

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 4, 2025



CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 4, 2025



PRELUDE With High Delight arr. Kenneth T. Kosche

+ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION +

Stand

INVOCATION

- **P** In the Name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel. If you are unable to kneel, please remain standing.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

SHARING OF PEACE

P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to His grace.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

C Amen.

Worshipers may share the peace of Christ with those around them.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Stand and face the processional crucifix as it enters the nave.

EASTER GREETING

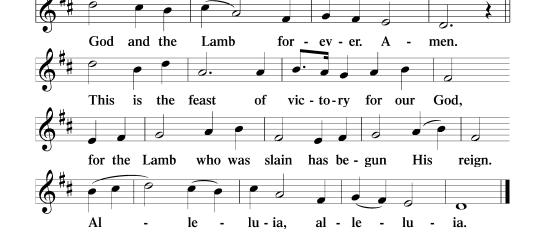
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **C** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!





(Hymn continues on following page.)





SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY



C Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING Acts 9:1–22

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 'But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



- I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up * and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.
- O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help, * and you have | healed me.
- ☐ O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol; * you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.
- Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints, * and give thanks to his | holy name.
- I For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. * Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.
- As for me, I said in my pros- | perity, * "I shall nev- | er be moved."
- \blacksquare By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain \mid stand strong; * you hid your face; $I \mid$ was dismayed.
- Hear, O LORD, and be merci- | ful to me! U LORD, be my | nelper!
- **I** You have turned for me my mourning into \ dancing; * you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with \ gladness,
- that my glory may sing your praise and not be | silent. * O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

EPISTLE READING Revelation 5:1–14

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll are look into it. And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Jack into it."

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

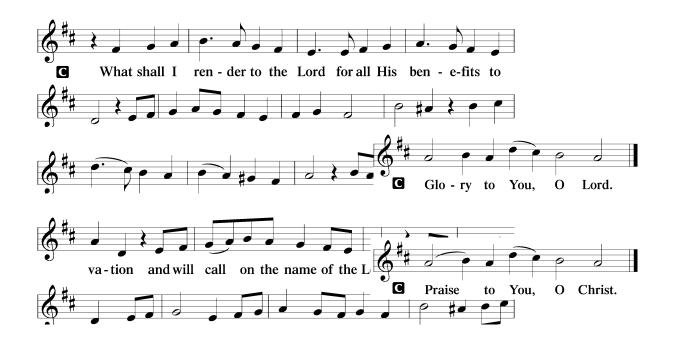
Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom plessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom plessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom plessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and might prove a loud plessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom plessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom plessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom plessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom plessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom plessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom plessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and the loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wealth a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wealth a loud voice, "

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand









SERMON

Stand

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P ... let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Worshipers may leave offerings in the plates near the sanctuary doors.





Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whon of the Lord. Ho_-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF THE LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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. Pax Domini For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. The peace of the Lord be with PANDAMINI The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways. C men. **Agnus Dei** men. **Agnus Dei** Lamb of God. You take a-way the sin of the Lamb of God, You take Lamb of You take a-way the God, sin of the world; of God, You take have mer-cy on us. of God, You take a-way the have mer-cy on us. Lamb on us. sin of the world; have sin of the world; have mer-cy Lamb on us. the sin of God, You take a - way You sin the take a - way the of world; O grant us

grant us peace, grant RECEPTION OF THE SACRAWLENT

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR
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LSB 443 "Hosanna Loud Hosanna" communing may receive a blessing; please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire a blessing. "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" LSB 425

peace.

us

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

LSB 436

us

peace,

grant

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life
- C Amen.



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HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

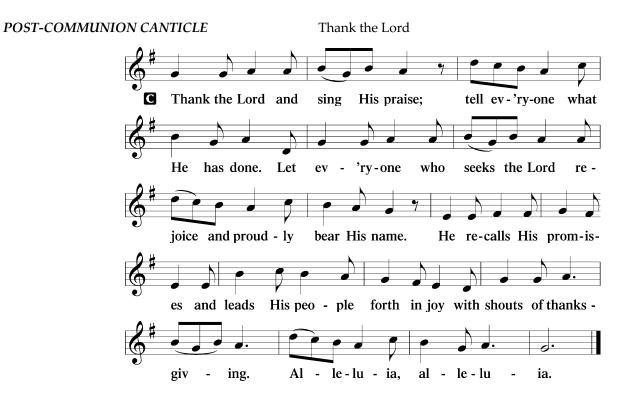


Stand after the Presiding Minister has placed the sacramental vessels in order.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 → in peace.
- C Amen.



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION



The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

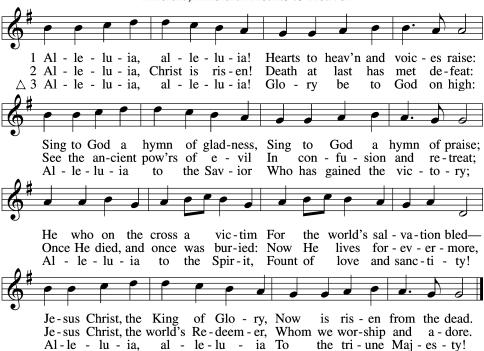
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

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POSTLUDE GAUDEAMUS PARITER arr. Jeffrey Blersch

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