

Calvary Lutheran Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship for May 24, 2026

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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.



Day of Pentecost

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

GATHERING

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

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude No. 6 Op. 101

Stanford

OPENING HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

ELW 400

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C Amen.

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

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 God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴ How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many
to number, living things both small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷ **All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³² You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴ May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b} **Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b} No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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 20:19-23*

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

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

SERMON

Pastor František

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW 396

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 Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

A Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude

A God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through 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.*



Thy loving spirit, Lord, alone, can lead me forth and make me free. My bondage break, my sins disown and set my heart at liberty. Lord I believe Thy power doth cure. I know Thy truth and grace shall e're endure. I know Thy truth and grace shall e're endure. Come, Saviour, come and make me whole and lead me to Thy home above. To perfect health restore my soul. To perfect holiness and love. To perfect holiness and love.

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 Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C 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.

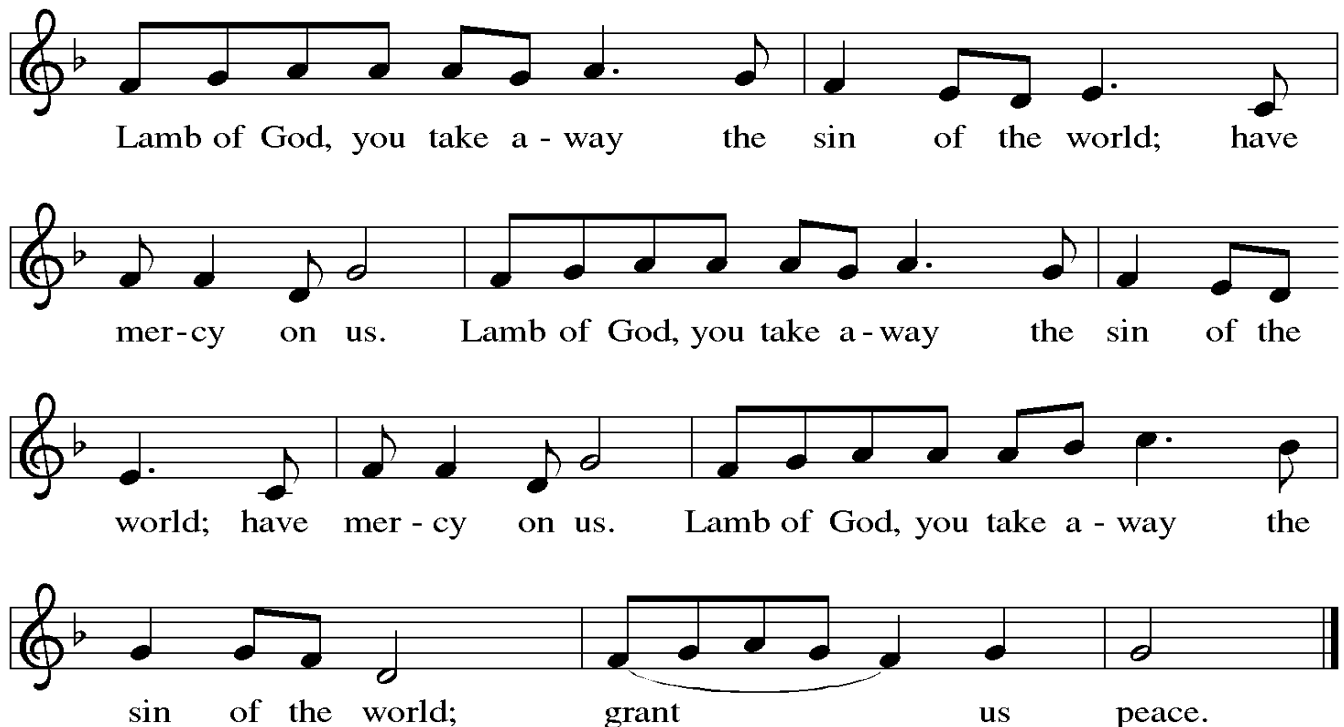
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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.*

You are invited to place your pledge card for “Opening Our Doors to New Possibilities” in the basket at the baptismal fount as you come forward to receive communion.



