

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



APRIL 12th 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 +

WELCOME

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.
Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

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 Christ*

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 and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Pastor John Duran

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14; 2:22-32 (NIV)

⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

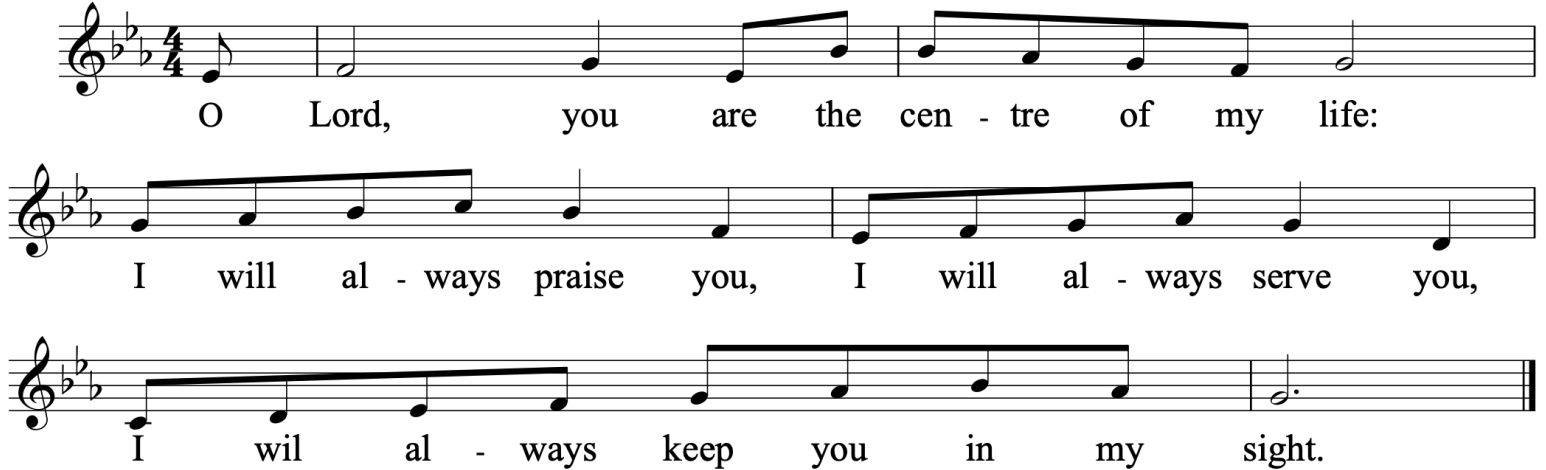
P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 16

Centre of My Life - Paul Inwood

REFRAIN



O Lord, you are the cen - tre of my life:
I will al - ways praise you, I will al - ways serve you,
I wil al - ways keep you in my sight.

Keep me safe, O God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord "You are my God.
My happiness lies in you alone;
My happiness lies in you alone." REFRAIN

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
Who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
Since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. REFRAIN

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
Even in safety shall my body rest.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
Nor let your beloved know decay. REFRAIN

You will show me the path of life,
The fullness of joy in your presence,
At your right hand, at your right hand,
Happiness forever. REFRAIN

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9 (NIV)

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord To Whom Shall We Go"



HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

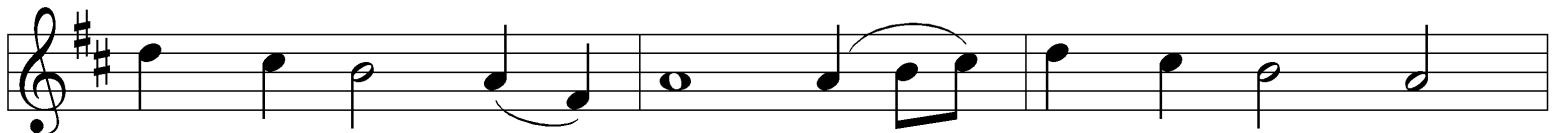
Pastor John Duran

HYMN OF THE DAY

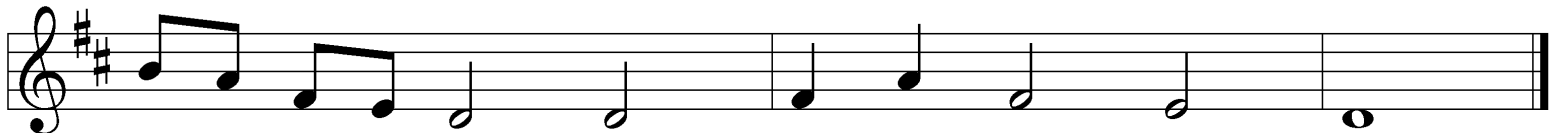
We Walk By Faith (WOV 675)



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 That, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

