

Calvary Lutheran Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship for May 25, 2025

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Growing in compassionate relationships, faith, service, and generosity through Christ

Welcome to Calvary! All are welcome in this community through the grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ. We hope that you will find joy and peace as you worship with us.

- Check out our **welcome center** in the lobby (narthex) for information about our congregation.
- Children and parents are invited to use our **children's resource center** located in the lobby.
- To find our **nursery**, exit the worship center (sanctuary), turn right. Go to the end of the hall and turn left. Follow the signs to our nursery.
- **If you are a guest with us today**, please fill out a visitor card found in the pews.



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

GATHERING

(Please enter the sanctuary in quiet reverence and prepare your heart for worship as you listen to the Prelude.)

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**PRELUDE****March on Down Ampney****Williams/Spong****WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****OPENING HYMN*****O Day of Rest and Gladness****ELW 521****RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

Alexis Graeber - Covenant Classical High School

Sarah Wilson - Mt. Pleasant High School

Katie Richard - A.L. Brown High School

MacKenzie Fain - Wingate University

Kate Fowler - UNC Wilmington

Carson Kelly - Western Carolina University


Kasi Wilson - NC State University

Alison VanDewark - College of William and Mary

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM*

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P In the name of  the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C Amen.

*Please stand in body or in spirit at these places in the service.

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C Amen.

GREETING*

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY*

P O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS *We wait for God to speak to us in and through His word.*

L Acts 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L Psalm 67

- ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- ² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**
- ⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

¹⁰ And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

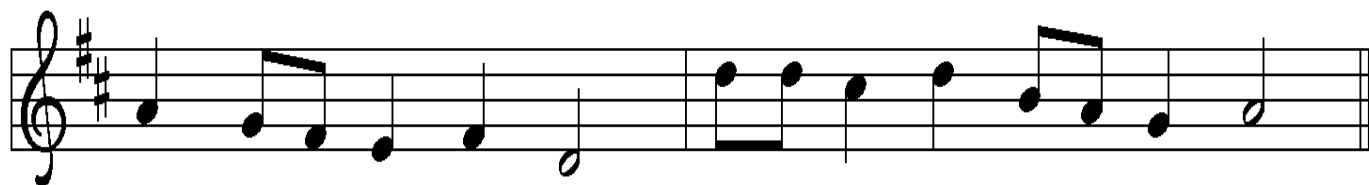
L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

C GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*



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



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

P The Gospel according to John 14:23-29*

²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

P The Gospel of Our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME *All children are invited to come forward to talk about the day’s scripture.*

CHILDREN’S CHURCH *All children are invited to go to the parlor for an activity focused on today’s Gospel.*

SERMON

Pastor František

HYMN OF THE DAY*

Come Down, O Love Divine

ELW 804

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third

day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand

of the Father, and 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Silence for reflection.

After each petition:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude

A We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

MEAL

We are fed in our life of faith at the Lord's table.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST *We have heard that God has loved us again and again through faith in Christ. This message brings us peace and gives us peace to share. We turn to those around us and offer them peace.*

OFFERING

- *The offering is an act of worship where we respond to God's goodness in our lives by returning to God a portion of what he has first entrusted to us.*
- *Thank you for your worship of God through sharing your time, talents, and finances.*
- *If you would like to share a financial offering by credit card, you may do so by scanning the QR code.*



Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding, unto thine own understanding, Trust, trust in the Lord. In all Thy ways acknowledge Him. In all Thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct Thy paths, He shall direct thy paths. In all Thy ways acknowledge Him. In all Thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct Thy paths, He shall direct thy paths. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding, unto thine own understanding, Oh trust, trust in the Lord. Trust in the Lord. Amen, amen, amen.

