CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chandler, Arizona † April 20 & 21, 2024 † Easter 4

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, Deacon Josh 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 a 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.

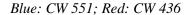
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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

The resurrection reality is the Good Shepherd is there to watch over his sheep.

THE COMMON SERVICE

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep





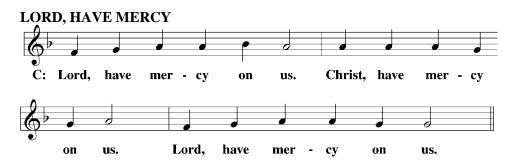
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory Be to God





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us Pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

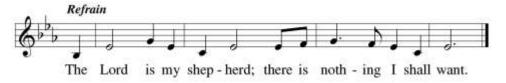


FIRST LESSON Acts 20:28-32

The Good Shepherd asks his subshepherds to keep watch over the flock. "Always keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves, who will not spare the flock, will come in among you. Even from your own group men will rise up, twisting the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. Therefore be always on the alert! Remember that for three years, night and day, I never stopped warning each one of you with tears.

"And now I entrust you to God and to the word of his grace, which has power to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

PSALM 23





The LORD is my shepherd,*
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green <u>pastures</u>;* he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;*
he guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,* for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 23: Kings were often spoken of as shepherds, but the Shepherd-King of Israel is a monarch unlike any other.

Refrain

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my <u>en</u>emies.* You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,* and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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 4:1-6

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit who does not confess Jesus^[a] is not from God. This is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard is coming and is already in the world. You are from God, dear children, and you have overcome the false prophets, because the one in you is greater than the one in the world. They are from the world. That is why they speak from a worldly perspective and the world listens to them. We are from God. The one who knows God listens to us, but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. That is how we can distinguish between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

St. John
encourages us
to test all those
who claim to
have a spiritual
message. Not
all such
individuals
have been sent
by God.

VERSE OF THE DAY



After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL John 10:11-18

Jesus explains why he is the Good Shepherd. "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep.

"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me (just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father."

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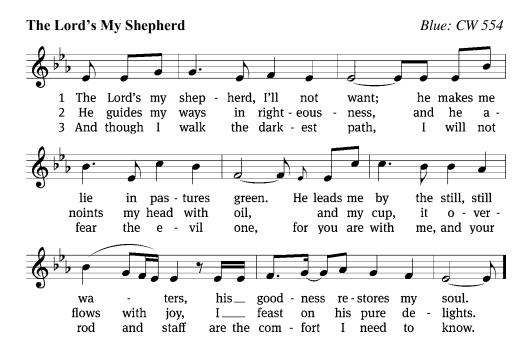
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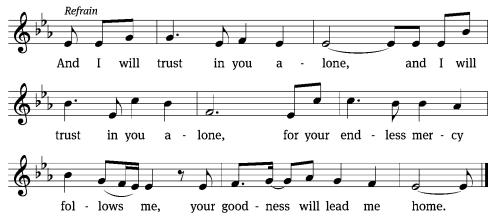
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. 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.

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.)





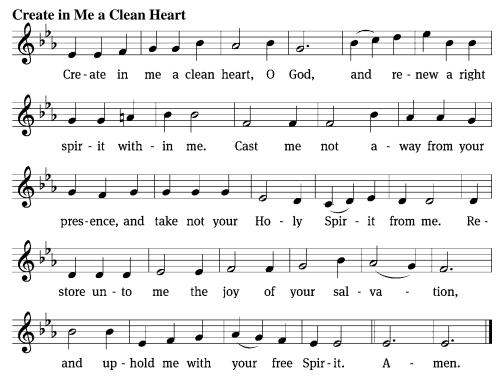
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SERMON

John 10:11 I Am The Good Shepherd



OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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 SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.

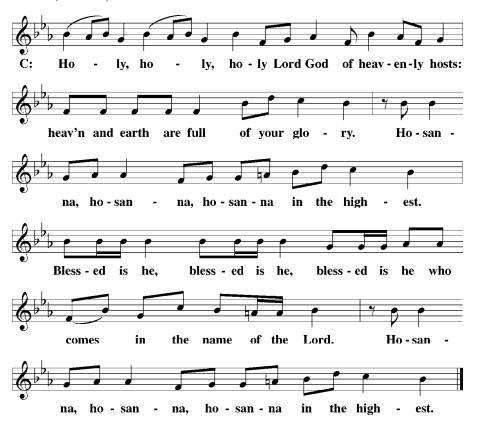


P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

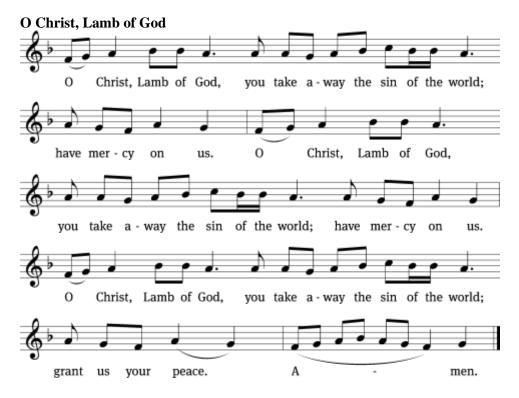


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

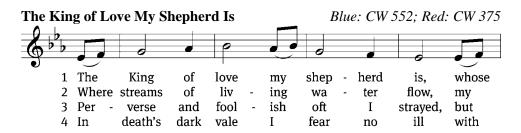
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

