CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chandler, Arizona † May 4 & 5, 2024 † Easter 6

Welcome. At Calvary, our worship is designed to praise God and enrich faith. We aim to make the service clear and appropriately reverent. For your convenience, the service is printed in its entirety in your bulletin. Please do sign the connection cards in the pews or the guest book by the entryway so that we know you were here in case we didn't get to say hello. Feel free to ask Pastor Spaude, Pastor Sprain, or Mr. Kuether any questions you may have or go to our website, calvarychandler.net

Bring the kids. Our congregation enjoys the worshipping family. Please sit in any pew where you feel comfortable. We do have a message specifically for the children Sunday Morning during worship.

May we suggest: Quietly explain the worship service as it takes place. Share with your children the "why" of what they are hearing. Sing the hymns, pray the prayers etc. Children learn behavior by mimicking you. And please remember, if you have to leave the sanctuary (the cry room is located in the back of church) with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. For Jesus said: "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

To our Calvary Family, the presence of children is a gift to the Church, and they remind us that our church is growing. Give a smile and warm encouragement to them and their families.

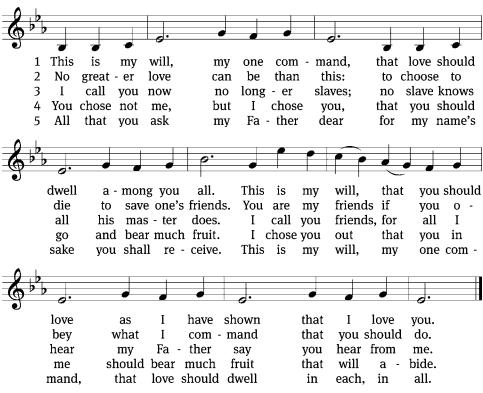
Don't feel obligated. Our members give offerings to the Lord as an expression of our thanks and praise for his amazing love! Visitors, please know you are not expected or required to give an offering. It is completely your choice. We are just glad you are here! **Make yourself at home.** After the service, we join together for coffee, snacks and conversation. We would be honored if you'd join us.

For those who have hearing issues our sound system allows for you to engage the "T" setting on your hearing aid. There are also hearing devices available. Ask an usher.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

The resurrection reality is that with the same power which God raised Jesus from the dead, God now enables us to live a new life of selfless love. We love only because he first loved us.

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT



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INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

LORD, OUR LORD





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON Acts 9:36-42

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was always doing good deeds and acts of charity. At that time she became sick and died. After they had washed her, they laid her in an upstairs room. Since Lydda is near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, who urged him, "Come to us without delay!"

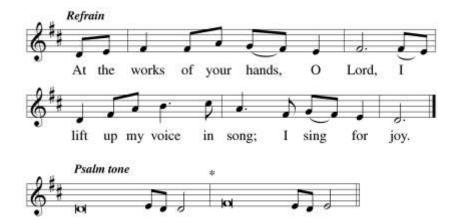
Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived, they led him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing him the robes and clothing that Dorcas made while she was still with them.

After Peter sent them all outside, he got down on his knees and prayed. Then he turned toward the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her stand up. After he called the saints and the widows, he presented her to them alive.

This became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Because
Tabitha loved
Jesus, she was
always
helping the
poor in the
town of
Joppa.
Because Jesus
loved the
people of
Joppa, he had
Peter raise
Tabitha from
the dead.

PSALM 89



Psalm 89: The Messiah fins his greatest joy in proclaiming God's love and faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the LORD'S great love for<u>ev</u>er;*
I will make your faithfulness known through all gener<u>a</u>tions.

I will declare that your love stands firm for<u>ever</u>,* that you established your faithfulness in heav<u>en</u> itself.

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,* your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Refrain

O LORD God Almighty, who <u>is</u> like you?*
You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness sur<u>rounds</u> you.

