



Calvary

Service of Holy Communion

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026 • 10:00 AM



*Tools for mission:
building as inclusive space*



PRELUDE

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

GATHERING HYMN **ELW 641** *All Are Welcome*
The assembly stands.

CALL TO WORSHIP

✠ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. **Amen.**

Our God is a generous God,

providing manna in the wilderness.

Our God is a steadfast God,

with us even unto the end of the age.

Our God is a God of newness and calling,

inviting us to honor new visions and embrace new dreams.

Trusting that God provides us with everything we need
to do what we are called to do and be who we are called to be,
together we embark on a new season of planning and planting
through the Building for Community generosity campaign.

Give us faith, O God, to witness your work among us! Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE



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.



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.



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.



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.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Generous God, you invite us to live generous lives,
trusting that you have given us to each other to work together:
in service to our neighbor, in love for all creation,
and in proclamation of your good news for all.
As we anticipate our work together through Building for Community,
we ask that you give us generous hearts,
honest commitment to the call you've placed before us,
and sincere trust that we can rely on your abundance.
This we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

READING: ACTS 8:26-40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:19-27

¹⁹But you, O Lord, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰**Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²**I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

²³You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the Lord's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied.**

Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: MARK 2:1-12

The holy gospel according Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. ³ Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? ¹⁰ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—¹¹ "I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home." ¹² And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 652** *Built on a Rock*

The assembly stands.

NICENE CREED

**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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST LITANY

Last year, this congregation became a Reconciling in Christ community. Let us acknowledge our call to hospitality and welcome, that all may find a place in this assembly and declare joyful praises to God.

In years past we have strived to live into holy hospitality in creating a welcome statement, but we know there is always more to learn and more to do to support people.
God, give us hearts and minds to learn about our neighbors.

In the years ahead, we commit to continue the work of inclusion in our congregation and in our community. Let us work together to make this building one that provides a welcome in word and deed.
God, give us hearts and minds to welcome more of our neighbors.

O God of compassion, guide our feet as we walk the good road with Jesus. We ask that you strengthen us as we build your beloved community, with space at the table for all of God's beloved people, especially those who come to the table today for the first time. We ask you to support our voices as we speak welcome and compassion, and inspire and sustain us when our hearts grow weary.
God, give us hearts and minds to prepare space for our neighbors.

God of resurrection power, use us to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The assembly exchanges words and signs of peace, then is seated.



GATHERING OF GIFTS

*Gifts of bread, wine, music, and money are offered in thanks to God.
Monetary gifts may be made with the QR code.*

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come, Fred Green & W. Walker

Then, the assembly stands.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
 crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

PRAYER

God of abundance,
**you bring grain from the earth and fruit from the vine,
 blessing us with your presence in many ways.**
As we bring these gifts back to you, we ask you to use them to serve.
May they be outward signs of your inward work in us.
May they become seeds that bring forth newness.
May they bear good fruit for the sake of your Son and our neighbors.
Bless us in our intentions, bless us in our generosity,
and bless the world through these offerings to you.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

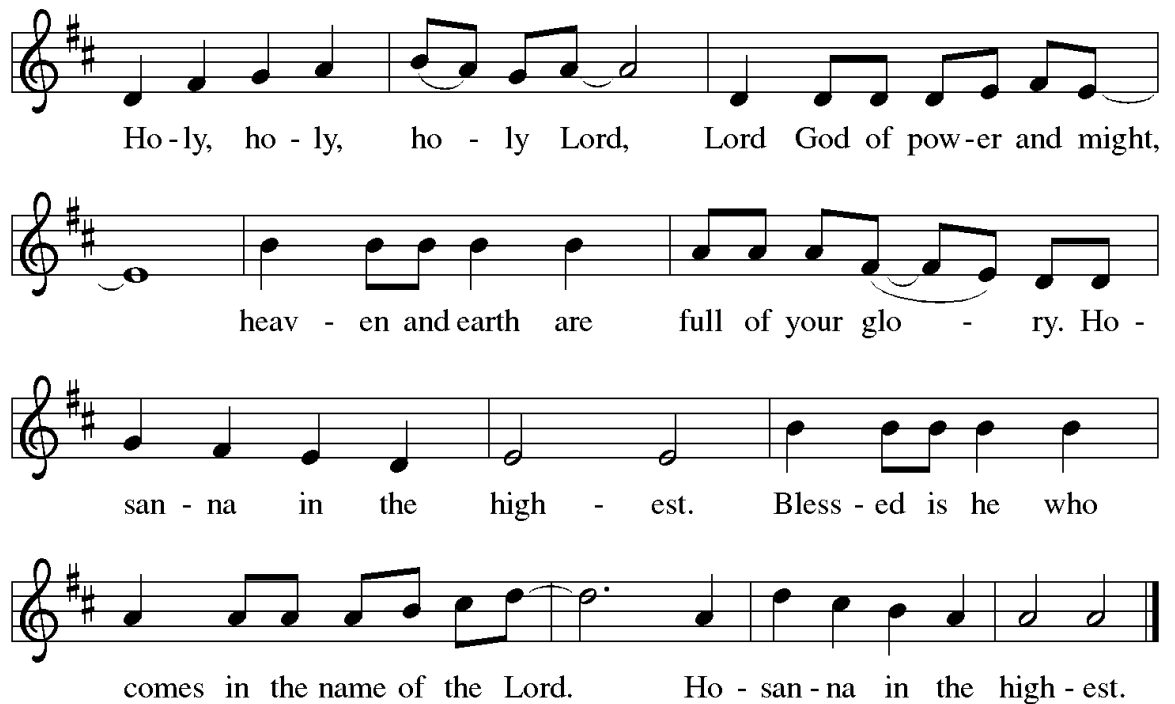
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

O God before time, O God at the end,
we delight in the splendor of your universe.
Daily we laud your continuing creation,
and we give thanks for the faithful who came before us.
We glorify you, now and forever.
We glorify you, now and forever.

