

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026



Mount Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas

We realize that it is difficult for some to stand, or to kneel, for long periods of time. Please feel free to sit as necessary during the liturgy and the prayers. Sitting during the confession is also appropriate for those who cannot kneel.

DIVINE SERVICE

SETTING FOUR

PRELUDE

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you; Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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INVOCATION

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

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

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P He came into the world as light so whoever believes does not remain in darkness. (John 12:46)

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P You now have the light, by faith you are the children of light. (John 12:36)

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Kneel/Stand Silence for Reflection

CONFESSION OF SINS

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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.

[John 20:19-23]

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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INTROIT

Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1



Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,*
his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.

**O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.**

**O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.**

Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.

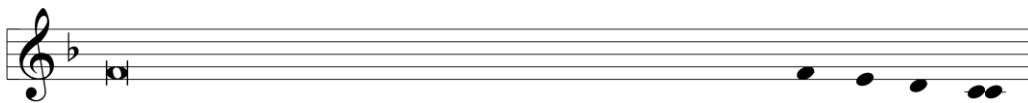
For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.*

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.

**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 ~ Lord, Have Mercy Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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 mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . . ²And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . . You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:2–10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

John 20:31



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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

SERMON HYMN: The Son of God Goes Forth to War

LSB 661



1 The Son of God goes forth to war A king - ly crown to gain.
 2 The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye Could pierce be - yond the grave,
 3 A glo - rious band, the cho - sen few, On whom the Spir - it came,
 4 A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, The ma - tron and the maid,



His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far; Who fol - lows in His train?
 Who saw his mas - ter in the sky And called on Him to save.
 Twelve val - iant saints—their hope they knew And mocked the cross and flame.
 A - round the Sav - ior's throne re-joyce, In robes of light ar-rayed.



Who best can drink His cup of woe, Tri - um-phant o - ver pain,
 Like Him, with par - don on His tongue In midst of mor - tal pain,
 They met the ty - rant's bran-dished steel, The li - on's gor - y mane;
 They climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n Through per - il, toil, and pain.



Who pa - tient bears his cross be - low— He fol - lows in His train.
 He prayed for those who did the wrong— Who fol - lows in his train?
 They bowed their necks their death to feel— Who fol - lows in their train?
 O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train!

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SERMON: Stephen, The First Martyr: On Suffering and Glory ACTS 6:1–9; 7:2A, 51–60 Rev. Michael Middaugh

Stand

OFFERTORY: Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
 Give thanks to the Holy One,
 Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
 Give thanks to the Holy One,
 Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
 Let the poor say "I am rich,"
 Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"
 Because of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks, give thanks.

Sit

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Our offering is our way of saying, "Thank you" to God for all His gifts to us and to support His work here at Mt. Calvary and around the world. To all our guests this morning, we are happy to have you with us, but **you are under no obligation to give an offering**. But we would request your prayers for our ministry. We would ask all present to please complete an attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate in order that we have a record of your worshipping with us. If you have a prayer request, please put it on a "Prayer Request Card" and the ushers will bring it forward with the offering.*

ANTHEM: I Must Tell Jesus/Blessed Assurance

Mount Calvary Choir

Text & Tune: Elisha Hoffman, 1839-1929 Text: Fanny Crosby, 1820-1915 Tune: Phoebe Knapp, 1830-1908 Arr. Mary McDonald

*I must tell Jesus, all of my trials: I cannot bear these burdens alone:
 In my distress He kindly will help me; He ever loves and cares for His own.
 I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus, I cannot bear my burdens alone.
 I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.*

*This is my story, This is my song – Praising my Savior all the day long.
 This is my story, This is my song – Praising my Savior all the day long*

*I must tell Jesus, all of my trials: I cannot bear these burdens alone:
 In my distress He kindly will help me; He ever loves and cares for His own.
 This is my story, This is my song – Praising my Savior all the day long.
 This is my story, This is my song – Praising my Savior all the day long This is my song!*

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT****PREFACE**

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

[Colossians 3:1]