Blessed are those who have learned to ac<u>claim</u> you,* who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name <u>all</u> day long;* they exult in your righteousness.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-11, 19-21

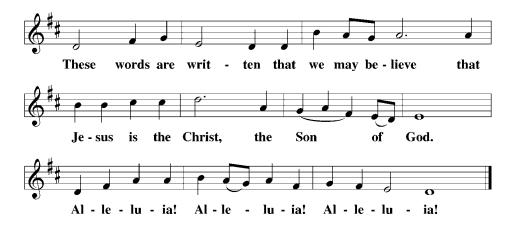
Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. The one who does not love has not known God, because God is love. This is how God's love for us was revealed: God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we may live through him. This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, if God loved us so much, we also should love one another.

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar. For how can anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, love God, whom he has not seen? This then is the command we have from him: The one who loves God should also love his brother.

VERSE OF THE DAY



Since God loved us, we also ought to love one another.



GOSPEL John 17:11b-19

"Holy Father, protect them by your name, which you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I kept those you gave me safe in your name. I protected them and not one of them was destroyed, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

"But now I am coming to you, and I am saying these things in the world, so that they may be filled with my joy. I have given them your word. The world hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I am not asking that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the Evil One. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

"Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I also sent them into the world. I sanctify myself for them, so they also may be sanctified by the truth."

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Lord gives us this command. Remain in his love so that we might also love each other.

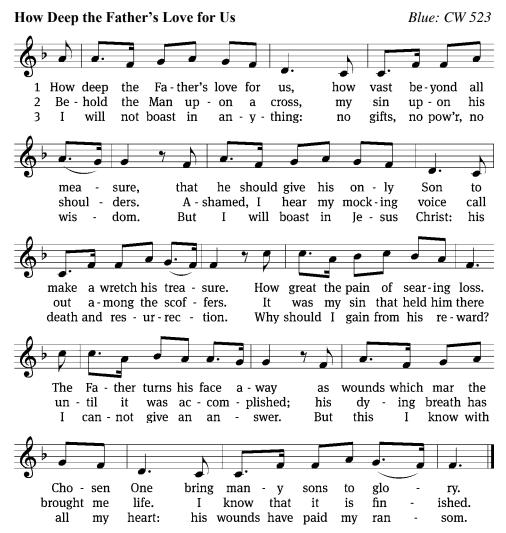
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After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Sunday Morning)

Children are invited to come forward to the altar area for the children's sermon at this time. (Parents can come with their children if the children are hesitant to go by themselves.)



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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

CONFIRMATION OF RILEY COLE (Sunday service only)

CHOIR (Sunday Only)

"Borning Cry"

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



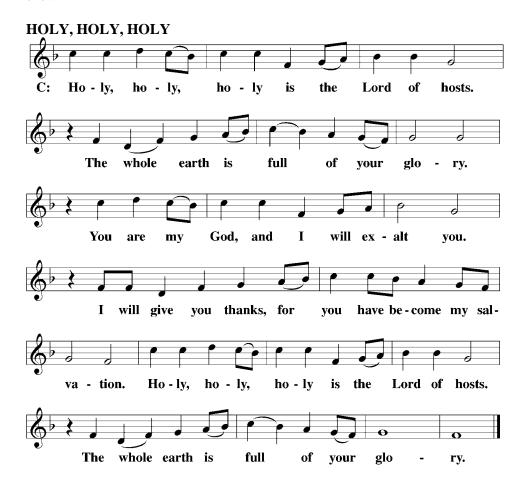
P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:



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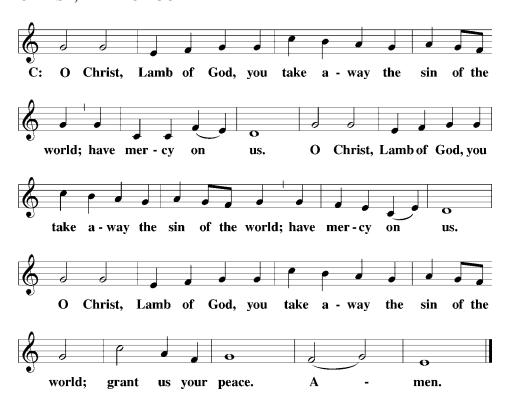
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

