

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study 8:45 a.m.



"You are witnesses of these things"

(Luke 24)

Sunday School 8:45 a.m.

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# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH<br/>"Forward in Faith and Mission"THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER10 a.m.April 14, 2024

#### HOLY COMMUNION AT CALVARY

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him" (Psalm 34:8).



God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27–29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the Sacrament will have to first speak with the pastor before communing.

Please sign the clipboard at the end of the pew to indicate your attendance.

#### Handbells

#### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Opening Hymn** 478 The Day of Resurrection 1 The day of tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad, res - ur - rec -2 Let hearts be purged of e vil That we may see a - right 3 Now let the heav'ns be ful, Let earth its song be - gin, joy God the ther, All $\triangle$ 4 All praise to Fa praise to God the Son, of The pass - o - ver of The pass - o - ver glad - ness, God. Of res - ur - rec - tion The Lord in rays e - ter nal light Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in. All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One! life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free, From death to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and And. lis - t'ning to plain. Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad-ness blend; ran-somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the Let a11 the throne Our Christ has brought us With hymns of vic - to - ry. o ver His own "All hail!" and, May raise the vic - tor strain. hear - ing, For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end! And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

## **Confession and Absolution**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### Exhortation

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

#### **Confession of Sins**

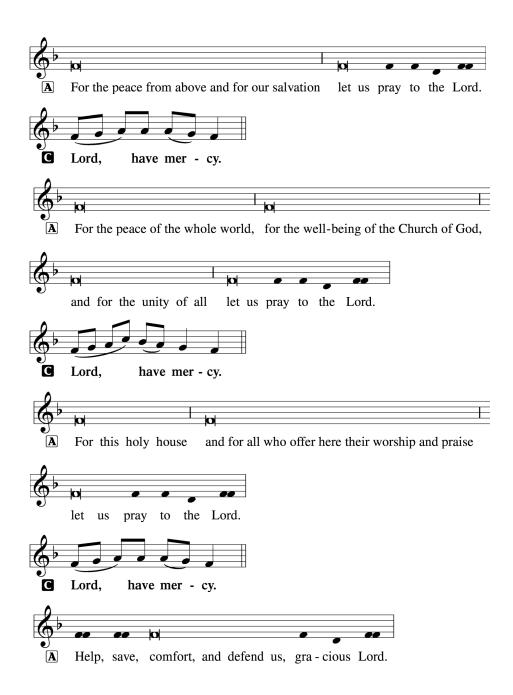
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

#### Absolution

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## Service of the Word











#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### The Scripture Readings

#### **Old Testament Reading**

#### Acts 3:11-21

<sup>11</sup>While the lame man who was now healed clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the

Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 4 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

<sup>2</sup>O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

<sup>3</sup>But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

#### <sup>4</sup>Be angry, and do not sin;

# **ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.** <sup>5</sup>Offer right sacrifices,

and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"

<sup>7</sup>You have put more joy in my heart

than they have when their grain and wine abound.

#### <sup>8</sup>In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

#### **Epistle Reading**

1 John 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning

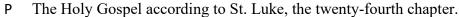
has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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- C Thanks be to God.



#### Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36-49





<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."



#### Sermon Hymn 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite



#### Sermon

Nicene Creed C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

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#### Prayers of the Church

#### Offering

(The offerings should be placed in the plate near the entrance of the worship area.)

#### Offering Hymn Behold, What Manner of Love (sing twice)

Behold, what manner of love the Father has given unto us; behold, what manner of love the Father has given unto us, that we should be called the children of God, that we should be called the children of God.

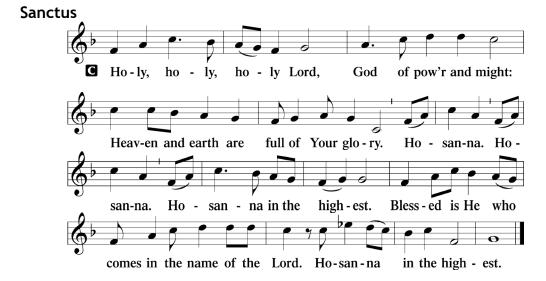
## Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

- 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 Him thanks and praise.

