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April 4, 2021 † The Resurrection of Our Lord

St. John's Lutheran Church is a supporting congregation Calvary Lutheran High School, Jefferson City, 638-0228.

Today the paraments are white. We celebrate the Crucified and Risen Christ, dead for our sins and alive for our righteousness! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord's Supper is celebrated today. If you have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and believe that with the bread and wine Christ gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins and belong to the LCMS fellowship, you are invited to join in this blessed Sacrament. (If you are desiring to commune for the first time at St. John's as a Lutheran or you are a non-Lutheran, **please see the pastor prior to the service**).

Quarterly Voters' Meeting next week (April 11) after church.

Pastor Roger James, of the International Lutheran Council (ILC) and father of Eli, will be here on April 18. He will share information regarding the ILC and how they strengthen Lutheranism around the globe. More information will be forthcoming.

Last Sunday, March 28, 2021:

Attendance: 71 / 4 (livestream connections)

Sunday School/Adult/LYF: 17 / 20 / 4

Offerings: \$3398.22 / \$238 / \$140 (electronic)

CALVARY INSIDER – Here’s What Is Going On!

HE IS RISEN INDEED! – Thank you for helping us tell the story of our Risen Lord and Savior at Calvary Lutheran High School. May God bless your Easter celebration!

REGISTER YOUR LION TODAY – From a visiting student: “Everyone knows if you want the best education in Jefferson City, you go to Calvary.” Being part of Calvary is about more than academics. It means being part of a family. Keep spreading the good word. *Explore your options. Discover possibilities!*

UPCOMING OUTDOOR LION ATHLETICS: SHOW UP, CHEER LOUD!

- Tuesday, April 6 – Baseball (Home) v. Prairie Home, 4:30PM
Golf @ Tipton, 4PM
- Wednesday, April 7 – Golf @ Versailles, 9AM
- Thursday, April 8 – Baseball (Home) v. Linn, 4:30PM
- Saturday, April 10 – Track @ Russellville

CALVARY BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT – Get your team together today for Friday, June 4 at Tanglewood! Flights will begin at 8:00 and 1:00. Other than playing golf, there are a number of ways to support this fundraiser through serving on a committee, volunteering for the day or sponsoring a part of the event. Contact John Christman with your interest.

BACK TO FULL STRENGTH – This week, Calvary’s gift will return to having shopping hours Wednesday through Saturday, 9AM-1PM. In addition to shopping, if you would like to be part of a supportive volunteer community, contact Doris Propst (573-338-1980) about opportunities.

SUMMER CAMPS – Registration is now open for Calvary’s Youth Summer Camp. This all day camp, for students entering grades 5-8 in the Fall, runs from Monday, June 21 through Friday, June 25. To register, contact the CLHS office at 573-638-0228.

SOCIAL MEDIA – Follow us on Facebook (@clhsjcmo) and Instagram (calvary.lhs)!

POSITION AVAILABLE – Calvary Lutheran High School is seeking a mission-minded individual as a part-time math teacher (2-3 periods) for next school year. Interested applicants can contact Principal Erich Ahlers (573- 638-0228) or email resumes to principal@calvarylhs.org. Resumes will be accepted until April 8. They may also be submitted to Calvary at 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

RETURN AND SEE

The Day of Easter appeals to all of the senses—especially the sense of sight. With joy-filled eyes, we view our place of worship, which has a singular beauty at Easter. We return and see and rejoice. But the greatest visioning of Easter on this holy day is that we are called to come and see the risen Christ. By faith, we see the salvation won for us. This is the feast of victory for our God—and by His grace, once again, we get to view it “up close and personal”!

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” *LSB* 465

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

LSB, p. 151

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **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 on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.

P 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

PSALM

Psalm 16

¹ Preserve me, | O God,*
for in You I take | refuge.

² **I say to the LORD, “You | are my Lord;*
I have no good a- | part from You.”**

³ As for the saints | in the land,*
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all | my delight.

⁴ **The sorrows of those who run after another god shall |
multiply;*
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names | on my lips.**

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion | and my cup;*
You | hold my lot.

⁶ **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant | places;*
indeed, I have a beautiful in- | heritance.**

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me | counsel;*
in the night also my heart in- | structs me.

⁸ **I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*
because He is at my right hand, I shall not be |
shaken.**

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- |
joices;*
my flesh also | dwells secure.

