory

“As the Grains of Wheat”

Refrain

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst

2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

SERVICE of the SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, 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

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He
that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns

527 O Savior, Precious Savior

1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove

O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;

We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,

We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

Open Our Eyes, Lord (sing twice)

Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him.
Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen,
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus.
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus.

Post Communion Canticle

Thanks be to You

Congregation:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
 you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
 Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your
 love, re - mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of
 life with us. 3. Praise to you, O
 God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
 Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for
 ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
 C and His mercy endureth forever.

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.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

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.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them
5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had
6 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up -



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."
seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt-ed the dis - ci - ples' word.
on My hands, My feet; Not faith-less but be - liev - ing be."



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

7. No longer Thomas then denied;
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 “You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8. How blest are they who have not seen
 And yet whose faith has constant been,
 For they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Sending

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Ye Sons and Daughters of the King* H. Willan

TODAY’S SERVANTS

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Proclaimer: | Rev. Kevin Barron |
| Liturgist: | Mike Bell |
| Organist: | Barbara Sommer |
| Cantor: | John Robinson |
| Lector: | Linda Osborne |
| Crucifer/Acolyte: | Caleb Barron |
| IT Assistants: | Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones |

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****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, April 12, 2026****

WELCOME IN JESUS CHRIST!

Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Prayers for comfort: The family & friends of Jack Phaller on his passing.

Prayers for healing: Michele Siemienski (friend of Beulah Gallatin), Kris Sabatino, Sean Jones, Jim Struder, Mechelle Gover, Sharon Hare, Glen Fowler (family member of Sunnie & Bridget), Jennifer Trotz, Donna Grueninger, Paul Saar, Shirley Kappel (Russ Davis' sister-in-law), Olive and Fred Abt, Lynne Funck, Sharon Root's husband and niece, Jodi Anderson, Jeffrey Baptiste, Kenzi Kelley, Randi Walters (Dave Segal's sister), Sheldon Mazelis, Charles Richter Jr., Claire McDerby, John Dignan, Alison Baptiste, Linda and Russ Davis, Lorraine Deitz, Paul Schildwachter, Carla Lindhorst, Family and friends of the Abts - Martha Kulaga, Sandy Robinson and Gloria Holthaus; Alyssa, Jessica, Reid, Mike Mister, Latonya Endres and Lavenia White (Rosa White's daughters), Stephanie Smith & Bernadette (CFP patrons), Jacenda Venable, and Aleese McCaid-Taylor and family (GED students).

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes: Betty Hucke, Frances Dunker, Kass Lindhorst

Homebound: Carl, Shirley, & Chuck Ropka; Russ & Linda Davis

Flower Fundraiser just in time for Mother's Day! Proceeds will go to Calvary Food Pantry (CFP). See order forms on the back table in church. Orders/ payment due: **Sunday, April 19th**; Pick up flowers - **Friday, May 8th**, 9-12 pm or **Sunday, May 10th** after church service.

WHO AM I? Adult Bible class starts TODAY @ 8:30 am (Media Room)

Who is God? How does my present life/history/events/world fit into His Plan? What keeps trying to hold me back? ***Pre-requisites-*** open mind, humble spirit. ***No previous education required.*** Nancie Seymour (410-967-0451)

Friendship Sunday: The Outreach Committee is sponsoring Friendship Sunday and pot luck lunch on **Sunday, April 26th**. You are encouraged to bring a friend

with you for the service and meal. Bring along your favorite dish to share for lunch, and plan for a great time of fellowship. The luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

The plants in the **round garden** will be dug up and replaced due the winter damage and age of the plants. Anyone who would like to contribute to the project, please see Barb Sommer.

Is your life a never-ending list of things to do? God wants our lives to be balanced and centered on Him. See *Project Connect* pamphlets in the entrance way "*Journey Through the Rat Race!*"

CALVARY FOOD PANTRY (CFP) - The "Calvary Life" pew insert has additional info on the CFP. We are collecting the following items or money for: **Personal & Household Items** - soap, shampoo, toothpaste, cleaning supplies, razors, Kleenex, TP, paper towels, personal hand cleaning wipes, etc.

CALVARY LUTHERAN "FUN" RAISING ACTIVITIES - We are looking for volunteers to help out with some upcoming fund-raising projects which will benefit a variety of ongoing Calvary Lutheran projects and outreach. See Bridget with questions or if interested in working on: **Vendor Fair** - Spring 2026 - local/national vendors, crafts, food, silent auction, and more; Calvary will sponsor purse (non-designer) and costume jewelry table. Check in with Ronnie Segal or Janice Woollen with any questions or to donate. **Vintage/Retro Basket and Designer Purse Bingo** - late Spring/early Summer 2026 - bingo games, silent auction, Calvary Costume Jewelry Table, food, etc. Talk to Sunnie Bell or Cheryl Reek with any questions or to donate purses.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 14th

Sunday, April 26th

Sunday, May 31st

Bible study, 11 am

Friendship Sunday & Pot luck lunch

Bull & Shrimp Roast - Rosedale Gardens,

1 pm -5 pm. Fundraiser for Saint James and the ministry at Nazareth Lutheran. See posted fliers for details or call the church office.