

CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chandler, Arizona † May 11 & 12, 2024 † Easter 7

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

Our Lord promises that one day soon he will take us to a better world. Until then he empowers us to live lives of love for others to his glory and honor.

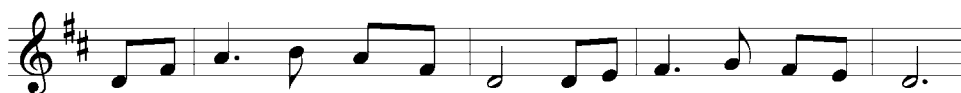
SERVICE OF THE WORD

Jesus Paid It All

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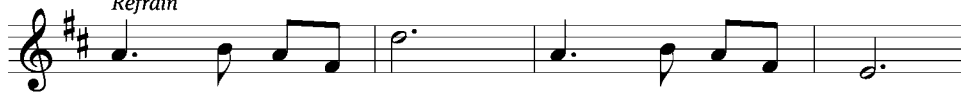


1 I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small!
2 Lord, now in - deed I find thy pow'r, and thine a - lone
3 For noth - ing good have I where - by thy grace to claim;
4 And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,



Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."
can_ change the lep - er's spots and_ melt the heart of stone.
I'll_ wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
"Je - sus died my soul to save," my_ lips shall still re - peat.

Refrain



Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;



sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

Text: Elvina M. Hall, 1820–1889
Tune: John T. Grape, 1835–1915
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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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him." The score ends with a double bar line.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
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Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

In those days, as the number of disciples was increasing, a complaint arose from the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebrew-speaking Jews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

So the Twelve called together the whole group of disciples and said, “It is not right for us to neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, carefully select from among you seven men with good reputations, who are full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. We will put them in charge of this service. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

This proposal pleased the entire group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas, a proselyte from Antioch.

They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of God kept on spreading, and the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. Also a large group of priests became obedient to the faith.

Now Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. ⁹Some men who were from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia) rose up and disputed with Stephen.

Stephen said, “Gentlemen, brothers and fathers, listen!

“You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit! You are doing just what your fathers did. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who prophesied the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers—you who received the law as transmitted by angels, but did not keep it.”

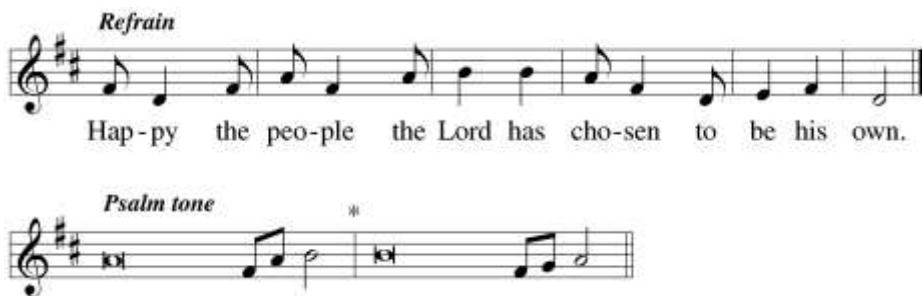
When they heard these things, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed up into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. He said, “Look, I see heaven opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

*Simply for
proclaiming
Christ, the
Sanhedrin
wanted to kill
Stephen.
Christ used
their
murderous
intent to
enable
Stephen to
overcome this
broken world.*

But they screamed at the top of their voices, covered their ears, and rushed at him with one purpose in mind. They threw him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses laid their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!” Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” After he said this, he fell asleep.

PSALM 133-134

*Psalm 133-134:
In these two
Psalms the
Lord commends
the unity that
believers have
and calls the
temple's night
watchmen to
prayer and
praise.*



How good and pleasant it is*
when brothers live together in unity!

For there the LORD bestows his blessing,*
even life forevermore.

Refrain

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD*
who minister in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary*
and praise the LORD.

May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,*
bless you from Zion.