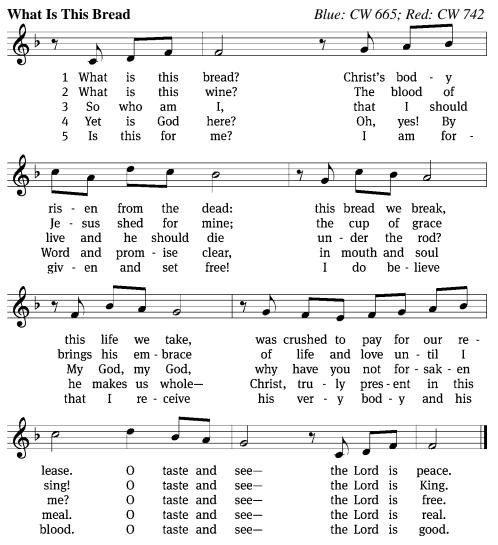
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD





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THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Keep Riley Cole in your prayers</u> that the Lord help her to remain faithful to her Confirmation vows. We congratulate her on reaching this milestone in her Christian life.

<u>Aluminum Can donation bin</u> <u>is</u> located behind the trash dumpsters. All proceeds go to the Ladies Guild.

The altar committee is in need of more volunteers. We need someone to help with the cleanup and refilling of the communion ware on Saturday evenings after the service and someone to help with the cleanup on Sundays. If you are interested in helping or want to know what is required, please contact Tammy Armbruster @ 480-258-0282 or Pam Abbe @ 480-434-1163.

A NEW Refreshment Schedule sign-up is now on the back counter for the months May through August. Please sign up for a date! Thank you!

The book club will meet on May 26th at 3PM. We are reading "The Dictionary of Lost Words: A Novel" by Pip Williams. Set during the height of the women's suffrage movement and with the Great War looming, The Dictionary of Lost Words reveals a lost narrative, hidden between the lines of a history written by men. Inspired by actual events, author Pip Williams has delved into the archives of the Oxford English Dictionary to tell this highly original story. The Dictionary of Lost Words is a delightful, lyrical, and deeply thought-provoking celebration of words and the power of language to shape the world. All are welcome. For additional information, please contact Kris Powell at swrklog@hotmail.com or Hilda Kuether at Offkue@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!

<u>The WELS Youth Rally</u> will be held at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado this summer, June 25th-28th. A number of our Christ Teens are going to this rally. The cost for travel, registration, food, and lodging is about \$500.00 per person. To help defray the cost for them, the church council has set up the door collections on the opening weekends of April, May and June to help with this. (instead of having door collections for the Parish Assistance Fund) Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

<u>The Wednesday night Bible Class</u> meets at 7PM. We are continuing the study of the Gospel of Matthew.

Ascension Day is Thursday, May 9th. We will observe our Lord's visible return to heaven to sit at the Father's right hand with a special song service at 7PM. Vacation Bible School will be Monday through Friday, June 17th – 21st 9AM to noon. The families will be invited to attend worship on Sunday June 23rd and the children will sing a song they learned during the week. The theme for this year will be "Build on the Rock" from a series published by our church's publishing house (NPH). We look forward to the opportunity to help our parents strengthen the faith of their children and also share God's Word with families outside our congregation.

This past week at Calvary:

32 worshipped in the Saturday service and 114 worshipped in the Sunday service.

\$4,348 was given for the work of the Lord. Included in this, \$2.25 by the Sunday School children.

Pastor: Martin Spaude Organist: Liz Hawkes Communion Assistant: David Gannon Head Usher: James Schroeder Ushers: Mike Hoover, Rodney Rasmussen, Laramie Rasmussen,

Kylan Rasmussen

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