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

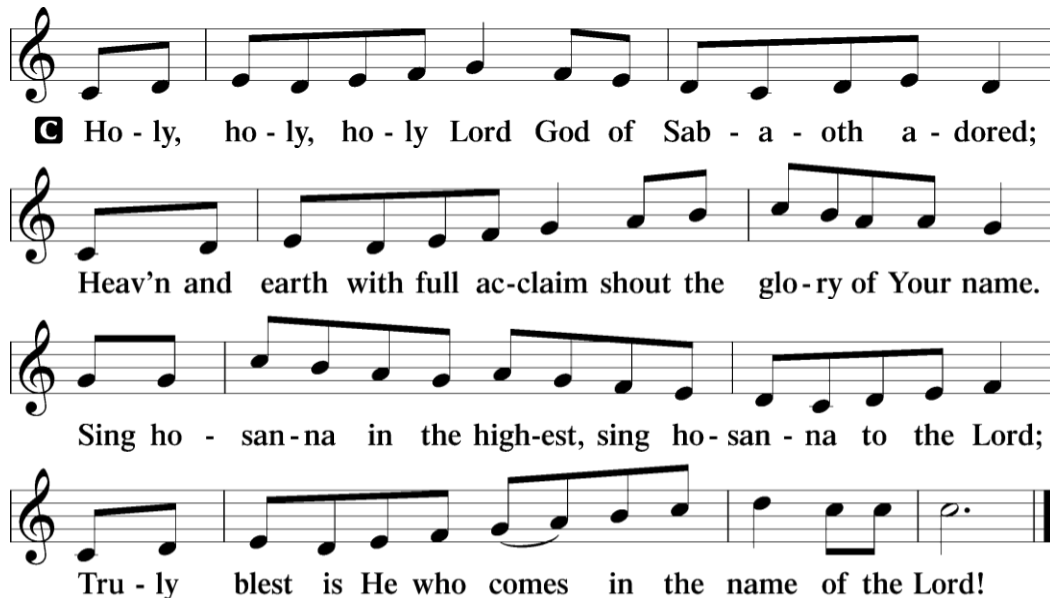
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

[Psalm 136]

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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 ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 459 Christ is Arisen



1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark



pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;



Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!



2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still



our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,



We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;



Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German, 12th–15th cent.; tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1909–67, alt.

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LSB 473 The Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free



1 Our Pas - chal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sac - ri - ficed. O keep
 2 Let all our lives now cel - e - brate The feast; let mal - ice die.
 3 Let all our deeds, u - nan - i - mous, Con - fess Him as our Lord



The feast of free - dom gal - lant - ly; Let al - le - lu - ias leap:
 Let love grow strong a - new, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie.
 Who by the Spir - it lives in us, The Fa - ther's liv - ing Word.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A -



gain Sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a - loud: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-76

Tune: Walter L. Pelz, 1926

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OAR 219 His Battle Ended There

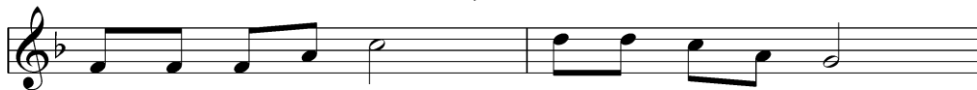
Choir will sing stanza 1



1 His bat - tle end - ed there, death was o - ver - come.
 2 Dread pow'rs of death and sin had Him in their hold.
 3 Dead in the grave He lay, mourned by ev - 'ry friend.
 4 He burst the chains of sin, o - pened death's dark jail.



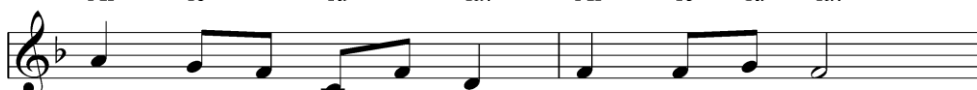
Je - sus, a - live a - gain, wore the vic - tor's crown.
 When Je - sus rose a - gain all their plans were foiled.
 Those dark and fear - ful days then did reach their end.
 God filled Him with new life, life that could not fail.



Clear - ly sin had failed; Good - ness had pre - vailed.
 Je - sus lived a - gain, Tri - umphed o - ver sin.
 God raised Him to life, Vic - tor in the strife.
 Right be - fore their eyes Je - sus did a - rise.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

OAR 220 Now the Green Blade Riseth



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid Him, Love whom men had slain,
3 Forth He came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



Wheat that in the dark earth man - y days has lain;
Think - ing that nev - er He would wake a - gain;
He _____ that for three days in the grave had lain,
Thy _____ touch can call us back to life a - gain,



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
Quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring-eth green.
Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring-eth green.
Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring-eth green.
Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring-eth green.

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Stand

DISMISSAL

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.



NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P 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.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY/RECESSIONAL: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Men Sing St. 3 Women Sing St. 4 Choir Sing St. 5



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!
- △ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt.
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POSTLUDE

LSB (Lutheran Service Book 2006)

OAR (One and All Rejoice 2020)

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher/Celebrant: Rev. Michael Middaugh

Lector: Vicar Michael Cruz, St. Paul Lutheran Church, San Antonio

Organist: Rev. Craig Meissler

Elders: Trey Roberts Alex Diaz Robert Axtell

Ushers: David Thompson Kevin Rabenaldt

Isaiah Casas Al Lariosa

Greeters: Jeri Lara Carol Wilson

HOLY COMMUNION

- If you are a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to take communion, please indicate on the Attendance Card found in the pew and place in the offering plate. Because participation in the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of the Christian Faith which is confessed at this altar (Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:3; 1 Tim. 1:3; 4:16; 6:3-10; 2 Tim. 1:13; Rom. 16:17) those who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are asked to respectfully refrain from participation today and speak with a pastor after the Divine Service. If you are not communing but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest once you are kneeled at the communion rail.
- Both the common cup and individual cups are offered at each table simultaneously. If you desire the common cup, please hold your hands open and the pastor will provide it to you, while the elders serve the individual cups. It is proper to take hold of the cup when receiving the common cup. This helps prevent spilling and greatly assist the pastor.

ALCOHOL-REMOVED WINE/GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE

- For those who are allergic, or for health reasons, and unable to drink regular wine, alcohol-removed wine is available for Holy Communion. The alcohol-removed wine is white in color and in the individual cups in the center of each tray.
- Gluten-free wafers are also available. Please notify one of the pastors before the service that you would prefer the gluten-free option. The reception of this wine and the gluten-free wafers in no way affects the theological meaning or benefits of this Sacrament.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP During this hour, God comes to us in His Word and Sacrament, and we respond in prayer and praise! Here are a few practical tips for minimizing distractions and maximizing participation:

- **IN ORDER THAT WE HAVE** a record of your worshipping with us, we would ask all present to **please complete an attendance card** found in the pew and place in the offering plate.
- We ask that you turn off or put away your phones and electronic devices so that you can participate fully in what God is doing during this special time dedicated to Him.
- While it is sometimes necessary to quiet an infant or toddler with a small snack or a bottle, **we ask that no other foods or beverages** be brought into the sanctuary.
- The ministerial staff is always available to you should you have spiritual care needs. Please contact the front office to arrange for pastoral care.
- Hearing devices are available for the hearing impaired. Please speak with one of the ushers.

CHILDREN & WORSHIP We love children and are happy they are here with us! Just as a child learns to speak by imitating the voice of mom or dad, so too a child learns to worship by participating in the service at an early age. If you have questions about how to incorporate your child into the worship life of the congregation in an age-appropriate way, please see one of the pastors. **Assistance for children with special needs during worship and Sunday school is also available – see an usher for details.** A **nursery** is also available. Parents can use it when quieting a child or changing a diaper. The service can be heard in the nursery. **Activity items** are available for your child(ren) in the narthex. Please make sure all items are returned at the end of the service.

MIDWEEK STUDIES

Tuesday Morning Class | Tues | 10:00-11:30am {Parish Hall} Immediately following Matins (10:00am)
Men's Study | 1st & 3rd Wed | 6:00pm {Parish Hall} All men are invited! Contact Roman Gomez.
Men's Study | 1st & 3rd Sat | 8:00-9:30am {Parish Hall} This class has begun a new study of Romans led by Daniel Ochoa.
Women's Study | 3rd Mon | 7:30-8:30pm {Meets at members' homes} Contact Shirley Wille.
Women's Study | 2nd & 4th Mon | 6:00-7:30pm {Library} We are studying *Divine Directions: How God Guides Your Path* (Sharla Fritz, CPH).

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SERVICES continue to be live streamed and archived on our website. Bible class/Sunday school for all ages is at 8:45am with our Divine Service at 10:00am.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings by Evelyn & Jim Lee.

PRAYERS – Brad Boeckner at home from the hospital; Jim Wegge, Liz Willis, Jeff Harwood, Christine Prinz, Heidi Farmer, Nathan Gerlich, Charlie Thomas, Carol Miller, Joshua Gabel, Michael Gilg, Nicole McNeel, Nancy Goggio, Dave Weller, Hayley Trujillo; the family of Katie Klann who passed away this past week; our home-bound members: Tammy Greinke, Sandy Krywoszej, Olga Mencke, Karen Price.

LORD'S SUPPER – If you are physically unable to get to church and would like to receive the Lord's Supper in your home, please contact the church office so that we can schedule a date and time with one of the pastors.

PASTORAL CARE, VISITATION, & PRAYERS – If it is your desire to share a health condition, hospitalization, or procedure for which you would like a pastoral visit, it is important for us to know as much information ahead of time as possible. Please contact the church office with all the pertinent information. If you are hospitalized or in rehab, it helps us a great deal to keep us updated as to where you are as well as the room number if possible. If you wish for you or your loved one to be included in the Prayers of the Church on Sunday morning, please contact the church office as soon as you can.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE:



This Sunday we welcome Vicar Michael Cruz to our Sunday Bible Class and worship service. He is currently serving as Vicar at St. Paul Lutheran Church, San Antonio, located in Southtown. In Bible Class Vicar Cruz will tell his own story of being led into ministry within the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and discuss what it's like to be in seminary and serve as a Vicar at St. Paul.

