



# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**May 15, 2022**

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Prayer Before Worship:** O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. Amen.

*(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)*

**KEY:** ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),  
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

\* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

***Visitors**, if you are worshipping with us in person or online today,  
we are glad to have you with us.*

### Prelude Music

### Welcome and Announcements

## ✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

### \*Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness

*(All may make the sign of the cross ✠ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Gathering Hymn:**

**“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”**

**ELW #520  
vv. 1,3&4**

**1. Dearest Jesus, at your word  
we have come again to hear you;  
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
and in glowing faith be near you  
as the promises here given  
draw us wholly up to heaven.**

**3. Radiance of God's glory bright,  
Light of light from God proceeding,  
Jesus, send your blessed light;  
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,  
that our prayers and songs may please you,  
as with grateful hearts we praise you.**

**4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
praise to you and adoration!  
Grant us what we need the most:  
all your gospel's consolation  
while we here on earth await you,  
till in heav'n with praise we greet you.**

**Greeting**

The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**  
**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**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.**

**‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡**

**First reading: Acts 11:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"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. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.'

<sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>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.' <sup>17</sup>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?" <sup>18</sup>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.**

## Psalm 148

Read Responsively

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they were created,

<sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not<sup>1</sup> pass away.**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

<sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup>**wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup>**young men and maidens,  
old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>**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!**

### **Second reading: Revelation 21:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Then 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. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>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;

<sup>4</sup>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."

<sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>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 Verse**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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**\*Gospel: John 13:31-35**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*Response after the gospel reading:*  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Kids Sermon:**

**Pastor Sheryl**

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Sheryl**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**\*Hymn of the Day:**

**"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"**

**ELW #631  
vv. 1-2**

**1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**2. Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.**

**\*Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**\*Prayers of the Church:**

*Each petition ends with:*

God in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

...through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**“Revelation Song”**

**Choir**

### **\*Offering Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,

**Ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **‡HOLY COMMUNION & DISMISSAL‡**

*Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **\*Words of Institution**

#### **The 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.**

#### **Invitation to Communion**

The risen Christ dwells with us here.

All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

#### **Distribution of Communion:**

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

**All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.**

*(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.*

*WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.*

*Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)*

**Distribution Music**

**Rhonda Boettcher**

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup  
we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

**‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡**

**\*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. **Amen.**

*(Sunday School youth are invited to go to Sunday School  
during the singing of the sending hymn.)*

**\*Sending Hymn:**

**“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

**ELW #836**

- 1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**
- 2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.**

**3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!**

### **\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

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### **Prayer Requests**



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)

### **✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠**

**Prayers for healing:** **Alice Braaten** (medical issues), **Krista Gingrich** (knee replacement surgery), **Alyson & Mason Wren** (pregnancy complications—Paul & Marsha Bueide's granddaughter), **Shirlie Schuldies** (surgery-pacemaker), **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin's mother), **Allie Meyers** (friend of Marissa Wright), **Mabel Dedlow** (recovering from hip surgery), **Andrew Miller**, **Jean Collins** (recovery from hip surgery), **Kathy Pickett** (cancer—Virginia Pickett's niece), **Marj Nikont** (healing & recovery), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Gloria Gorr** (health issues).

**Prayers for:** **B.J. Carr** (deployed to Poland—Dee Brady's son-in-law), the people of Ukraine, for peace and the end of war.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Glen Vandenberg, 5/17; Jim Dorn, 5/18; Jean Stormoe 5/18;  
Vicki Howell, 5/19; Deb Brown, 5/19; Krista Gingrich, 5/21

*If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.*



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## MAY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** Oatmeal

**BACKPACKS:** Pudding Cups

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



## **CLCW MAY MISSION PROJECT: Sullivan Hills Camp**

This month we are asking your help in sending monetary support to Sullivan Hills Camp which serves campers each summer in Western Nebraska. The camp offers programs for grades 1-12, special needs families, confirmation and also provides a beautiful setting for retreats. Donations may be placed in the tan "*Designated Giving*" envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark on them CLCW Project on the envelope.

Thank you for your support.



SULLIVAN HILLS CAMP



**JAM will be taking a break  
during the summer.**

# CHILDREN'S Sunday School

**"Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old they will not turn from it"**

**Proverbs 22:6**

We believe that children are a precious gift from God. We invite your children to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ through Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts. every Sunday @ 11 a.m.



