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Calvary Lutheran
Cranford, New Jersey



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

GATHERING

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! Though we give thanks for events of the sixteenth century Reformation that brought renewal to the church of that time, we pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism, we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's Table.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

↑GREETING

P The God who created space and time, journeyed with us in human form, and travels with us still, be with you all.

C And also with you.

↑HYMN OF PRAISE *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”* ELW #504

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

↓ **FIRST READING: Psalm 46**

A A READING FROM PSALMS THE 46th CHAPTER

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**"Be still, and know that I am God!**
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

A THE WORD OF THE LORD.

C Thanks be to God

↓ SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

A A READING FROM ROMANS THE 3rd CHAPTER

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

A THE WORD OF THE LORD.

C Thanks be to God

↑ GOSPEL: Matthew 10: 16-33

P THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW THE 10TH CHAPTER

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against

parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

📖 THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

🙌 Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

⬆️ HYMN OF THE DAY

“Thy Strong Word”

ELW #511

(Verses 1-4)

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

**He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

THE PRAYERS

A Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

A You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. God, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis. Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

A You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle (*especially*) **Russell Dawson, Emily Freely, Joanne Paras, Dick Peterson, Mabel Rapp, Carl Swenson and Carolyn Swenson** and those we name aloud, and in our hearts (pause). Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. We also pray today, Lord for our homebound members and our military personnel those struggling with mental health issues and persons facing abuse. God, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction. Make your people one. God, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered

P All who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise us, with them, to eternal life. God, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

⇌ **PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

↓ **OFFERING**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



SANCTUS

ELW #525

You Are Holy *Du är helig*

1*




Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come eat and drink and receive Christ's holy presence anew.

C Amen.

↓ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(by intinction unless announced otherwise)

In Christian fellowship you are welcome to the Lord's table. Come forward by the center aisle to receive the host and wine. (The pulpit side of the congregation communes first). If you prefer grape juice, the cups in the center of the tray are filled with juice. Wine is on the outside. Return to your pew using the side aisle after you have communed. Children are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing.

AGNUS DEI

Setting 7

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, have . . mer-cy up - on us, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros. have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, have . . mer-cy up - on us, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros. have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, grant us your peace, da - nos tu paz. grant us your peace.

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

↑ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

↑ SENDING HYMN *“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”* ELW #509

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prayers for the homebound

† Pray for our elderly members who are unable to attend worship and help us to minister to them faithfully (especially), Meta Brockmann, June Kaiser, Jean Kissack, Eddie Leicht, Nancy Leicht, Rocky Metroka, Fred Miller, Helene Miller and Chuck Sherrick.

Prayers for the military

† Protect and comfort our servicemen and women as they stand in harm's way (especially), Steven Bobrowski, Jeff Hill and Phillip Spatz. We pray for families and countries in conflict throughout the world.

CORE VALUES THAT REFORM

These are principles that provide guidance for our life together as a church. These are Core Values that can change our individual lives, our families, our congregation, and our communities. They express what we stand for and how we will conduct ourselves. These are what we are really passionate about at Calvary as we prepare for the next 500 years of being Christ's Church!

FAITHFULNESS ~ Rooted and nurtured in relationship with God through Word and Sacrament, we follow Jesus for the sake of the world. Daily prayerful *discernment* and striving for *excellence* in discipleship move us forward into God's future.

RESPECT ~ This is about *justice*: justice for each child of God, honor especially for the least, and respect in all relationships so that they are life-giving, grace-filled, safe, and create peace, as the Creator intended.

DIVERSITY ~ All of God's children together express the wonder and majesty of creation. Life in *community*, fully and richly *inclusive* and marked by unfailing *hospitality*, is a sign of God's Kingdom.

GENEROSITY ~ To live is to give. Giving beyond expectation or reason can reflect the *grace* and *compassion* of the One in whose image we are made.

CHANGE ~ The Gospel is about *transformation*, stirred by the power of life over death. *Hope*-filled people can change; hopeless people cannot.

INTERDEPENDENCE ~ This is about walking together, not alone. Our journey is experienced as *accompaniment*, committed to *collaboration*, marked by *multiplication*, and blessed with *synergy* as we engage in God's mission.