

MARY MAGDALENE AS FIRST WITNESS



AND THUS FIRST AMONG THE APOSTLES

April 20, 2025
Calvary Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, MN

Welcome to Calvary Lutheran Church!

Beloved of God, each and every one of you is welcome here.

This welcome is for all of us in our multiple identities --- including all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions, people of the global majority, doubters, skeptics, seekers and people of other faiths.

We seek to repair harm we have done as church.

We strive to be actively antiracist and to dismantle White supremacy in ourselves, in church, and in society.

*Calvary is a Reconciling in Christ congregation
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)*

As a community of faith, we at Calvary Lutheran acknowledge that our church was formed on the ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute Band and other bands of the Dakota Nation. The Dakota were forcibly removed from their homelands. With God's help, we strive to repair ongoing injustices and grow toward right relationships with Indigenous people.

The weekly announcements, prayer concerns, and calendar of events are available in the Calvary E-Blast. Use the QR code to access the weekly email for this week or to sign up.



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GATHER

Prelude "Ain't No Grave"

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the clouded unjust world
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, hope and charity

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Welcome

Invocation

We gather in the name of God the Parent, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Kyrie

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .
have . . .

so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
mer - cy. Lord, . . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . . mer - cy.

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Christ, . . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . . .
have . . .

so - tros. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
mer - cy. Christ, . . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Christ, have . . . mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros.
 mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy on

dad;
 us; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 O . . . Lord, have . . . mer - cy.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share the sign of peace with one another.

Remembrance of Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

☩ one God,

the fountain of living water,

the rock who gave us birth,

our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised

pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

Prayer of the Day

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our savior Jesus Christ. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined in his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating,

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat,
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“God's steadfast love endures forever.”

The Lord is my strength and my might;

The Lord has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

the right hand of the Lord is exalted;

the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

I shall not die, but I shall live

and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely,

but the Lord did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them

and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;

the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

+ Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon

Pastor Jennifer Sung

Song of the Day

"Be Thou My Vision"

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

Profession of Faith

From the United Church of Canada

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence. Each prayer petition will end with singing :



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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The prayers conclude:

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

Offering Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered so that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

Amen.

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Prayer Jesus Taught us

Our Mother/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.**

Welcome to the Table

The bread is broken, the wine is poured and all are welcome to this table of grace.

Holy Communion Distribution

Communion Song "This Joy"

Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace

Amen

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of God the parent, ¶ Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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Sending Song

“Take My Life, that I May Be”

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;

at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite - would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;

take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

Refrain

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 Music: TOMA MI VOLUNTAD, William Dexheimer Pharis, b. 1956
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+ Sending

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP LEADERS		
Week of	April 20	April 27
Preaching/Presiding	Pastor Jenny Sung	Pastor Jenny Sung
Assisting Minister	Emilie Bouvier	
Lector	Josh Moberg	Linda Mundt
Usher	Sam Robson	Chris Robson
Sacristan	Joani Moberg	Pat Olson
Livestream	Mark Smith	Tito Arizabal
Musician	Ben Larson	Ben Larson
Coffee Hour	Judi Linder	Joanne Shepherd

Thank you to our guest musicians today! Miles Whealy and Jackson Peters are joining Ben Larson in the music this morning to heighten our celebration of Easter. Calvary thanks you for sharing your gifts with us!

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sunday, April 20—Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, April 21

3:00 p.m. Care Team

Sunday, April 27—Earth Day

9:00 a.m. Earth Day Guest Speaker

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

11:15 a.m. Neighborhood Clean-up

12:00 p.m. Potluck Lunch & Letter

Writing Event

We invite you to financially support the ministry of Calvary Lutheran Church, out of your heart and love for God. You can give online by scanning this QR code.



“Do unto those downstream as you would have those upstream do unto you.”

Wendell Berry

Celebrate Earth Day with the Green Team

“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference to make.”

Jane Goodall

“When enough people come together, then change will come and we can achieve almost anything.”

Greta Thunberg

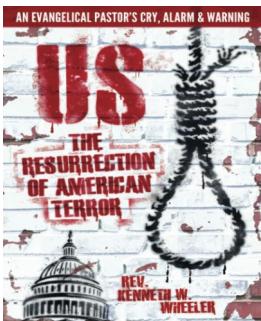


Sunday, April 27

- 9:00 - Guest Speaker from Hennepin County
- 10:00 - Worship with Earth-focused Music and Liturgy
- 11:15 - Community Neighborhood Clean Up
- 12:00 - Community Pot Luck, Letter Writing Campaign, Seed Saving

Everyone is Welcome!

New Book Study Begins in April



The Calvary Care Team and Race Equity Committee will be hosting a brand-new 5-week book study based on the book "US The Resurrection of American Terror" written by Rev. Kenneth Wheeler. In this heart-wrenching yet stubbornly hopeful narrative, Evangelical Lutheran pastor Kenneth Wheeler exposes white supremacy as America's greatest threat. Transcending the boundaries of memoir, scholarship, theology, and sharp political critique, Pastor Wheeler takes readers on his own seven-decade-long journey that lays bare the terror of being Black in America. From his childhood in Jackson, Mississippi under the trauma of Jim Crow segregation to the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, Wheeler steadily holds a mirror up to a nation drowning in a rising tide of white supremacy.