O God of the covenant, O God of the church,
we hear you speaking to centuries of your people.
We come as your children to this table,
and we give thanks for your presence.
We praise you, now and forever.
We praise you, now and forever.

You gave us the ministry of Calvary Lutheran Church,
allowing us to steward its resources,
guiding us to make faithful decisions,
and showed us the way through countless servants.
We bless you, now and forever.
We bless you, now and forever.

You came as Jesus, our wisdom, our guide,
embodying forgiveness, granting us grace,
setting us free, dying for sin, and creating us anew.
We worship you, now and forever.
We worship you, now and forever.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

Amen.

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit, and make here the body of Christ.

Breathe onto this food, that it bring us your life.

Empower your people throughout the world

to preach and teach, baptize and feed,

pray and sing, comfort and heal.

By your Spirit, preserve what is faithful;

reform what we treasure; create in us what is vital and new.

We honor you, now and forever.

We honor you, now and forever.

O God before time, O God at the end,

Father, Son, and Spirit:

glory and praise, blessing and worship,

honor and power and might be to you, our God,

forever and ever. **Amen.**

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.

COMMUNION

The assembly is seated. In Holy Communion, we meet a gracious God at a table where all are welcome and Jesus is host. The words "given and shed for you" are good news which sustain us in our baptized life.

Music accompanies communion.

ELW 744 *Lord, Be Glorified*

ELW 482 *I Come with Joy*

PRAYER

The assembly stands.

**Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.**

**Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

Amen.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Glory to God whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation.

The blessing of Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN **ELW 670** *Build Us Up, Lord*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Please take this paper with you or place it in the basket at the exit.

Announcements



Game Night

May 30, 3-5 PM

The Bay Area Friends of the Fine Arts is holding a fundraiser at Calvary open to all. Sharing games and snacks will help out a community arts organization! Tickets are \$20 adult/ \$15 child, no more than \$70 for a family. Sign up using the QR code to the left, or let the office know!

Building for Community

June 14, during worship

We have begun a campaign fundraiser for the future of our building. In worship, we're exploring how to achieve our goal. Calvary's is asking for pledges to be submitted on June 14! These will be kept to the members of the stewardship team.

Communion with Creation

May 31, 6:00 PM

Relaxed, spoken, outdoor worship for those who can't make it Sunday mornings. Happening the last Sunday each month! If it rains, we'll circle up inside for a meditative time together.

Pride Events

June 4, 7 PM Vespers service

June 14, afternoon, LI Pride

June 20, 6 PM concert

Celebrate love through prayer, song, and fun at these events in June. Save the dates! More information to come.

This Week at Calvary

Today, 5/17

first holy communion

Tuesday, 5/19

7:30 PM, Bibles & Brews at Calvary

Wednesday, 5/20

7:30 PM, senior lunch

Sunday, 5/24

10:00 AM, worship



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Today's Leaders

Laura Aupperle *altar guild*
Dave & Liz Bender *ushers*
Paul Elsener *organ & piano*
Ari O'Connell *vocalist*
Ellen Hoffman & Dcn. Tanya Behnke *assisting ministers*
The Rev. Zachary Dean *presiding minister & preacher*

In Our Prayers

To add or remove names, please notify the church office.

Marianne Carrano; Art Schaeffler; Isabela Delgado (Cheryl Gittens); **Agnes Mulick, Ruth Elsener** (Paul Elsener); **Douglas Bird** (Laura Aupperle); **Eileen Hausle; Grayson Danielski** (Colleen Oriano); **Jay Kamean, Kwok Mak, Olivia Carone** (Jackie Narkiewicz); **John Stuerzel; Ed DiMarco; Seminarian June Bradshaw; Marion Buroker, Jennifer Hubbard** (Pat Sheridan); **Gail Riedell, Diane Toto, Nicholas** (Mady Riedell and Bob Munder); **Kim Lauricella, John Malley** (Paula DePaul); **Aleya Warner** (Barbara Morecraft); **J.R. Hoffman, Ellen Thompson** (Ellen Hoffman); **Carol Manganaro** (Lewis family); **Beverly Strada-Bushley, Brooklyn Reed, Holli Phillips** (Pam Vanek); **Larry Shen** (Bob LaRocco), **Patty Cesaro; Easton Clarke** (Dianne Davis); **Holly Schank; Judy Boyle** (Patty Cesaro); **Nitza Greco** (Jeannine Comito); **Mark Dyer; Eileen Walter; June Buttner-Stransky, Heather Williams** (Holly Schank); **Ray Jackson; Doris Peterson**

Visited at Home

Larry Bomgardner, Paul Chmara, Arlene Pisano, Doris DeVoe, Flo Walsh, Joann Hansen

In the Military

Tom Juliano; William Downey, Jr. (Einsfeld); **Kyle Satterwhite** (Dyer); **Tram Walter**

Ministries & Organizations

Hauppauge Fire Department; United Lutheran Seminary; Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership Ministries; Metropolitan New York Synod; ReconcilingWorks