

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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Midweek Lenten Services 2023 6:30 p.m.

Psalm 51 Liturgy

written by Jay Beech

Centering Prayer

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to reflect on the following poem, offer your own words of prayer or worship, or sit in silent meditation)

"To Come Home to Yourself" by John O'Donohue

May all that is unforgiven in you Be released.
May your fears yield
Their deepest tranquilities.
May all that is unlived in you
Blossom into a future
Graced with love.

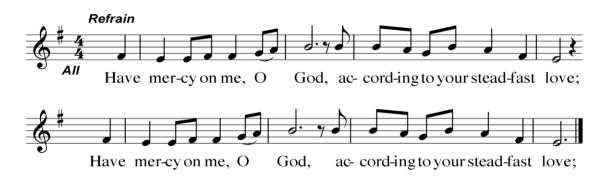
Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

+WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN WORSHIP+

*Opening Song: "Have Mercy on Me, O God" (Psalm 51:1-5)

Leader: I was brought forth in iniquity. Behold, in sin was I conceived.



Leader: (sings the verses)

Congregation: Refrain (above)

*A Lenten Litany

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them. **God created humanity in the image of God, according to the likeness of God.**Yet displaced blame, shame, sin and death entered the world through our.

Yet disobedience, blame, shame, sin and death entered the world through our ancestors.

Have mercy on us, O God.

(Time of silence)

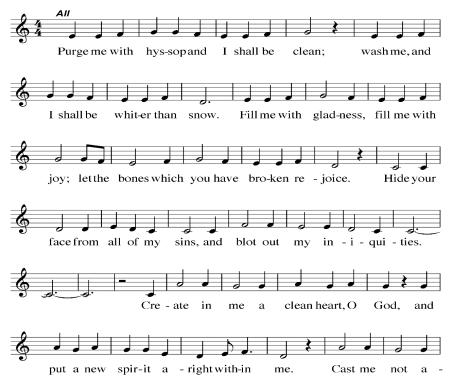
Christ has given himself for our sins and set us free from all the power of sin and the devil.

We believe, Lord, help our unbelief. Amen.

Song: "Secret Heart" and "Song of Deliverance" (Psalm 51:6-14)

Leader:

Behold your desire: truth within the deepest part of me. In my heart of hearts give me wisdom, Wisdom in my secret heart; wisdom in my secret heart.





Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-12 (Read responsively)

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me. ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴Even before a word is on my tongue. O LORD, you know it completely. ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. ⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. ⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. ¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night." ¹²even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Scripture Reflection

Pastor Brett

Prayers of the People

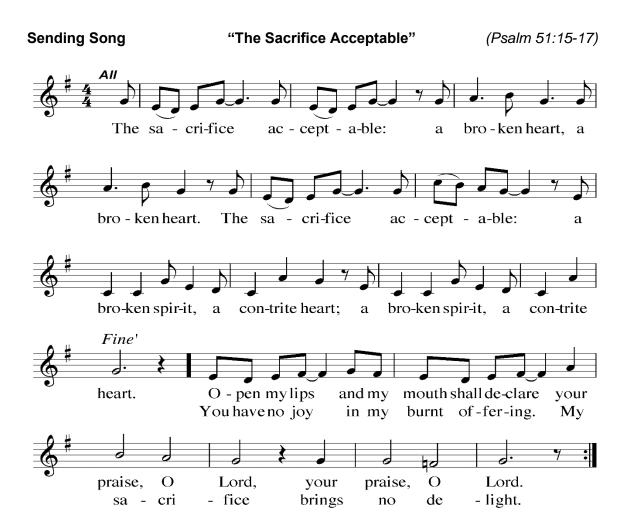
Hymn:

*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;

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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.



Blessing for the Journey

May the mercy of God reach out and heal you.

May you go with a clean heart, and a willing spirit.

May the presence of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy and gladness.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**