#### **Proper Preface**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

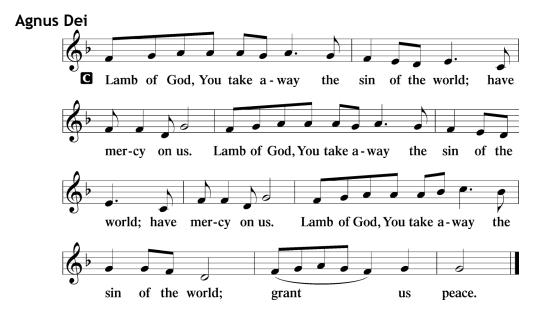
#### Lord's Prayer

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

## The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.



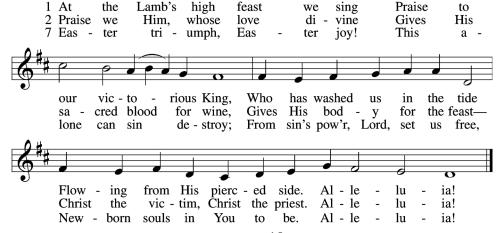
#### **Distribution Music**

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know arr. J. Krug

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Handbells

#### **Post-Communion Hymn** 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing 1 At the Lamb's high feast



#### The Dismissal

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace. **Amen.** 

#### **Closing Hymn** 825 Rise, Shine, You People 1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has tered en 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel ing; 3 Come, cel e - brate, your ban - ners high furl \_ un ing, 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us. 0 Our God in Him is hu - man sto - ry; cen tered. He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal ing. Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl ing. Tell of the Son. who life and free-dom gave us. He by death and sin comes to us, sur A11 wom who by men and en, guilt are То all the world out and tell the go Tell how Spir from the it calls ev 'ry



#### The Sending

- P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE** Partita on "At the Lamb's High Feast" J. Ferguson

#### **TODAY'S SERVANTS**

Proclaimer:	Rev. Kevin Barron
Liturgist:	Dave Sitter
Organist:	Barbara Sommer
Cantor:	John Robinson
Heavy Metal Belles & Beau	
Handbell Director:	Amy Crumb
Lector:	Scott Ruhl
Communion Assistants:	Emily Shaffer, Samantha Shaffer
Crucifer/Acolyte:	Emily Shaffer, Samantha Shaffer
IT Assistants:	Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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## \*\*OUR LIFE WITH GOD, April 14, 2024\*\*

#### WELCOME IN JESUS CHRIST!

## Please include the following in your daily prayers:

#### Prayers for healing:

Amanda Richter, Kenzi Kelley, Randi Walters (Dave Segal's sister), Harry Wills, Larry Sefcik & family (friends of Paul Thompson), Sheldon Mazelis, Marty Root, Charles Richter Jr., Paul Saar, Deb Krauch, Claire McDerby, Donna Grueninger, John Dignan, Meilanders' daughters, Nancy and Laura, Alison Baptiste, Jack Phaller, Olive and Fred Abt, Linda and Russ Davis and Russ' sister Roxanne, Lorraine Deitz, Ramona Beatty, Paul Schildwachter, Carla Lindhorst, Family and friends of the Abts - Lou Kulaga, Sandy Robinson and Gloria Holthaus; Sandy Boyer, Alyssa, Jessica, Reid, Mike Mister, Rosa White's daughters Latonya Endres and Lavenia White, Michael Green, Shanika Williams' family.

#### Assisted Living and Nursing Homes:

Bob Chapman, Betty Hucke, Frances Dunker

Homebound: Carl, Shirley & Chuck Ropka, Kass Lindhorst

**Nomination of Candidates** for election started on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Members of the Nominating Committee are Sharon Koogle, Cheryl Reek and Russ Davis. Must have candidates' approval before nominating them. Open offices are President and Vice President of the congregation, Director of Outreach, approval of Church Council's appointment of Liana Chotikul as Director of Stewardship. All board memberships are open for new members. Nominations will close on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Congregation meeting for election of officers will be May 19<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service.

SHRED DAY -Just in time for Spring cleanup!! Saturday, April 27, 2024, 10 am to 12 noon (or full truck, whichever comes first), rain or shine - Pro-Shred will be on the Old Harford parking lot to accept paper items for shredding. (No metal or binders or anything that is wet.) Please join us - cost is \$5 box/bag, or 3 boxes or bags for \$10.

**HOSTS WANTED** for just one night following the amazing Saturday **May 11** Handbell Concert. Enjoy a delicious pot-luck dinner at 6:00 pm with the **Concordia University - Irvine advanced handbell ensemble** ringers, a spectacular musical experience as they present a concert in our sanctuary at 7:00 pm, take 2 (or more) home with you overnight, and bring them back to church with you the next morning (Sunday). We're looking for at least 10 more people to be a blessing by hosting. There is a binder with sign-up sheets in the narthex, or see Christina Dojan or Amy Crumb.

#### <u>Calendar</u>

Tuesday, April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study, 11 am
Thursday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Church Council, 6:30 pm- via ZOOM
Saturday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pro Shred Event, 10 am - 12 on the Old Harford Rd. parking lot
	Lutheran Women in Mission(LWML) Spring Rally @ St. Paul's Lutheran
	Church, Glen Burnie, MD, 9- 11:30 am (see back for more details)
Tuesday, April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Closing date for nomination of candidates for Boards & Church Council
Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Handbell Concert - Concordia University - Irvine, 7 pm @ Calvary
Sunday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Congregation Meeting following worship service: Election & April
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