We Know That Christ is Raised



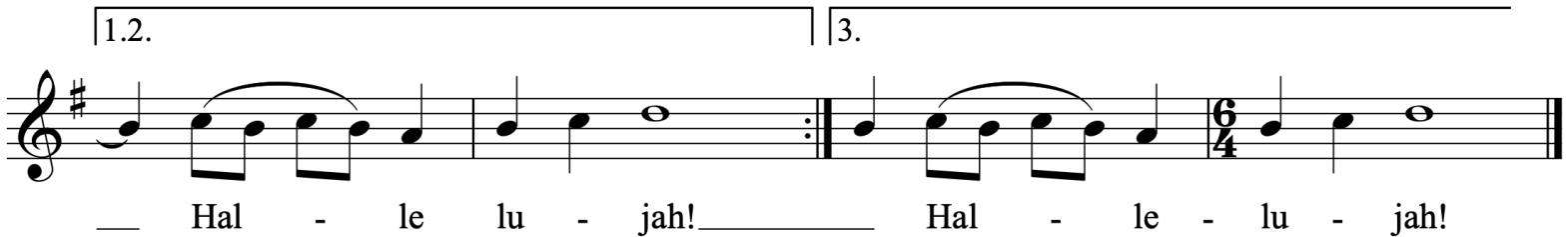
1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3. The Fath - er's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.



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.



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(congregation may kneel or stand during the prayers)

P: Lord, in your mercy.

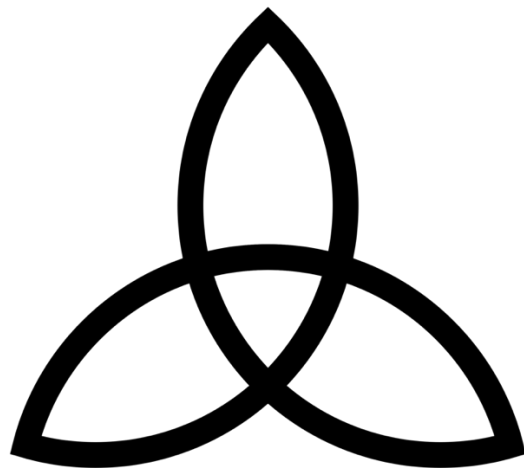
C: Hear our prayer.

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 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.**

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."

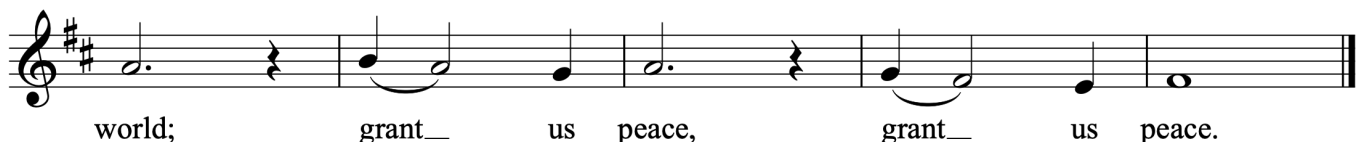
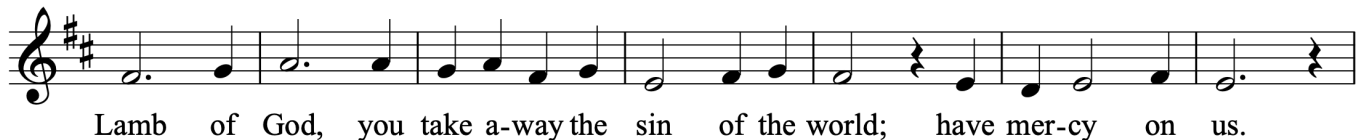
PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks (WOV 671)

Refrain

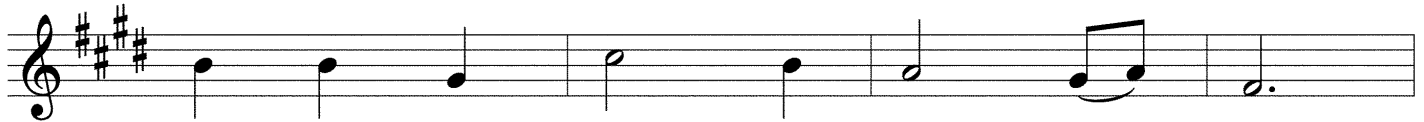


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his Name.

Verses



1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4. God has pro - claimed his gra - cious gift:
5. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,



He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for ev - er.
Life e - ter - nal for all who be - lieve.
Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Pastor

Alex Harris

Minister of Music

Brian Priebe

Organist/Pianist

Elizabeth Schneider

Bass

Phill Daniels

Drums

Bryan Isler

Choir

Singers

Nancy Dydak, Lori Schwartz

Altar Guild

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