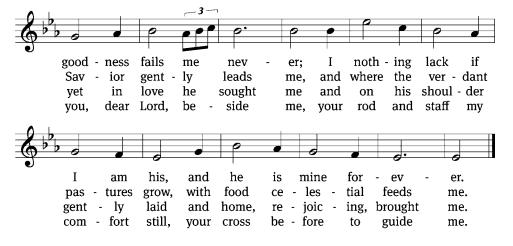




DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion: Our church practices "Member Communion." If you are a guest today and are a confirmed member of another WELS or ELS church, we invite you to the Lord's Table with us. If you are a guest today and are not a member of one of our Wisconsin Synod churches, we ask that you would speak to Pastor Spaude after church today or at some other time to discuss receiving the Lord's Supper with us in the future.

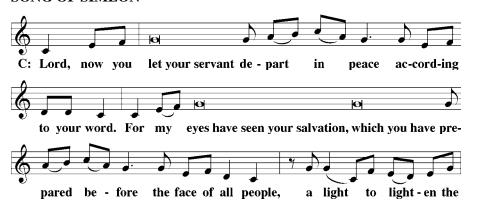




- You spread a table in my sight, a banquet here bestowing; your oil of welcome, my delight; my cup is overflowing!
- And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever!

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SONG OF SIMEON





P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OR

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

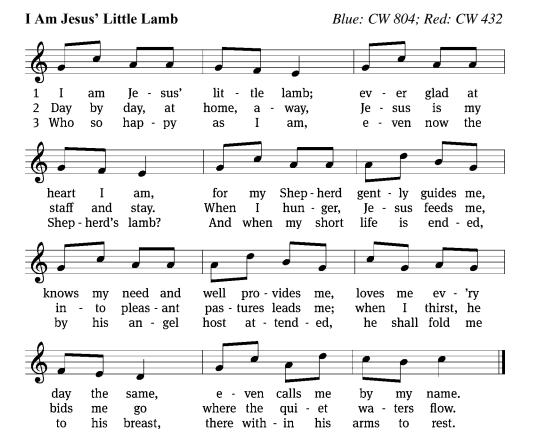


P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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





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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Book Club: Our next book club meeting is Sunday, April 28th at 3PM to discuss "The Lonely Hearts Book Club" by Lucy Gilmore. In this novel a librarian forces an impromptu book club on a curmudgeon who finds himself almost bedridden. Slowly others find themselves joining the book club and soon they find out how much they need each other. Pam Abbe will host and all are welcome to join the discussion even if you don't have a chance to read the book.

A NEW Refreshment Schedule sign-up is now on the back counter of church for the months May through August. Please sign up for a date! Thank you! The WELS Youth Rally 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. So instead of having door collections for the Parish Assistance Fund those months, we will be asking for donations to the Youth rally. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

WELS Youth Night: On Saturday, May 4th from 6PM to 9PM, Calvary is hosting a WELS Youth Night for all high school aged students in the area. Pastor Pflughoeft will be presenting on "The Christian and Technology," which will focus on helping teens confront the challenges of navigating through current technology as a Christian and explore ways to honor God through the same mediums. Our congregation will provide snacks, games, and a space for fellowship. Teens, register by going to our website:

<u>https://calvarychandler.net</u> (scroll down to WELS Youth Night). Please feel free to invite your friends! If anyone has questions or would like to volunteer, please speak with Blake Corry or Loretta Gannon.

<u>We want your ALUMINUM CANS!</u> Please save your aluminum cans and bring them to church. The Ladies Guild collects and receives money from. The can collection bin is temporarily behind the dumpsters at church.

<u>The quarterly Voters' meeting</u> will take place on Sunday, April 28th at 10:25AM.

<u>HiStory Matters</u>: is a 12-lesson review of the Bible. This class is held on Thursday mornings at 10AM. It will still be live-streamed and archived on Calvary's website.

MISSION to the CHILDREN TOY DRIVE: On Saturday, April 27th Tucson Volunteers are having an event, El Dia del Nino, to help relieve the stress of refugee children. They are asking for donations of small, unwrapped toys (up to \$10) for boys and girls. They also need donations of hard candies for making small bags of candy to hand out, and Walmart or other stores gift cards. Calvary will be accepting donations through Sunday, April 21st. Look for the Mission to the Children box in the back of the church. Thank you.

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

<u>Ascension Day</u> 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.

Pastor: Roger Sprain **Pianist:** Jean Wynia

Communion Assistant: Nate Traudt Head Usher: James Schroeder

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