Sunday, May 10 we will pick back up on our discussion of the book "Sinner - Saint" by Luke Kjolhaug.

About: Embrace the Paradox of Sin and Grace.

Few mysteries of Christian faith feel as urgent as the persistent presence of sin in a believer's life. This book offers a refreshingly honest approach to the tension we face daily—caught between our brokenness and our standing as redeemed children of God.



SANDWICHES FOR CAM – JOIN US! We have been preparing **300 sandwiches** two times per month for Christian Assistance Ministries. (CAM). CAM currently distributes 300 sandwiches **per day** to those in need in our community. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time to help with the sandwich making. **THIS COMING TUESDAY IS SANDWICH DAY!!** YOU CAN ALSO HELP FUND THE PURCHASE OF SANDWICH SUPPLIES BY MAKING A CONTRIBUTION IN THE BREAD BOX LOCATED ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS: If you are not currently a member of Mt. Calvary but would like to know what membership entails and our process for receiving new members, please speak to one of our elders, or one of the pastors. For those coming from a non-Lutheran background we offer new-member adult confirmation classes upon request. For those who are transferring from another LCMS Lutheran Church, the transfer process is often quick, but the pastors would still wish to speak with you, and answer questions you may have about Mt. Calvary. Membership is an important commitment to a local congregation, both to receive spiritual care from, and to give support to, the ministry of a congregation which is a Biblical model we still follow today.



JOIN OUR TROPICAL TREK VBS

June 15-19, 2026

Registration is open online or forms can be found in the narthex!!

THE AGAPE MINISTRY most needed items: canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, rice, fresh or frozen meat. Other items are canned vegetables, canned fruit, mac & cheese, tomato sauce/pasta sauce, soup, beans (dry or canned), spaghetti, cereal, cookies, crackers, laundry detergent, toilet paper, bar soap, pet food. Also accepted are used clothing, household items, linens, shoes, purses, new underwear, socks, etc.

CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (CAM) Needs are bibles, men's jeans (smaller sizes), diapers (sizes 6, 7, 8), shoes for the Soles4Souls Shoe Drive (men, women, children), volunteers, monetary donations, children's Christian books. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

ANIMAL DEFENSE LEAGUE URGENT NEEDS: Canned Dog Food, Canned Cat Food, Blankets, Dog Treats, XL KING KONG Toys, Bottles, KMR (1st step), Puppy Esbilac, Puppy pads, Miracle nipples, Food scales, Heating pads, and Warming discs. All food items should be unopened.

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, May 3rd: "When Jesus returns, all who believe in Him will be raised up from death to live in His presence forever. That is the promise of His enduring, steadfast love: 'I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ' (Philippians 1:6). The purpose of God for us will be fulfilled!" *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

READ, LISTEN, WATCH – 1517.org is a nonprofit organization that exists to declare and defend the Good News that you are forgiven and free on account of Christ alone. 1517 features hundreds of podcasts, articles, and videos all with the purpose of preaching and teaching Reformation Theology and Christ for You. 1517 is a completely free resource thanks to partnership and support from dozens of LCMS churches here in Texas, and around the country. If you have not already, go to 1517.org to access their large library of online resources.



THE LUTHERAN HOUR – May 10th, "The King Who Reigns" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. If Easter tells us that Jesus the King has won, then Ascension tells us the King is reigning, and His reign is good. Luke 24:36-53 Times/Stations: 6:00am on WOAI 1200; 9:00am on KAWZ 88.7 FM; or 8:00am on KWED 1580 AM (Seguin)

BRILLE IS looking for subs to help fill in when someone cannot be there. If you are interested, please see Michelle Thompson.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday – 125 Adult Class – 38 PreK-HS – 12 Matins – 21

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- May
 6 Anna Hansmann
 8 Ann McNeel
 9 Olivia Casas

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF May 3, 2026

Today	8:30am	Fellowship/Coffee
	8:45am	Sunday school/Adult Bible class
	10:00am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
Monday	5:30pm	Board of Education
	6:00pm	Board of Elders
Tuesday	10:00am	Matins (Sanctuary – please enter at Parish Hall doors) Followed by Tuesday Morning Class (Parish Hall) and sandwich making
	11:00am	Braille #3
	1:00pm	Braille #8
	10:00am	Quilting
	6:00pm	Men’s Bible Study
Thursday	10:00am	Braille #2
Friday	7:00pm	AA – Shook Big Book
Next Sunday	8:30am	Fellowship/Coffee
	8:45am	Sunday school/Adult Bible class
	10:00am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion



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