**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 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the God who has given birth also loves one who has been born of him. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep his commands. In fact, this is love for God: that we keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, because everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

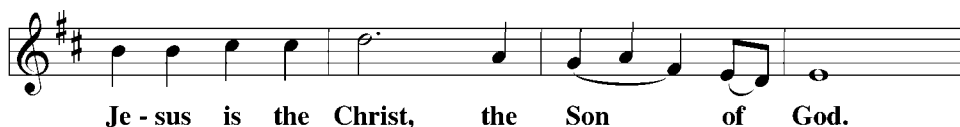
This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. He did not come by the water alone but by the water and by the blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

John explains that everyone born of God overcomes the world.

VERSE OF THE DAY



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

“As the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you hold on to my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have held on to my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete.

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

“This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another.”

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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.)

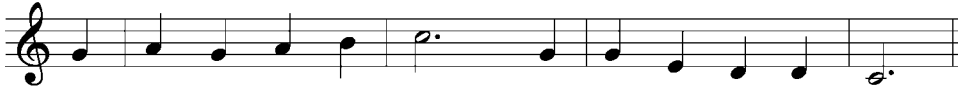
What Is the World to Me

Blue: CW 717; Red: CW 477

1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,
3 The world is like a cloud and like a va - por fleet - ing,
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,
when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.
a shad - ow that de - clines, swift to its end re - treat - ing.
my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;
 I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;
 My Je - sus shall re - main, though all things fade and flee,
 my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 my ev - er - last - ing rock. What is the world to me!
 Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Text: tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.; Georg M. Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732, abr.
 Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701
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SERMON

John 15:9-17

One Thing Leads to Another!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

Blue: CW 446; Red: CW 167



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense and my Sav - ior,
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; I, too, un - to
3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by
4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence
5 Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new with this flesh then



now is liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence
life shall wak - en. End - less joy my Sav - ior gives;
hope for - ev - er; faith's strong hand the rock has found,
I am tak - en; but by faith I now dis - cern
be en - shroud - ed; in this bod - y I shall view



rests up - on the hope he's giv - ing, though the
shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I
grasped it, and will leave it nev - er. E - ven
that from death I shall a - wak - en with my
God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed; in this



night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
fear, or could the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?
death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.
Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.
flesh I then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Otto von Schwerin, 1616–1679; (sts. 1–3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; (st. 4): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941.; (st. 5): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, alt.
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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PRAYER

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Or

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want Us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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.

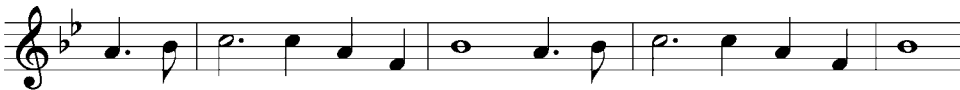


Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Blue: CW 839; Red: CW 389



- 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,





be of sin the dou-ble cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a-tone; thou must save and thou a-lone.
foul, I to the foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav-ior, or I die.
Rock of A-ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778, alt.
Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mentoring a Returning Citizen Outreach: Are you hurting emotionally, recently returning from incarceration or new in recovery, and would benefit from walking through difficult times with a Christian mentor? You can prayerfully consider the Mentoring a Returning Citizen Program. This program is a free mentorship program sponsored by WELS congregations. For more information for you or someone you know, please contact Pastor Ruppel at pastrup@hotmail.com or (509) 899-5018.

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.

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!

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.

Vacation Bible School will be Monday through Friday, June 17th – 21st 9AM to 11:30AM. 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.

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

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

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!

This past week at Calvary:

40 worshipped in the Saturday service and 97 worshipped in the Sunday service.

\$4,670 was given for the work of the Lord. Included in this, \$342 for Parish Assistance and \$400 for Missions.

Pastor: Martin Spaude

Organist: Jean Wynia

Head Usher: James Schroeder

Ushers: Mike Hoover, Rodney Rasmussen, Laramie Rasmussen, Kylan Rasmussen