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April 21, 2024 **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia! Today the paraments are white as we continue to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection.

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. Gluten-free wafers are available; speak with Pastor or an elder prior to worship. (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**).

Last Sunday, April 7, 2024: Attendance: 71 (1 livestream) Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 18 / 18 / 0 Offerings: \$1535 / \$0 / \$390 (electronic)

Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

CALVARY INSIDER – Wondering what went on at Calvary this week?

- Pastor Scheperle led Wednesday chapel with a message on Washing Feet.
- The Senior PE class took a trip to Strikers as part of their bowling unit.
- Friday afternoon, Calvary students and staff served in small groups around the community as a way to shine God's light.

THANK YOU!! – Many, many thanks to all who made the Annual Crimson & Silver Dinner Auction a success yesterday evening! This fundraiser would not be possible without a dedicated planning committee and volunteers, generous donors and attendees! Thank you for your continued support of Calvary Lutheran High School and our mission of Building Christian Leaders!

LION ATHLETICS – Upcoming **Home** baseball games:

Tuesday, April 23 – Home vs. New Bloomfield @ 4:30 Thursday, April 25 – Home vs. Jamestown @ 4:30 If you would like information about Away contests for all sports, please check calvan/bs.org/calendar.or.call the office to be put on an

check <u>calvarylhs.org/calendar</u> or call the office to be put on an email list.

TWENTY YEARS OF CALVARY GOLF TOURNAMENTS! – Assemble your team and shine your clubs! The **20**th annual Calvary Benefit Golf Tournament is *Friday, May 31, 2024* at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton! Consider entering a team, sponsoring a hole, or volunteering your time to help! We would love to have you! Contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 or administrator@calvarylhs.org with your interest. To register your team, go to <u>calvarylhs.org/golftournament</u> Space is Limited!

BLOOD DRIVE THIS WEEK – The last Red Cross blood drive of the school year is this coming week on Friday, April 26. Register your donation online at redcrossblood.org/give

SAVE THE DATE -

Apr. 26 Calvary Blood Drive May 2 FFA Petting Zoo May 3 Spring Concert, 7PM May 25 Graduation of the Class of 2024 May 31 20th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament calvarylhs.org/golftournament

Happening at St. John's:

This Wednesday, Pastor Whittle will be leading worship for Calvary Lutheran High School. You are welcome to come. You may also watch live on Calvary's Facebook page.

For Mothers' Day, the Sunday School will be hosting a brunch in place of the normal fellowship time. They will be serving pulled pork and all the fixings. There will be a freewill offering, with the money going toward the trip to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky later this year.

"Scripture and prayer are our strongest weapons to change hearts, and we must persist and never give up, no matter how disappointing things get with evil laws being enacted or evil intent coming our way." Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

DEFENDING THE FAITH, TEACHING THE TRUTH... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: Biblical Christianity vs. Progressive Christianity, The Movie "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire," Polygamy in the Bible, Responding to Roman Catholic Proof Texts and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

This week:

Sunday, 4/21	9am 10am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service	
Tues, 4/23 Wed, 4/24	6:30pm Confirmation 12:05pm Chapel at Calvary Lutheran High School		
Sunday, 4/28	9am 10am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service	

Confession and Absolution

588 Jesus Loves Me

- Jesus loves me! This I know,
 For the Bible tells me so.
 Little ones to Him belong;
 They are weak, but He is strong. Refrain
- ref Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
- 2 Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide. He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in. Refrain Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt. Text: Public domain

Stand

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

Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and

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I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

LSB 185

- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +I Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

The Lord is my | shepherd;*

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*

He leads me beside still | waters.

He re- | stores my soul.*

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are | with me;*

your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;*

you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,*

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

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.

I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

 Glory be to God on high:
 and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 4:1-12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

С Thanks be to God.

Epistle

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.



