

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH CRANFORD, NJ

Summer Liturgy 2023

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

108 EASTMAN STREET CRANFORD, NJ 07016-2122 Phone (908) 276-2418 FAX (908) 276-2419 E-mail office@calvarycranford.com www.calvarycranford.com

The Rev. Dr. Gunnar Anderson, Vice Pastor Jeanne Elmuccio, Music Director Susan Lachance, Parish Manager Matthew Spatz, Congregation Council President

Calvary Nursery School and Child Care Phone (908) 272-3962 E-mail: calvarynscc@verizon.net Stacy Nick-Casey, Director

Calvary Lutheran Church
is a member congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
Serving Cranford and the surrounding area for more than 90 years

Scripture quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License through SundaysandSeasons - License number: SAS000718

Permission to print and podcast the music in this service obtained from

OneLicense.net License #A-731367 and Church Copyright Licenses #20449329 and #20449312



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

GATHERING

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.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

WORD

₽ FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1,6-8

A A READING FROM ISAIAH THE 56th CHAPTER

¹Thus says the LORD:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—
⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

A THE WORD OF THE LORD.

C Thanks be to God

♣ SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A READING FROM ROMANS THE 11th CHAPTER

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

A THE WORD OF THE LORD.

C Thanks be to God

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW THE 15TH CHAPTER

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

†HYMN OF THE DAY

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

ELW #612

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 Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- A O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A You created the earth and all its inhabitants and declared it good. Clean polluted skies, seas, and soil, provide nourishment to plants and animals, and make us aware of our impact on the environment. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

- A You call leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm's way, deliver those in bondage, support fair elections, provide care for military personnel and veterans, and show mercy to those for whom they have responsibility. Hear us, O God.
- **C** Your mercy is great.
- A You provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism or prejudice, shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, and heal the sick (especially) Lola Weedon, Justin Gingeleske, Diane Ebeling, Sue Bird (Wisconsin), Bev Currier, Emily Freely, Joanne Paras, Dick Peterson, Mabel Rapp, Joyce Russo, Carl Swenson, and Carolyn Swenson and those we name aloud, and in our hearts (pause). We also pray today, Lord for our homebound members and our military personnel, those struggling with mental health issues and persons facing abuse. Hear us, O God.
- **C** Your mercy is great.
- A O God, you journey with us in all of life's transitions. Guide those preparing for baptism, marriage, and retirement. Guide our church council and committees in their visioning and ministry. Safeguard those who travel. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered

- P We give you thanks for those who now rest from their labors. Motivate us by their lives of dedication to the gospel, until that day when we join with them in our eternal home. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.
- **⇔ PEACE**
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, ,through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- **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



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 All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

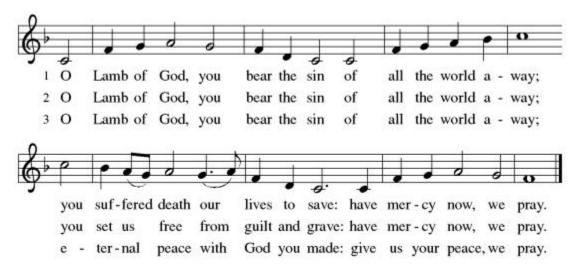
C Amen.

♣ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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 10



☆ 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

- A We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

BLESSING

- **P** The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ⅓ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.
- C Amen.

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- 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), Chris Mancinelli, Fong Yee, Helga Schalpe, Bill Culver, Eleanor Willert, 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.