We will gather in person at Calvary Tuesdays 6:30-8pm starting April 29th or online via zoom on Thursdays at 6:30-8pm starting May 1st. You can purchase books at: <https://www.kennethwwheeler.com>

Register for in person or online using the link in the weekly eblast. We look forward to journeying together!

Twin Cities Dining Out for Life - April 24

Dining Out For Life is an annual fundraising event where the community comes together to eat out at restaurants that have committed to donating a percentage of their profits to HIV / AIDS services in their city. [The Aliveness Project](#) has hosted DOFL in Minnesota for the past 31 years. www.aliveness.org Support local restaurants and give back to your community. Dine Out to End HIV on April 24 by participating in Dining Out For Life. diningoutforlifemn.org/

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Mary anointed Jesus' feet with pure nard, this incredibly costly, precious substance. Then she dried his feet with her hair.

In the Gospel story in the last Sunday in Lent, we hear about Jesus visiting with his dear friends, Martha, Mary and Lazarus. This happened just after Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead. And Mary was anointing Jesus' feet with pure nard, this incredibly costly, precious substance. And then she dried his feet with her hair. Nard is a very powerful, pungent substance, and the Gospel says the room was filled with the fragrance.

Now I did a little research on nard, and some people would describe the smell as being pungent or earthy, or musty, or musky or like feet. So it was an interesting choice that people had in those days. And they did two things with nard. One, they would use nard to anoint the bodies of the dead in order to offset the stench of death, which Jesus had only encountered with his friend Lazarus a few days before. And it was also used for kings as a sign of royalty because of the luxury of this whole thing.

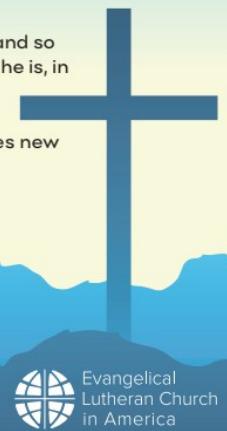
Well, Jesus was himself, like us, like the first Adam, an earth creature — pungent and full of life, dense in this sense. And this earth creature was obedient to death, reversing the work of the first Adam, who disobeyed and brought sin into the world. And we've suffered the consequences. The chief consequence is death, separation from God.

And now Jesus, the new Adam, the new earth creature, he's anointed, he says to Mary, for his burial and so that he will be using this incredibly pungent substance, while at the same time being very clear that he is, in fact, part of this incarnation, this earth creature. But instead of it being oil put on him to remove the stench of death, it became the anointing of a royal king. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the usual cycle of life and death has been disrupted forever. Jesus' death and resurrection promises new life and brings us new life.

Happy Easter, dear church.

Elizabeth A. Eaton

Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop
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In Our Prayers

- for those who live alone and are separated from their family and friends
- for all who live in fear at this time: immigrants, the disabled/differently-abled, the LGBTQ community, Muslims, Latinos, those working on eco-justice and climate change, the poor and vulnerable, Blacks & African Americans
- for the people of our sister synods, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Nigeria, and the Lutheran Church in Leipzig
- for those in our community celebrating birthdays, including Craig Simenson (4/20), Kristy Rolig (4/26)
- for those in our community celebrating their anniversary
- for family and friends we know who are recovering from surgery, ill or grieving, for their families and caregivers:
 - Chris Robson and the Robson family, as Chris is newly diagnosed with cancer and is making plans for treatment. May she and her family be granted the strength to face this with hope and determination.
 - Anne Boone and the Boone family, on the death of Anne's father, Robert Shumpert
 - Todd Endo (Scott's dad) who is in the hospital in VA recovering from a fall, bouts with both pneumonia and norovirus, and is experiencing new delusional thoughts and memory loss. Prayers for his caregivers, Scott and his entire family.
 - Prayers for our trans relatives and friends who need additional love at this time as hatred and fear targets them.
 - Sherri Boehlke (Carolyn Youngbauer's mother) who had knee replacement surgery, and for the family members caring for her
 - Larry Van Meter (father of Chris) as he moved into a senior personal care placement in Louisville
 - Joan Smith (mom to Heidi and Kjell, grandma to Eleanor and Iris) - for peace, calm, and comfort as she is in hospice care with dementia
 - Linda Mundt - dealing with memory loss issues
 - Nancy Lee Nelson (recovering from hip fractures and a pelvis fracture)
 - Henrietta Williams (requests prayers for her strength & endurance)
 - Bonnie Rae (Good Samaritan Home, New Hope)
 - George Robson (as he recovers from a stroke)

*If you wish to add or remove a prayer request,
please email: pastorjennifer@clchurch.org*

