

# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter      May 2, 2021      10:00 a.m.

## WORSHIP SERVICE

We welcome you in the name of Jesus, our Savior. May God bless you as you worship with us today.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:      *Alleluia! Jesus is Risen*      474

INVOCATION:

Pastor: We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:      Amen!**

PRAYER

LEADER: Almighty God, we ask that You would be present with us in our worship. Come change our hearts and fill Your holy house. We pray that the words we hear, the songs we sing, and the prayers we pray would move us so that we might forget ourselves and return You to the place of prominence that You deserve in our lives. Lord God, may we decrease so that You would increase in our lives. We pray all of this in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

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*Please silence your cell phone.*

## TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Lord God, You are always there to listen to our prayers of confession as we bring to You our sins and struggles of where we have fallen short. We know that temptations surround us at every corner, and we often fail to heed Your Word and commands causing us to fail and fall. The desires of the flesh take us over and we act on them. We are sorry that we have not adhered to Your Spirit, and have veered off the path of discipline. We need Your help to get on track.

**All: God of faithfulness, we reap whatever we sow and we know that the flesh wins out, if we let it, and the results hurt us. We confess to You that we have let sin win out in our lives; therefore we need Your help. Give us the strength to do what is right and pleasing in Your sight. Give us courage and persistence to follow Jesus and His example for our daily lives.**

*(We now pause for a moment of silent confession.)*

Pastor: Beloved, be assured that your sins are forgiven. You have been cleansed and freed. It is because of the freedom that God has given to us that we are now able to tell others this amazing news, so that they may come to know the Lord and Savior of the world. We receive all of this in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen!**

SONG OF PRAISE: ***Open the Eyes of My Heart***

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

**All: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:1-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-8

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## CLOSING SONG:

## *Cornerstone*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **RE: COVID-19**

Anyone who becomes sick within two weeks of worshipping in person and subsequently tests positive for COVID-19 should inform Pastor, immediately and confidentially, by email or phone. Without identifying the infected person, he will inform all who worshipped that day of the potential exposure and advise them to consult a physician to seek advice on self-isolation, presently suggested to be two weeks.



### **The Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board!**

If you cannot get to the calendar, call the church office and leave a message with the dates you would like to mark. Please consider placing flowers at the altar to mark a special occasion such as an anniversary, a baptism, a birthday, a graduation or in thanksgiving for family and friends. Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in honor or memory of your loved ones.

*Watoto*

RESCUE RAISE REBUILD

**Remember Naomi** in your prayers, she is our sponsored child from Watoto Child Care Ministries in Uganda. If you are able, and with God's leading, please give a few dollars in her contribution box on the wall in the Narthex. Your donations will make a difference in her life.

### **Cleaning Supplies**

We are sanitizing the church after every worship service. Please consider donating monies to help with purchasing cleaning supplies. Your donations can be given to Pastor Kuder.

Visit our website at [www.veronalutheran.com](http://www.veronalutheran.com) for updates and online giving. Click on the **members** tab to set up online giving, it's easy and convenient.

## DON'T FORGET TO BUY SCRIP!

See Anne Daly in the Narthex after the Service.

If you are able and willing to help someone who is financially struggling, please purchase a Shoprite card from the scrip desk and give the card to Pastor Kuder, who will deliver it.

### CALENDAR:

Sunday:                    8:30 am   Sunday School  
                                  10:00 am   Worship Service

### THOSE WHO SERVE US:

Altar Guild: Anne Daly  
Contemporary Music Director/Organist: Ruth Bolger  
Live Stream Producer: Jon Yarger  
Projectionist: Christopher Bolger  
Reader: Bill Keltner

### BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK:

May 9   Walter Sieglen Jr.

### **CALVARY'S MISSION**

As God's Children, our mission is to  
*Know His Word,*  
*Share His Word*  
and  
*Live His Word*



## PRAYER LIST

*Pray for:*

**Ken and Edith Meyer**, who need strength and encouragement while dealing with various medical issues.

**Kenneth Meyer Jr.** and his mission work in Vienna.

**Nicole Pappas** for healing for various medical issues.

**Nicky Storm** as he undergoes treatment for cancer.

**Franz Haller**, as he undergoes treatment for cancer.

*Kenneth Meyer Jr.'s father-in-law.*

**Jennifer Mayfield**, who is suffering with multiple sclerosis and has lost her sight.

**Craig Tudor**, who is paralyzed from the chest down.

*Liz Kuder's friend and family.*

**Ellie** that God will continue to heal her.

*Lynetta Watkins's friend.*

† *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Garfield*

*Continue to pray for members and friends of Calvary experiencing long-term problems:*

*Matt Bonaguide, Dawn Ferrara, Ingeborg Haenchen, George Lofmark, Thankamma Mathews, Lois Tiedemann and Evelyn Weidenschilling.*



**Connect.**



**Grow.**



**Serve.**

