



Service of Holy Communion

with the Rite of Healing

October 6, 2024

Welcome! Worship is the heart of our life together. From here, all our work as a faith community is lived out. **It's good you're here today!**

The mission of Calvary Lutheran, a welcoming and nurturing church, is to provide a community where all can receive and share God's love.

Introduction to Today's Scripture Readings

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus speaks on divorce in a rejection of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus then welcomes children, offering them blessing as the disciples were fending them off. In all this, where is there room for healing? Might we be called to Jesus, like children, to receive blessing?

Upcoming Sundays

October 13 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
counting the weeks since Pentecost recalls the church's last major holiday

October 20 – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
this Sunday will celebrate prayer with Deacon Bob preaching

October 27 – Reformation Sunday
we celebrate Lutheran history and ask how the church can reform today



PRELUDE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the God, our Creator, † Redeemer, and of Sustainer.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly stands. Silence is kept.

Gracious God,
**we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
Forgive us and give us strength to serve you in newness of life.
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ through our baptism.

By grace you have been saved!

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN **ELW #656** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the...



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

*For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all, let us pray to the...*



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

*For your people here, who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the...*



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

Help, save, and defend us, O God.



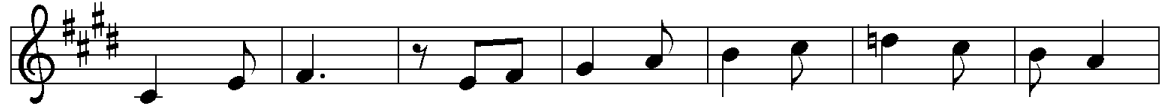
A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God,
you have created us to live in loving community with one another.
Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast,
and teach us to trust like little children,
that we may reflect the image of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:18-24

¹⁸The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife,
and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8

The assembly sings the refrain. The cantor sings it first.



*1*O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! —
*2*you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.
*3*When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
*4*what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?

Refrain

*5*Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
*6*You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:
*7*all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
*8*the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
*9*O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Refrain

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12

*1*Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, *2*but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. *3*He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, *4*having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

2:5 Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. 6 But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

7 You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor,

8 subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

10 It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, 12 saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands.

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

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

If we love one another, God lives in us and God's love is perfected in us.

Repeat Alleluia

GOSPEL: MARK 10:2-6

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

2Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” 3He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” 4They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” 5But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. 6But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ 7‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

10Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. 11He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; 12and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

13People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” 16And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ACS #1049** *Before the Waters Nourished Earth*
The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Loving God, our source and our final home,
we give you thanks for the gifts of life on earth,
for our human bodies and all you have created.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Merciful God, by the wounds of your Son we are healed.
Bring your saving health to all people.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Holy God, your Spirit came upon us in the waters of baptism
and brought us into the communion of saints.
Renew in us the grace of baptism,
by which we share in Christ's death and resurrection.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Mighty God, your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all.
Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain.
Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Compassionate God, the strength of those who suffer,
bring hope to all who are in mental, physical, or spiritual distress.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Almighty God, source of human knowledge,
give skill, wisdom, and compassion
to all who provide medical care.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Loving God, our creator and redeemer,
give gentleness and courage to family members, friends,
and caregivers of those who suffer.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

God of great and abundant mercy,
with your presence sustain all for whom we pray.
Drive away their suffering, give them firm hope,
and strengthen their trust in you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing with oil come forward to kneel as they are able.

Music accompanies the anointing and this prayer is prayed:

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake,
send your Holy Spirit upon your servant,
to bring healing of mind, body, and spirit.

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing,
grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing.
When they are afraid, give them courage;
when afflicted, give them patience;
when dejected, give them hope;
and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all,
be now and evermore your sure defense,
and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation
is the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Signs of peace are exchanged.

Then the assembly is seated and announcements are made.



GATHERING OF GIFTS

*Gifts of bread, wine, music, and money are offered in thanks to God.
Monetary gifts may be made with the QR code.*

The Gift of Love, arr. Hal Hopson

The assembly stands to pray.

God of mercy and grace,
**the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table,
that we may come to the help of all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 † Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
**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.**

COMMUNION

The assembly is seated. Music accompanies communion.

All are welcome at the table where Jesus is host.

The words "given and shed for you" are a proclamation of good news, sustaining us in our baptized life.

PRAYER

The assembly stands.

Merciful God, constant source of all healing,
we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life,
and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son,
through whom we have health and salvation.

As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain,
help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives
and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of all consolation bless you in every way,
grant you hope all the days of your life,
restore you to health and grant you salvation,
fill your heart with peace, and lead you to eternal life.

Almighty God bless you, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN **ELW #603** *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

