

Calvary Lutheran Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship for May 31, 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.

The Holy Trinity



Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

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**

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OPENING HYMN*

Come Thou Almighty King

ELW 408

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS*

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C Amen.

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

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 Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and 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 Genesis 1:1—2:4a

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

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²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L Psalm 8

¹ O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶ **You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷ all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

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⁹ O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

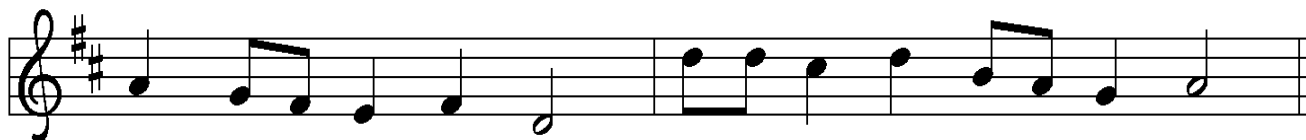
L The word of the Lord.

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 Matthew 28:16-20*

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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 *

Come Join the Dance of Trinity

ELW 412

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 Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

A God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

A Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our 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.*



ANTHEM

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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 Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

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.

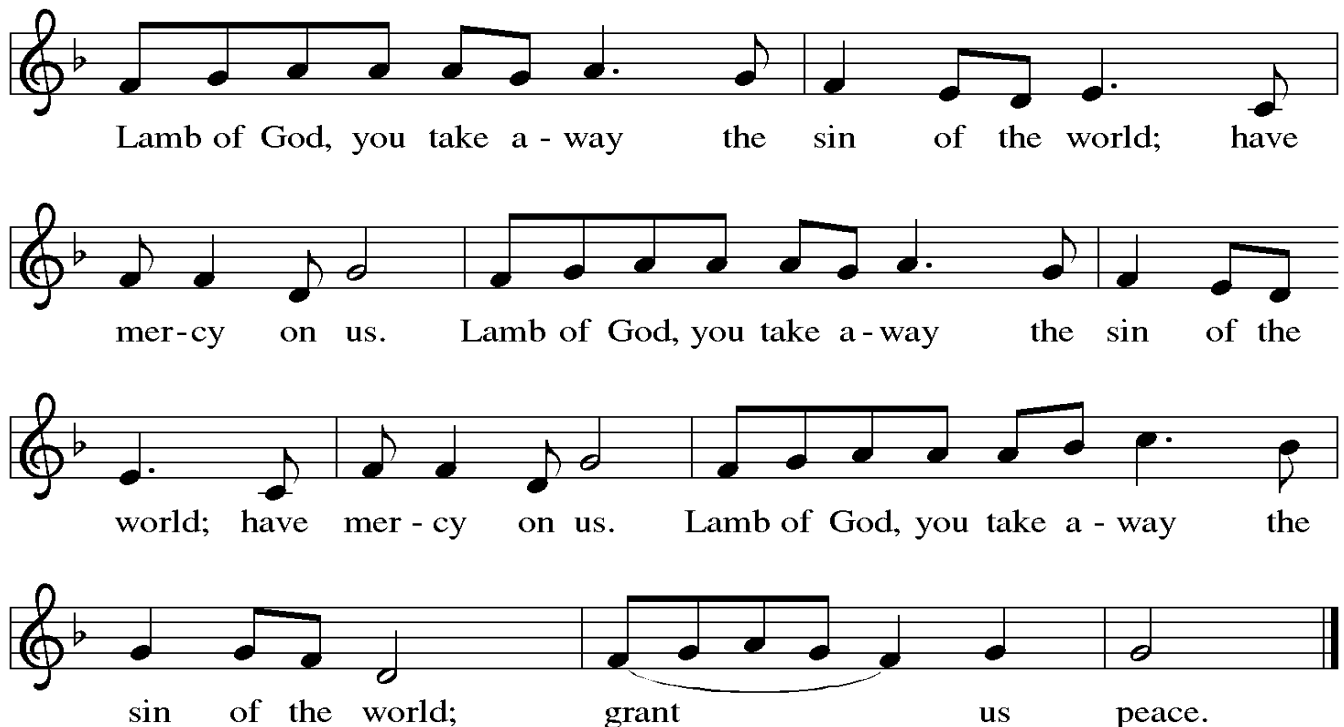
INVITATION TO COMMUNION*

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast.

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 Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION*

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN*

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW 413

DISMISSAL

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in F Major, BuxWV 144

Buxtehude

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS**

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 31st	June 7
Worship Assistant	David Barrier	NEEDED
Lector	Joe Liebdzinski	NEEDED
Communion Assistants	Al Jackson Marion Sizemore	NEEDED NEEDED
Ushers	Bo and Polly Saatzer	Phyllis Jessup
Altar Guild	Kathy Schiele	Jean Smith
CPOM	Starr Black	NEEDED
Tellers	Terry Ramseur Gary Norris Nancy Haney	Kathy Schiele Cathy Steere Nancy Haney

Opportunities to Serve God during 11:00 Worship

Needed:

June 7th: worship assistant, lector, communion assistants

June 14th: worship assistant, lector

June 21st: lector, communion assistants

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

Please email or 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 31st:

- Treva Hicks (mother of Jason VanDewark's friend, Terry – pancreatic cancer)
- Sharon Barbee (healing) - friend of Renee Friday

Week 2:

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

Week 3:

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

Week 4:

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

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PURCHASE TICKETS NOW

KANNAPOLIS CANNON BALLERS OUTING

Thursday, June 11th

Invite your friends and neighbors to join you and to meet other Calvary folks. Tickets are \$14.00 each, which includes a \$2 discount towards concessions. Children 3 and under are free.

We need to purchase a minimum of 20 tickets to take advantage of the group discount; therefore, we need a head count as soon as possible!

Reserve your ticket(s) online through the E-news or website. Payment must be submitted at the time you reserve your ticket(s). You can pay online or place it in the offering plate. Payments should be clearly marked: Kannapolis Cannon Ballers Outing. **Deadline to purchase a ticket is no later than Sunday, June 7th. Please pick up your tickets at the "will call" window on game day.**

If you have questions, please contact Rick Grochoske or call the church office.

Save THE Date

CONGREGATIONAL
PICNIC

— AND —

SERENITY
TRAIL FEST

**CALVARY
SERENITY TRAIL**

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.