This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11–18

LSB 190

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

 I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Sit

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

- The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
- Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me, Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise

Within Thy house forever! Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77 Text: Public domain

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Presentation of Offering

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Shepherd of Israel, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have sought out Your sheep and gathered us into Your flock. Keep us always in Your fold, and guard us from every wolf and snare. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- Heavenly Father, You alone gather us as Your sheep and send faithful shepherds to us. Call all who have wandered from Your flock, and bless the faithful shepherds who gather them through the voice of Your Word. We pray especially today for Pastor Diener, missionaries Martin Schultheis, Jerry Mays, and Micah Wildauer, and military chaplains Theodore Hoham, Dennis Wenholz, and David Wurdeman. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Heavenly Father, Your Son has called us to love our brothers. Turn us in love toward the neighbors closest to us, especially within our own homes, that we may daily show our confidence in God by deed and truth, laying down our lives as Christ first did for us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Gracious Father, You sent Your Son to bring us into Your kingdom. Look with favor upon all those whom You have called, especially Keegen Reed (4/21) and Randy & Myra Hall (4/26). Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Eternal Lord, through the Paschal Lamb You have wrought peace between man and God. By Your gift of good government, grant peace and good days also to our citizens and between the nations of the world, that we and all our neighbors

may lead quiet lives in godly contentment. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, by the firstfruits of Christ's life from the dead, You secured forgiveness for our troubled consciences. Bless also with temporal health and well-being those who suffer among us [especially Paula Scheperle, Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, and LeeRoy Wunderlich]. Grant them aid in this moment and, even more so, true, immortal health in the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- O Lord, our Shepherd, You calm all fears in this valley of the shadow of death, and You prepare the holy table of Your Son's testament for us in the presence of our enemies. Grant us repentant and faithful hearts. In every tribulation or besetting sin, lead us to find comfort and strength in Your overflowing mercy given to us here in this Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord God, out of Your fatherly goodness You have remembered us poor, miserable sinners and given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd — not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death and the devil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that even as this Shepherd knows us and helps in every affliction, we also may know Him, trust Him, seek help and comfort in Him, heartily obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of

Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

 Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

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."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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• O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

- Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing, Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace. He Himself makes preparation, And I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the blessed feast."
- Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding In this holy sacrament, Gives the bread of life, once broken, And the cup, the precious token Of His sacred covenant.
- Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy, Blood and body, giv'n for me, Very Lamb of God from heaven, Who to bitter death was given, Hung upon the cursèd tree.
- God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour In this ordinary sign.
 On my tongue His pledge receiving, I accept His grace, believing That I taste His love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,

Comfort in my tribulation, Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole. Text: Heinrich Puchta, 1808–58; tr. David W. Rogner, 1960 Text: © David W. Rogner. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110003409

666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

- O little flock, fear not the foe Who madly seeks your overthrow; Dread not his rage and pow'r. And though your courage sometimes faints, His seeming triumph o'er God's saints Lasts but a little hour.
- Be of good cheer; your cause belongs To Him who can avenge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.
 Though hidden yet from mortal eyes, His Gideon shall for you arise, Uphold you and His Word.
- As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor hell's satanic crew Against us shall prevail.
 Their might? A joke, a mere facade!
 God is with us and we with God— Our vict'ry cannot fail.
- Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer; Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once again! So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise A mighty chorus to Thy praise Forevermore. Amen.

Text: Jacob Fabricius, 1593–1654; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

- I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am; For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me, Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.
- 2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.

When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me; When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

 Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb? And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended, He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.
 Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–82; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941
 Text: Public domain

475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

- Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
 Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
 Let all the world rejoice and say:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die, And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

С	Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
	for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the
	face of all people,
	a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
	as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

LSB 200

Thanksgiving

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- **G** and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salut	LSB 201	
P C	The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.	
Benedicamus		LSB 202
A C	Bless we the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Benediction		LSB 202
P	The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and +I+ give you peace. Amen, amen, amen.	
735 H	lave No Fear, Little Flock	
1	Have no fear, little flock;	

- Have no fear, little flock, For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom; Have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock, For the Father will keep you In His love forever;

Have good cheer, little flock!

- Praise the Lord high above;
 Praise the Lord high above,
 For He stoops down to heal you,
 Uplift and restore you;
 Praise the Lord high above!
- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God, For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you; Thankful hearts raise to God!

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