

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
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Prelude: Dean Gylten

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.**

**We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.**

**Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.**

**Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.**

**To you be given all praise,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

Gathering Song: *Morning Has Broken* (ELW 556)

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

**Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far  
above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith  
to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of  
time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever. Amen.**

## Children's Message

### Gospel: Acts 28:16-17a, 23-31

<sup>16</sup> When we arrived in Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself with a soldier guarding him. <sup>17</sup> After three days Paul called the local Jewish leaders to a meeting. <sup>23</sup> So they set a date with Paul, and a large number of them came that day to the place where Paul was staying. From morning till night he explained to them his message about the Kingdom of God, and he tried to convince them about Jesus by quoting from the Law of Moses and the writings of the prophets. <sup>24</sup> Some of them were convinced by his words, but others would not believe. <sup>25</sup> So they left, disagreeing among themselves, after Paul had said this one thing: "How well the Holy Spirit spoke through the prophet Isaiah to your ancestors!" <sup>26</sup> For he said,

'Go and say to this people:  
You will listen and listen, but not understand;  
you will look and look, but not see,  
<sup>27</sup> because this people's minds are dull,  
and they have stopped up their ears  
and closed their eyes.  
Otherwise, their eyes would see,  
their ears would hear,  
their minds would understand,  
and they would turn to me," says God,  
and I would heal them."

<sup>28</sup> And Paul concluded: "You are to know, then, that God's message of salvation has been sent to the Gentiles. They will listen!" <sup>29</sup>

<sup>30</sup> For two years Paul lived in a place he rented for himself, and there he welcomed all who came to see him. <sup>31</sup> He preached about the Kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ, speaking with all boldness and freedom.  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "*Liberating Love*" Pastor Tim Malek

Hymn of the Day: *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (ELW 843)

Apostles Creed

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:

*Blessed Assurance* (ELW 638)

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (ELW 742)

### 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

### Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of Call

Tim Malek, on December 12, 2018, we of Calvary Lutheran Church called you to be pastor in this place: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's table. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you [and your family] have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this community of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

People of God, members of Calvary Congregation,  
do you release Tim Malek from service  
as your *pastor*?

**We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.**

Tim Malek, do you recognize and accept  
the completion of your ministry with Calvary Lutheran Church?

*Response:* I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

### Thanksgiving and Sending

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ  
you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock.  
You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them,  
and you call them to various avenues of service.  
We give you thanks for the ministry of Tim Malek among the people of God in this place.

You watch over our going out and our coming in:  
bless this time of ending and beginning.

You surround your people in every time and place:  
keep us close in your love.  
You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial:  
prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together;  
heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.  
Help Tim Malek and all of us  
to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us.  
As *he has* been a blessing to us,  
so now send *him* forth to be a blessing to others;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### 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: *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* (ELW 536)

### Dismissal

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

Postlude: Dean Gylten

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**We Express Our Sympathy and Remember In Our Prayers** - The families of  
Mark Brenner, brother of Karla Nelson; Lois Dahlager, sister-in-law of Olive Beck.



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