**10 For You will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*
or let Your holy one see cor- | ruption.**

**11 You make known to me the | path of life;*
in Your presence there is fullness of joy;
at Your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

KYRIE

LSB, p. 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is the Feast” *LSB, p. 155*

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

A A reading from Isaiah, the twenty-fifth chapter.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷ And He will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of His people He will take away from
all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that
He might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for Him;
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

A A reading from 1 Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB, p. 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you.” ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Hail Thee, Festival Day” *LSB 489*:Easter

SERMON

Stand

C 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 Rejoicing in the life, hope, and peace that our mighty God and Father gives through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all in need.

For the Church throughout the world, and for our local church community, that enlivened by the risen Lord Jesus, we seek new ways to love and bless all of God's creation. For Pastor Scheperle, for missionaries Patty Lawson (4/8), Angela Sharp (4/10), and Shauen Trump (4/10) and military chaplains Jacob Scott, Derek Wolter, and Robert Carter, as they proclaim the forgiveness of sins to a dying world. Risen Lord,

C let our prayers rise to You.

P For world leaders, our president, congress, governor, and mayor, that walking in humility and acknowledging their power as a gift meant for serving others, they lead in ways that promote justice for the vulnerable, peace for the broken, and flourishing for those who struggle. Risen Lord,

C let our prayers rise to You.

P For the needs of our local community:
For those who are poor, unemployed, or struggling with life, that You lead us to find ways to love and serve. For those who work to protect and serve our community: nurses and doctors, police and firefighters, sanitation workers and mail carriers, we give thanks. For those who serve in the military and for soldiers who struggle after deployment, that the peace in Christ which surpasses understanding guide them and comfort them. Risen Lord,

C let our prayers rise to You.

P For those who are sick, for the hospitalized, for those who are facing surgery, [*including Katie Corrigan, Jen Schmitt, Leigh Fenton, Lois Belshe, Carolyn Walker, and Carrie Whittle*], that they experience healing according to Your will, and in the midst of their suffering know the assurance that our risen Lord will never forsake them. Risen Lord,

C let our prayers rise to You.

P For this congregation, that having returned to our Lord throughout the season of Lent, we go forward in the Easter season energized by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that our church will be known in our community as a people filled with joy in the Lord who love and serve our neighbors as Jesus did. For Khloe Hayes (4/4) and Jessica Plaster (4/8) who celebrate birthdays and for all Christians that they recognize the Lord's blessings. Risen Lord,

C let our prayers rise to You.

P In remembrance of our loved ones who have died, we give You thanks for their lives and for the time You gave us with them. Fill us with gratitude for the resurrection of Jesus, who empowers us to grieve with hope. Risen Lord,

C let our prayers rise to You.

P You, O Lord, defeated our greatest enemy by the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus. We entrust to You these prayers spoken in love this day; we trust, too, that You hear our prayers that are too deep for words. For You call us to pray without ceasing and to trust that You hear our prayers. In that promise we live and hope, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” *LSB 469:1, 5–6*

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

LSB, p. 160

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.

P It is our duty and delight to thank and praise You, holy and mighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us on the cross to pay the price for our sins and who rose in glory from the tomb as the firstfruits of Your new creation, so that our lives are now filled with hope and abundant life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P All thanks and praise to You, O Lord, on this day of great joy. Filled with gratitude for Your never-failing love for us, we remember how You created the heavens and the earth and all creatures including us, promised to restore all creation when the good life You intended for us was broken by Adam and Eve's turning way, saved Noah and his family in the midst of the great flood, rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and brought them to the Promised Land, sent prophets to call Your people to return to You again and again when they wandered, and gave to us the fulfillment of the ancient promise of restoration in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave His life for us on the cross, and is now gloriously risen from the grave and will one day return to restore all things in Your good creation. For all these mercies we thank You, we adore You, we praise You with shouts of alleluia.

C Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE WORDS OF OUR 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."

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

LSB, p. 162

C **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.**

PAX DOMINI

LSB, p. 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB, p. 163

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy
on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have
mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us
peace.**

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” *LSB* 633

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” *LSB* 461

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” *LSB* 474

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THANK THE LORD

LSB, p. 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may together with all Your saints celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; 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

LSB, p. 166

P 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.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“The Day of Resurrection” *LSB* 478

Children Sing

“The Lamb” *LSB* 547

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