

*CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH*  
TOGETHER IN CHRIST  
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 2, 2021 9:00 AM

FIND US ON: FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE  
RADIO: SUN. 10:45 AM ON KWLM 1340AM AND 96.3FM  
TV: SUN. 1:00PM & 8:00PM, TUES. 9:30AM & 6:30PM  
WRAC CHANNEL 181 ON SPECTRUM

---

Prelude: Brian and Sherry Pearson

Gathering Song: *Shout to the Lord* (ELW 821)

Holy Baptism: Page 227

**Presentation**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child* baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

As you bring *your child* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that he may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your son* grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *this child* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do.

People of God, do you promise to support *Caleb Anthony* and pray for *him* in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

**Profession of Faith**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

### **Thanksgiving at the Font**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Baptism**

Caleb Anthony, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Blessed be God, the source of all life,  
the word of salvation,  
the spirit of mercy.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Caleb Anthony with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Caleb Anthony, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

### **Welcome**

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.  
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

### 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.**

### Prayer of the Day

**Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. Send us what we need this day. Then, by your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Children's Message

Gospel: Acts 12:1-17 (GNT Pew Bible page 1320)

<sup>1</sup> About this time King Herod began to persecute some members of the church. <sup>2</sup> He had James, the brother of John, put to death by the sword. <sup>3</sup> When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he went ahead and had Peter arrested. (This happened during the time of the Festival of Unleavened Bread.) <sup>4</sup> After his arrest Peter was put in jail, where he was handed over to be guarded by four groups of four soldiers each. Herod planned to put him on trial in public after Passover. <sup>5</sup> So Peter was kept in jail, but the people of the church were praying earnestly to God for him.

<sup>6</sup> The night before Herod was going to bring him out to the people, Peter was sleeping between two guards. He was tied with two chains, and there were guards on duty at the prison gate. <sup>7</sup> Suddenly an angel of the Lord stood there, and a light shone in the cell. The angel shook Peter by the shoulder, woke him up, and said, "Hurry! Get up!" At once the chains fell off Peter's hands. <sup>8</sup> Then the angel said, "Tighten your belt and put on your sandals." Peter did so, and the angel said, "Put your cloak around you and come with me." <sup>9</sup> Peter followed him out of the prison, not knowing, however, if what the angel was doing was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup> They passed by the first guard station and then the second, and came at last to the iron gate that opens into the city. The gate opened for them by itself, and they went out. They walked down a street, and suddenly the angel left Peter.

<sup>11</sup> Then Peter realized what had happened to him, and said, "Now I know that it is really true! The Lord sent his angel to rescue me from Herod's power and from everything the Jewish people expected to happen."

<sup>12</sup> Aware of his situation, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. <sup>13</sup> Peter knocked at the outside door, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer it. <sup>14</sup> She recognized Peter's voice and was so happy that she ran back in without opening the door, and announced that Peter was standing outside. <sup>15</sup> "You are crazy!" they told her. But she insisted that it was true. So they answered, "It is his angel."

<sup>16</sup> Meanwhile Peter kept on knocking. At last they opened the door, and when they saw him, they were amazed. <sup>17</sup> He motioned with his hand for them to be quiet, and he explained to them how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell this to James and the rest of the believers," he said; then he left and went somewhere else.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "*Seeing Angels*" Pastor David Severtson

Hymn of the Day: *Because He Lives* (Gaither)

Prayers of Intercession & Sharing of the Peace

Offering & Offering Prayer

God of love,  
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.  
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.  
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;  
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Table and Lord's Prayer

Communion Music:

Hymn: *Here Is Bread* (ELW 483)

*We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus* (ELW 451)

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us,  
and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Announcements

## Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Sending Song: *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* (ELW 860)

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: Brian and Sherry Pearson

From sundaysandseasons.com. Copyright © 2019 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.  
Portion of the Prayer of the Day — copyright Barry Robinson 2005



**BAPTIZED TODAY** in the Christian faith and into the life of the Church is  
**Caleb Anthony Ims**, son of Anthony & Stacy Ims. Caleb's sponsors are  
Brandon Ims & Jennifer Widmer.