



# CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Chandler, Arizona † April 25 & 26, 2026 † 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 or Pastor Sprain any questions you may have or go to our website, [www.calvarychandler.net](http://www.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

Jesus is our Good Shepherd; we are his little lambs.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

# Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

Blue: CW 551; Red: CW 436



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your  
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can  
3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your  
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with  
5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, join th'as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and  
take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at  
life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our  
joy will fol - low on till the work of  
sem - bly of the blest, gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.  
your com - mand, we will fol - low you.  
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.  
grace is done, there to live with you.  
ter - nal rest in the fold with you.

Text: Henry Cook, 1788–1868, alt.  
Tune: Friedrich Filitz, 1804–1876  
Text and tune: Public domain

**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.



The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - 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 consists of seven lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The final line ends with a double bar line.

**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 e - ter - 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us Pray

**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 the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



## FIRST LESSON

*Acts 2:42–47*

They continued to hold firmly to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers. Awe came over every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They were selling their possessions and property and were distributing the proceeds according to what anyone needed.

Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, as they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*The Good Shepherd's flock grew as people devoted themselves to the apostolic teaching.*

## PSALM 23

### *Refrain*



The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

### *Psalm tone*



The LORD is my shep-herd,\*  
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;\*  
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.

*We honor Jesus as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.*

## ***Refrain***

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.\*  
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 Peter 2:19–25*

*The  
Apostle  
Peter calls  
on us to  
follow our  
Shepherd  
and  
Overseer  
even if it  
means we  
will suffer  
for doing  
good.*

For this is favorable: if a person endures sorrows while suffering unjustly because he is conscious of God. For what credit is it to you if you receive a beating for sinning and patiently endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and endure it, this is favorable with God.

Indeed, you were called to do this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you would follow in his steps. He did not commit a sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he did not insult in return. When he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. He himself carried our sins in his body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but you are now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGING** (Sunday only) “Great is the Lord”

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**



**C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**



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



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## GOSPEL

*John 10:1–10*

“Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the door, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own sheep, he walks ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this illustration in speaking to the people, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

*Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is the gate through which we enter the green pastures of salvation.*

So Jesus said again, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

“A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## 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.)

### The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*Blue: CW 552; Red: CW 375*



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant  
yet in love he sought me and on his shoul - der  
you, dear Lord, be - side me, your rod and staff my



I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feeds me.  
gent - ly laid and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.

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

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877, alt.  
Tune: Irish, 18th cent.  
Text and tune: Public domain

**SERMON Psalm 23**  
**GODISNOWHERE**

**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 glory forever and ever. Amen.

**The Lord's My Shepherd**

*Blue: CW 553*



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He makes me  
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain and me to  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I  
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence  
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly

down to lie in pas - tures green; he lead - eth  
walk doth make with - in the paths of right - eous -  
fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy  
of my foes; my head thou dost with oil a -  
fol - low me, and in God's house for - ev - er -

me the qui - et wa - ters by. He lead - eth  
ness, e'en for his own name's sake; with - in the  
rod and staff me com - fort still; for thou art  
noint, and my cup o - ver - flows. My head thou  
more my dwell - ing place shall be; and in God's

me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
paths of right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, Edinburgh, 1650  
Tune: James L. Macbeth Bain, 1860–1925  
Text and tune: Public domain

## 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 upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



**The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want**

*Blue: CW 555; Red: CW 360*



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; he  
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain and  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet  
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall



makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he  
 me to walk doth make with - in the paths of  
 will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,  
 pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with  
 sure - ly fol - low me, and in God's house for -



lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
 and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
 oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Confirmation** of Dakota Christian, Lilliana Coker, Alyna Strand, Alyssa Strand and Jenna Traudt will take place next Sunday. We congratulate them for reaching this memorable milestone in their lives.

**The Quarterly Voters' Meeting** will be held Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> after the church service.

**Sunday Adult Bible Study**: Join our Sunday morning Bible Class for a multi-media Bible study of this fascinating New Testament book. Revelation: Get Pumped for the End.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Class** (7PM) will be studying My Life for the Kingdom: The Story of Joseph.

**Book Club**: The April selection for Book Club will be the second book in a series by Jody Hedlund called *Never Leave Me*. As an extension of our time travel book in February, we will once again be interested in finding a cure for diseases and the interesting story line with the characters being able to travel back in time and then return to the present and all the surprising experiences they encounter. Please join us for discussion and fellowship hosted by Hilda Kuether on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 3PM in the fellowship hall.

### **Last week at Calvary:**

38 attended the Saturday service and 111 attended the Sunday service.

\$11,274.05 was given for the work of the Lord. Included in this, \$6,000 for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary fund, \$200 for Missions and \$1 from the Sunday School children.

**Pastor:** Martin Spaude

**Organist:** Liz Hawkes

**Head Usher:** James Armbruster

**Ushers:** James Armbruster, Philip Cross, Ken Marks, Richard Muenchow