**Reminder: Scholarship Applications for  
2022-2023 are due in the church office  
June 1, 2022.**

## Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.

Do you like a treat with your coffee, but you would rather not bake or buy something? **Donate** to the treat fund by dropping dollars or coins in the mug and when no one signs up, there will be treats purchased to enjoy!



## Laundry Love



Calvary has partnered with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in our community. Calvary will host Laundry Love every 3rd month; our next event is July 16<sup>th</sup>. In preparation for that day, we will need quarters as well as dryer sheets or softener. Laundry detergent has already been donated. So, save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastor's offices.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer**

### **This Sunday – May 15**

**USHERS:** Deb Brown & Vicki Howell

**LAY READER:** Jack Martin

**COMMUNION ASST:** Shari Copsey

**POWERPOINT:** Andi Dorn

**ACOLYTES:** Ben Moravec & Jacey Cochran

**MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten

**AUDIO:** Val Rahrs

**ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Brown, Vicki Howell,  
Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** Barb Jensen

### **Next Sunday – May 22**

**USHERS:** Chris & Barb Jensen

**LAY READER:** Dennis Gorr

**COMMUNION ASST:** Barb Gorr

**POWERPOINT:** Shawna Payne

**ACOLYTES:** Micaela Hess & Brynlee Payne

**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

**AUDIO:** Trea Hess

**ALTAR GUILD:** Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

**PIANIST:** Dee Brady

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** Please Sign  
Up!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Sunday, May 15**

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in  
Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, May 16**

5 p.m. – Elders

6 p.m. – Worship

6 p.m. – Stewards

### **Tuesday, May 17**

12 p.m. – Women's Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

### **Wednesday, May 18**

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

### **Saturday, May 21**

9 a.m. – Trustees

5:30 p.m. – Worship

### **Sunday, May 22**

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in  
Fellowship Hall

MAY 15, 2022  
FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER



*God's ways are not our ways.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 13:31-35	Love one another
Monday	Acts 11:1-18	Peter reports to the church
Tuesday	Revelation 21:1-6	New heaven and earth
Wednesday	James 1:2-16	Trial and temptations
Thursday	Isaiah 55:6-13	God's words are powerful
Friday	Proverbs 3:5-8	Trust God
Saturday	Psalms 148	Praise for God's universal glory
Sunday	John 14:23-29	The sending of the counselor

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*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." Acts 11:18 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, help us to love one another and to seek to understand before we seek to be understood for the sake of Jesus Christ and the reign of God he brings. Amen.

#### Meatime Prayer:

Praise God for this gift of food and all that we have been given. Praise God! Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with a heart filled with mercy.



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MAY 15, 2022  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*Here I Am, Lord*



### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When you feel confused and need guidance, what do you do?
- The Bible makes it clear that God's ways are not our ways. What does this mean to you?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read: Acts 11:1-18.*

Peter was telling a church of Jewish Christians in Jerusalem about what took place that led him to accept Gentiles (non-Jews) into the church. The Jerusalem church was critical of Peter. He had to give a clear, step-by-step description of what he had experienced. To discern or understand how accepting Gentiles into the church as the will of God was not easy, Peter himself had received the message three times. It was hard for Peter to grasp what had happened and it was hard for both Peter and the early church to discern the ways of God. It is still difficult for us today to understand God's ways as being fundamentally different than our ways. God's ways have never been easy for followers of Jesus. Reading the Bible, prayer, meditation, and faith-filled conversations with others in the church guide us as we seek to understand the ways of God and the path that God wants for us as followers of Jesus.

*Discuss:* What helps you be open to God's ways to guide your life?  
*Pray:* God of love and faithfulness, help us to see as you see, to judge as you judge, and to show mercy as you show mercy through Christ our Lord. Amen

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you show someone God's love?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalms 148 calls on us and all of creation to give praise to God. *"Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created"* (v. 5). Go for a walk and look around at God's beautiful creation. When you return draw a picture of your favorite scene or make a list of God's creations you saw while on the walk. Finish by praying: *"Dear God, I praise you for \_\_\_\_\_, I thank you for \_\_\_\_\_, In Jesus name, Amen."*



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