



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025 10:00 AM

Calvary Lutheran Church



PRELUDE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Let us turn to face the waters of our baptism,
confessing our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly stands.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us.**
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.
Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the beginning, we were created in God's image
and placed in a well-watered garden.
When we did not know the way, God sent the Good Shepherd
to lead us beside the still waters.
At the cross, God washed us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, God showers us again with the water of life.
God bathes us in forgiveness, in the name of + Jesus Christ.
Amen! Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN **ELW 358** *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*

GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and 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, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: ACTS 11:1-18

The assembly is seated.

¹ Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly sings the refrain. The cantor sings it first.

1 *Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.*
2 *Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.*
3 *Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.*
4 *Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.*
5 *Let them praise the name of the Lord,*
who commanded, and they were created,
6 *who made them stand fast forever and ever,*
giving them a law that shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
8 fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
9 mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
10 wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;
11 sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
12 young men and maidens, old and young together.

*13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
14 The Lord has raised up strength for the people
and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord.
Hallelujah!*

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SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:1-6

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

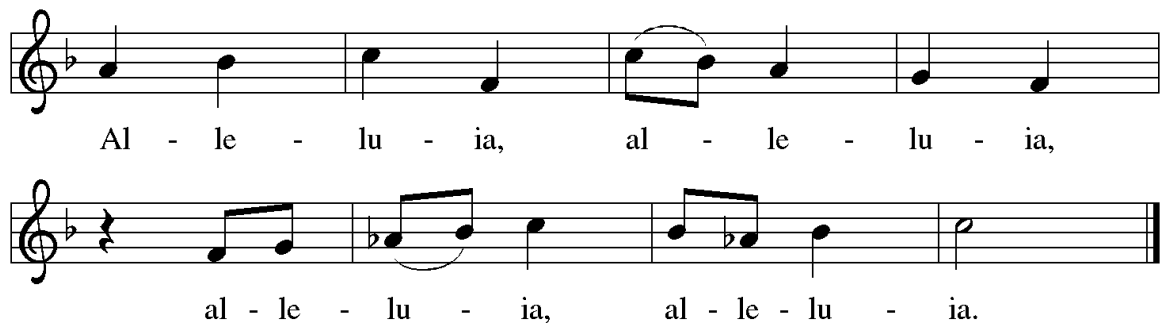
“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.

Repeat Alleluia

GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35

The holy gospel according John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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 **ACS 1038** *God, We Gather as Your People*

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

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.**

RECOGNITION OF ALTAR GUILD

The assembly is seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assembly stands.

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer
for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love.
Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people,
especially those often overlooked in our communities.
Bless those who serve on Calvary's altar guild, that their work
be done with joy and this house of prayer reflect your glory.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation.
Show us your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree.
Recommit us to preservation of wild places.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us.
Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies,
so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your love on all in need of care:
those mourning loss, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships,
yearning for companionship, or facing illness. Wipe away every tear.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives witnessed to your love.
Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend our prayers to you, O God, in the name of 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, the assembly is seated, and brief announcements are made.*

GATHERING OF GIFTS

The gifts of bread and wine are gathered.



Gifts of money are collected for the mission of the church.

Donations may be made using the QR code.

You are encouraged to give generously in response to God's love!

The gift of music is offered to the glory of God.

Holy Is the Lord, Sally DeFord

PRAYER

The assembly stands.

Risen One,

**you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.**

Come among us again,

breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Musical notation for the Thanksgiving at the Table section. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes.

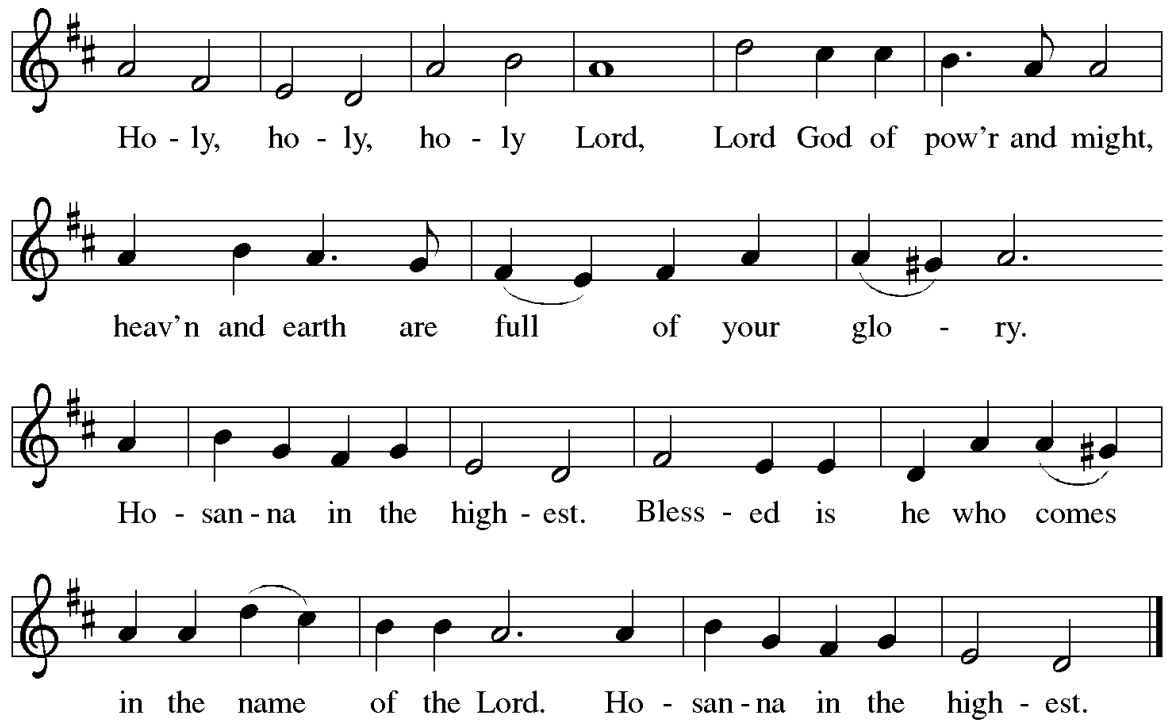
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
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.

***All are welcome to holy communion!**
This is God's table, and the risen Christ is host.*

Music accompanies communion.

ELW 482 / *Come with Joy*

ELW 477 / *Received the Living God*

PRAYER

The assembly stands.

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,

and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will,
working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight;
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

And almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

SENDING HYMN **ELW 377** *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE



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