C OFFERING SONG ***Create in Me a Clean Heart****Hymn 186**

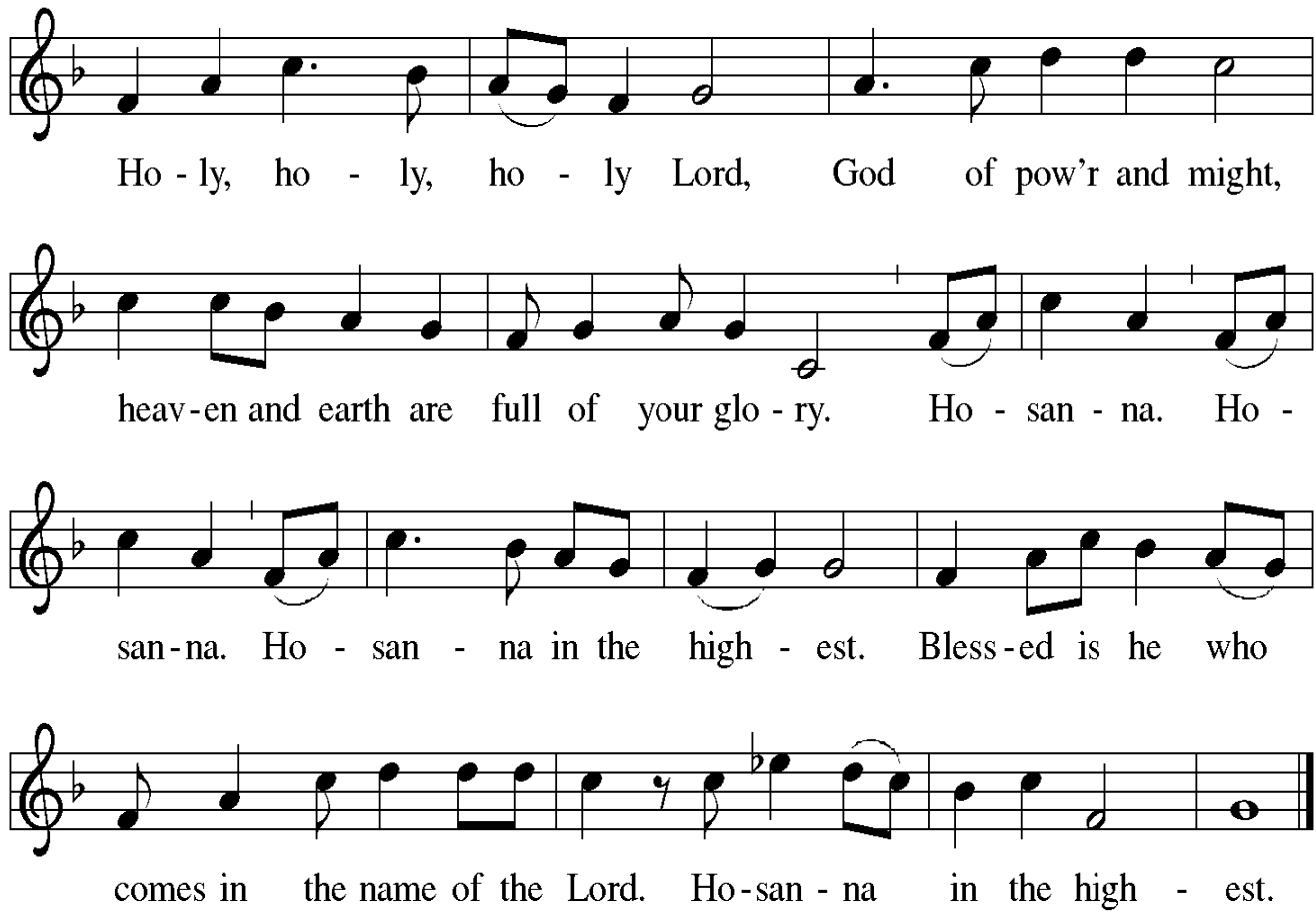
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERTORY PRAYER***A** Risen One,

C you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING***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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON—LED BY THE PASTOR*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION*

P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION *Please be seated.*

- *We invite those worshipping online to join us in Holy Communion as we share in the one body of Christ this morning.*
- *For those worshipping in person, you may receive communion by coming to the altar or by standing at your seat.*
- *When communing, you may choose either the prepackaged bread and grape juice or the wafer and wine in individual cups.*



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace." The word "grant" is underlined with a curved line.

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mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

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sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION BLESSING*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*

- P** Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
C Amen.

SENDING

We are sent into the world to share the love and welcome of God.

BENEDICTION*

- P** The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.
C Amen.

SENDING SONG**On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand****ELW 437****DISMISSAL***

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
A Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE**Recessional****Corelli/Brown**

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Serving in Worship

Worship Volunteer	May 25th	June 1st
Worship Assistant	David Black	David Barrier
Lector	Frank Lubich	Joe Liebdzinski
Communion Assistants	Beth Myers	Kathy Schiele Al Jackson
Ushers	Polly and Bo Saatzer	Needed
Altar Guild	Raina and Susan Meyer	Kathy Schiele
Children's Church	Amy VanDewark	Needed
Nursery	Shelia Camp	Abbey Markley
CPOM	Raina Meyer	David Smith
Tellers	Susan Meyer Gary Norris Nancy Haney	Cathy Steere Kathy Schiele Nancy Haney

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD DURING 11:00 WORSHIP IN JUNE:

June 1st: ushers (2); Children's church facilitator

June 8th: worship assistant, communion assistants (1); ushers (2)

June 15th: communion assistants (1);

June 22nd: communion assistants (1)

June 29th: worship assistant; communion assistant (1); ushers (2) Children's church facilitator

If you are available to serve, please call or email the office administrator or use this QR code to sign up online:



THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given by Clyde and Angie Graeber to the glory of God and in honor of Alexis Graeber and all our graduates.

(If you would like to contribute altar flowers for Sunday worship, please see the bulletin board outside the choir room the calendar of available dates and an order form or call our office administrator.)



Prayer requests will remain on the current list for four weeks. Please call the church office if you would like to add a name or resubmit a name for another four weeks.

Week of May 25th:

- Nancy Haney (healing following a hospital visit)
- Sherwood VanDewark (healing) – father of Jason VanDewark
- Lauren McDowell (strength and peace) – sister of Steve DuPont
- Sara and Eric Berryhill (healing following an accident) – granddaughter and husband of Barbara Patterson

Week of 2:

- Kyle Pearce (healing following surgery)
- Jean Smith (healing following knee replacement surgery)
- Kirsten Filippelli (healing) – co-worker of Rosie Schieber

Week 3:

- Rylan Massey (healing) – grandson of Sheldon Parks

Week 4:

- Mike Remkus (healing)
- Dennis Moretz (healing) – brother of Phyllis Remkus
- Debbie Stopko-Korhut and Jodi Korhut – friends of Kathi Hissong

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED tomorrow, May 26th, for Memorial Day.



Use this QR code to access this week's E news.

Pastor František 's usual weekly schedule:

- Mon-Thu: mostly present during general office hours, advance request for a meeting recommended
- Friday: home office, meetings by request only
- Saturday: emergencies only

You can request a meeting by email or here <https://bit.ly/pf-meeting> or by using this QR code:



Church Office: 9am—1pm Monday-Thursday *Deadline for bulletin and e-news information : Wednesday by 9 am.*

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Finance Administrator's Hours: Mondays 9:00am-3:00 pm; Wednesdays 9:00am-1:00pm

Please remember your church in your will. See Pastor Frantisek or any council member to assist you in this process.