



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2020

As we gather1 Peter 2:9 – “But 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.” God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The Apostle says that God has done this that we may share in His glory and joy, that we may “proclaim the excellencies of Him” who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy in our hearts as well.

✠ THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE ✠

THE HYMN: #644 “*The Church's One Foundation*”

- 1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

THE INVOCATION:

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

CONFESSION OF SINS:

- P:** Let us then confess our sins unto God our Father.
- C:** **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins.
I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most.
My Lord's name I have not honored as I should;
my worship and prayers have faltered.
I have not let His love have its way with me,
and so my love for others has failed.
There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help.
My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.
I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.**

ABSOLUTION:

- P:** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
- C:** **Amen.**
- P:** 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

- P:** The Lord be with you.
- 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.**

THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 2:2–10 (*pew Bible p. 1014*)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you 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. For 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.” So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But 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. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

THE MOTHER'S DAY MESSAGE

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1–14 (*pew Bible p. 901*)(*Please stand.*)

[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. In 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? And 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. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus 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'? Do 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. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. "Truly, 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. Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

THE NICENE CREED:

**☩ 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.

THE HYMN: #526 “*You Are the Way; through You Alone*”

- 1 You are the way; through You alone
Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed
His heart and will and mind.
- 2 You are the truth; Your Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind
And purify the heart.
- 3 You are the life; the empty tomb
Proclaims Your conqu’ring arm,
And those who put their trust in You
Not death nor hell shall harm.
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life;
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win
Whose joys eternal flow.

THE SERMON: “Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life” Pastor Eric Ahlemeyer

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE PREFACE:

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 Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under His feet for the benefit of the Church.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.**

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

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."

- P** 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.”

THE PAX DOMINI:

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

THE AGNUS DEI: #633 “At the Lamb’s High Feast” (Verses 1-4)

- 1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His piercèd side.
Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE 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 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.

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION:

P Let us bless the Lord.

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.

C **Amen.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CLOSING HYMN: #722 *“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”*

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor
I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior,
And lead the way.
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding,
In peace I go.
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen
My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.



ANNOUNCEMENTS May 10, 2020



WE WELCOME YOU as honored guests or treasured members.
Before the service, speak to the Lord in prayer.
During the service, listen as the Lord speaks to you through His Holy Word. After the service, speak to one another.

VISITORS & MEMBERS, please be sure to sign the **Attendance Register** in the pew so that your visit can be noted.

ORDER OF WORSHIP is a printed Divine Service. Refer to the *Worship Insert* for readings, hymns and to guide you through the service. A triangle Δ preceding a hymn stanza indicates that we stand for the verse(s).

CHANCEL PARAMENTS are white in celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, and the Easter season.

PARENTS, FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE... A CRY ROOM is located at the back of the nave. Please do not leave children unattended. All the restrooms are equipped with changing tables.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES... meet at 9:30 a.m.

- **ADULT CLASS** will resume in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 24.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** will resume at a later date.

PLEASE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Bev Brummett	Harold Cox	Don Day	Linda Fark Duff
Elizabeth DuVall	Dusty Eckman	Conrad Forks	Helen Forks
Stephanie Krone	Sue Lahman	Sonjia Martin	Paul Matzat
Ron Rasmus	Jaisyn Reese	Ken Shabino	Marlis Snyder
Carolyn Tanner	Jean Taylor	Juanita Uhlig	Joan Walter
Phil Walter	Polly Wolf		

Military: Haley (Hampton) & Jesse Luna

Miller's Merry Manor (Plymouth): Vaneada Brettin

Autumn Trace: Betty Wade

Miller's Assisted Living: Shirley Johnson

INFORMATION FOR PASTOR AHLEMEYER...Sunday mornings are busy for Pastor Ahlemeyer and he appreciates all the information you give to him. So he won't forget anything, please email him, call the church office, or write down your information on a piece of paper.

In case, you would like to send a card or note to Juanita Uhlig, she will be at her son's in Elkhart. The address is

MRS JUANITA UHLIG
c/o MR ROBERT YODER
5 SALEM CT
ELKHART IN 46514

Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS during the month of May will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

SECURITY POLICY

If you arrive late for a worship service, meeting, choir practice, Braille, or other event, and the door is locked, there is a doorbell on the **left** side of the door. Please ring that doorbell and someone will come and let you in.

VBS

Due to the COVID-19 crisis and the executive orders from the Governor, we will not be hosting VBS this year.

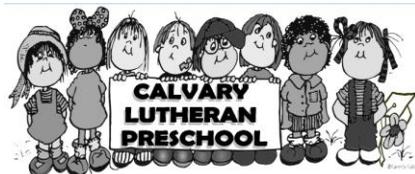
MATCHING EXTRA ORDINARY DONATION OPPORTUNITY

An anonymous donor has agreed to match all Extra Ordinary gifts, up to a total of \$50,000, until Thanksgiving 2020. These gifts will be used to pay off the mortgage and secure a sound financial future for Calvary. Extra Ordinary envelopes are available on the cabinet in the Narthex.



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2020-21

It's time to start thinking about registration for preschool for 2020-21. If you have a preschooler or know of a family, please grab an application on the wall in the Narthex by the church office.



SEMINARIAN KEATING'S CALL

We celebrate with Seminarian Keating as he received his call Wednesday, April 29, to St. John Lutheran Church, in Curtis, Nebraska. St. John Lutheran Church is located in southwestern Nebraska. Please keep David and MiKayla in your prayers as they prepare to move, get settled, and acclimated to their new church family.

On Sunday, May 17, we will be celebrating Seminarian Keating and MiKayla's time with Calvary by offering a blessing and appreciation gifts to them as they begin their ministry journey. A basket will be in the Narthex to put a note of encouragement and thanks to David and MiKayla.



Thank you for your continued faithfulness through giving.

MISSION STATEMENT OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

"To bring alive The Triune God's plan of salvation in the congregation, community, and world (Matthew 28:19-20) by providing an atmosphere for spiritual growth, embracing the Spirit, and sharing our God-given gifts in Christian love."

WELCOME TO CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

The people of God at Calvary extend to you a most warm and friendly welcome. Please join us again soon. A "Visitors Packet" is available from an usher. If you are interested in further information about the church, or if you desire to become a member, please contact the church office at 936-2903. Thank you for worshiping at Calvary.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

PASTOR IN STUDY: Tuesday through Friday mornings.
Afternoon and/or evenings by appointment.

E-MAIL: pastor@calvarylutheranplymouth.org

CELL PHONE NUMBER: 812-525-3800

CONTACT THE CHURCH: OFFICE: (574) 936-2903

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE: For Your Convenience, Open Every Sunday
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

The Lord's Supper is celebrated the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays of each month.

- 8:15 a.m. Worship/Divine Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes
- 10:45 a.m. Worship/Divine Service

THE LORD'S SUPPER

As we celebrate the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper, all confirmed Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod guests are invited to partake with us. After kneeling, please open your mouth or hold out your hand to receive the bread from the Pastor. The wine is offered in the chalice by the Pastor. Please assist the Pastor with the chalice by placing your hand under the cup and tilting it until you receive a drink of the wine. If you desire an individual plastic container, please take one when the assistant passes.