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.

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** Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
C Amen.

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

- P** God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✚ bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

O Living Bread from Heaven

ELW 542

DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist, BWV 631

Bach



THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given by Valerie Frank to the glory of God.

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.

Serving in Worship

Worship Volunteer	May 24th	May 31st
Worship Assistant	Ken Glace	David Barrier
Lector	Joe Liebdzinski	Joe Liebdzinski
Communion Assistants	Marion Sizemore	Al Jackson Marion Sizemore
Ushers	Bo and Polly Saatzer	Bo and Polly Saatzer
Altar Guild	Kathy Schiele	Kathy Schiele
CPOM	Starr Black	Starr Black
Tellers	Vivian Howard Terry Ramseur Nancy Haney	Terry Ramseur Gary Norris Nancy Haney

Opportunities to Serve God during 11:00 Worship

Needed:

June 7th: worship assistant, Lector, communion assistants, ushers

June 14th: worship assistant, lector, communion assistants, ushers

June 21st: lector, communion assistants, ushers

June 28th: worship assistant, lector, communion assistants, ushers

Please call the church office if you are available to serve in one of these roles. Thank you!

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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 24th:

- Glenn Dixon (healing)
- Mickey Norris (healing)
- Anne Hough (healing)
- Kyle Pearce (healing)
- Vivian Howard (healing)

Week 2:

- Bill Cone (healing) – father of Jenny Carroll
- Danny Pfeifer (upcoming surgery) - friend of Susan Myers

Week 3:

- Brent London (healing) – son of Cathy Steere
- Gary Ridenhour (healing) – father of Lori Barnhardt

Week 4:

- Molly Niekamp (healing following foot surgery)



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

Our Mission: Growing in compassionate relationships, faith, service, and generosity through Christ

Our Vision: Sharing the light of Christ with everyone

We, the people of Calvary Lutheran Church, believe that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Within this communion of

Faith, we hold these guiding principles:

- Everyone is invited, welcomed, and included.
- Everyone is supported in times of personal need.
- Everyone is spiritually fed and grows in discipleship.
- Everyone is given opportunities to generously offer their God-given gifts (time, talent, and treasure) in worship and ministry.
- Everyone is given opportunities to generously serve others, both within the community of faith and in the community at large.

Save ^{THE} Date

**CONGREGATIONAL
PICNIC
AND
SERENITY
TRAIL FEST**

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 13TH** | **5 - 8 PM** | **IN THE
CALVARY
PICNIC SHELTER**

**FRIED CHICKEN AND PULLED PORK
WILL BE PROVIDED.**
Bring a side dish or dessert.



Our Summer Focus: Our Winecoff Blessing Box

As the school year closes out, the resources Calvary provides in the Winecoff Blessing Box become even more important to the families in the area around the school. Volunteers will continue to fill the food pantry box several times each month during the summer.

How can you help? Food donations will be needed throughout the summer. See the list below for ideas of what is needed. Please be sure to check the expiration dates to ensure that there are at least six months remaining for their use.

All contributions can be placed in the designate bins in the narthex. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please designate any financial contribution as “food pantry.”

Items needed: canned soup, canned vegetables, canned pasta (such as Chef Boyardee), canned meat (such as chicken or tuna), microwavable mac and cheese, instant rice, oatmeal (flavored pouches suggested), grits, fruit cups, granola bars, pudding cups, saltines and peanut butter, popcorn, protein bars, beef sticks, juice boxes or pouches, applesauce pouches, Lance crackers, etc.

The school social workers also suggest that cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items are greatly appreciated.

Please try to get cans with pop tops, whenever possible.