



# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

*"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love."*

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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**August 16, 2020**

## Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

**Prayer Before Worship:** Merciful God, your blessings know no boundaries that faith cannot cross. Strengthen us to trust in your mercy and help us to be bold in reaching out to you, so that we might receive your grace and healing; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)*

**KEY:** ELW = Worship hymnal (cranberry)

\* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

**Visitors**, if you are worshipping with us in-person or online today, we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!

### Prelude Music

### Welcome and Announcements

**✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠**

### \*Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness

*(All may make the sign of the cross ✠ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)*

We gather together, whether in-person or online, as the baptized people of God in the name of the Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. **Amen.**

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

*(a time for reflection and self-examination)*

God of heaven and earth,

**We name before you the sin that binds us, the sin that wounds us and others, the sin that scars our world. Forgive us and heal us. Guard us from all evil. Give to us and the whole creation the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **\*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,

**Whose compassion embraces everyone, gather the outcast and the lost, heal the wounds of fear and distrust, and make us a community of reconciliation that we may embody your merciful love and rejoice in your astounding grace in Jesus Christ, not just for ourselves but for all people. Amen.**

## **✝ GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US ✝**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant —

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 67**

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

<sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

### **\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Spoken*

**Alleluia. Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom  
and cured every sickness among the people. Alleluia.**

*(Matthew 4:23)*

**\*Gospel: Matthew 15:10-28**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>10</sup>Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup>He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup>Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

*Response after the gospel reading:*  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Sheryl**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**\*Song of the Day:**

**“All Are Welcome”**

**ELW #641  
vv. 1&3**

- 1. Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.**
  
- 3. Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.**

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

**\*Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of the Church**

**ELW #752**

*(Sung Prayer Response)*

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow'r,  
send us grace.**

**\*Exchange of Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, let us pray.

**Gracious God, you open your hand, filling our lives with all good things and renewing the face of the earth. We offer our gifts in thanksgiving for all that we have received from your bounty. Accept them for the sake of him who offered his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**✠HOLY COMMUNION & DISMISSAL✠**

*Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Words of Institution**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 Invitation**

Come, for the gifts of God are ready for the people of God.

**Communion Song: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

**ELW #886  
vv. 1&2**

- 1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!**
- 2. My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.**

## **Benediction**

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. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

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



## Distribution of Communion

## Distribution & Postlude Music

Praise Team

## Postlude

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Lou Kleager, 8/16

**If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.**

## ✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **Linda Spomer & surgical team** (As Linda under goes Aortic Valve Replacement surgery on August 20<sup>th</sup>), **Judy Lueningborg** (abdominal problems—Deanna Zweifel's sister-in-law), **Jay Judd** (Recovering at Residency), **Betty Kenyon** (continued growth in progress & strength—friend of Valerie Rahrs), **Alan** (recovery of vision—Kathy Randall's cousin), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer—Marlene Downer's sister-in-law), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace: For the family and friends of **Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont's mother).

Prayers for our church, community, nation and world: in this time of Covid-19 and unsettledness.

Marv and Alice Braaten will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The family would like celebrate their special day with a card shower. If you wish to send a card, their address is:

Marv & Alice Braaten  
3001 Primrose Drive  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361



**YOUR GIVING ONLINE**

Scan the **QR code** to the right, go to our website: [www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org](http://www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org) and click on the **Give Online** button OR download the **Give+Church App** on your smartphone. It's safe and secure.



**Calvary Lutheran Church Decals!!**

We now have vinyl decals available in the church office to purchase for \$5.00. All proceeds will go toward the new video/sound equipment for continued live streaming of services. Please stop by the office today to get yours!

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA MISSION PROJECT: D.O.V.E.S.**



Our mission this month is monetary support for the D.O.V.E.S. shelter. Domestic Violence is alive in our local communities. Scottsbluff/Gering provides access to 24 hour crisis hotline and a shelter so those trying to escape abuse may find refuge. The shelter is always grateful for donations for the shelter and to help people set up new households. Household items and personal care items are also needed. Don't forget to collect your unused toiletry items when traveling and staying in hotels. Thank you for your support.

**AUGUST FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED**

**FOOD PANTRY:** cereal  
**BACKPACKS:** packaged treats



## Zoom Happy Hour

There will not be a Zoom Happy Hour on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you all on August 26<sup>th</sup>!



Blessing  
of the Backpacks

### **BACKPACK BLESSING**

During worship this weekend, bring your backpacks to church or have them in your worship space at home (if worshipping online) and receive God's blessing as you start off the new school year! Students, teachers and administrators are invited to participate in this year's blessing.



### **God's Work, Our Hands Sunday September 13, 2020**

#### **Lutheran World Relief School Kits**

For 'God's Work, Our Hands' Sunday, we will again be assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are asking you to collect school supplies which we will assemble on Sunday, September 13. The list is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office and in the August newsletter. Reminder: Nothing can have religious messaging, patriotic symbols, or camouflage. Collection boxes will be outside the office door. Start collecting now and take advantage of all the 'Back to School' sales!!!

**We're Here To Help:** As we all deal with the uncertainty of the days ahead in light of the Covid-19, please know that we, your church family are here to offer support, prayer, and assistance. If you need help with anything, including getting supplies and/or groceries, or running errands because you do not feel comfortable getting out in public, please call the church office at 632-8023 or Pastor Chris 402-694-9189 or Pastor Sheryl 402-694-9182 for any assistance you might need. Also, if you would be willing to run errands for people in our congregation, please let us know that as well.

*We are Here  
to Help You!*





**Your Offerings:** Dear friends, we thank you for your continued support of Calvary’s ministry during these unsettled times. Just a reminder the offering plates are placed at the office and sanctuary doors to receive your offerings whether you come for worship or during the week. You may also send your offering directly to the church or give electronically by scanning the QR code in this bulletin or go to our website and use the ‘give now’ button on our home page. If you have not already created a profile for giving electronically, you will need to do so first. If you need any help with this, do not hesitate to contact the church office.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer**

**This Sunday – August 16**

- USHERS:** Kent & Dawn Holub
- LAY READER:** Angie Hinze
- COMMUNION ASST:** Dennis Gorr
- POWERPOINT:** Shawna Payne
- MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten
- ALTAR GUILD:** Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh
- PIANIST:** Dee Brady

**Next Sunday – August 23**

- USHERS:** Dennis & Barb Gorr
- LAY READER:** Kathy Randall
- COMMUNION ASST:** Bill Huelle
- POWERPOINT:** Mary Jo Huelle
- MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten
- ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele
- ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher
- SONG LEADER:**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, August 16**

- 10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship
- 10:45-11:15 a.m. Drive Through Communion

**Monday, August 17**

- 5 p.m. – Elders
- 6 p.m. – Worship
- 6 p.m. – Stewards

**Tuesday, August 18**

- 1 p.m. – Quilting

**Wednesday, August 19**

- 6 p.m. – Outreach Mtg
- 6:30 p.m. – **NO** Zoom Happy Hour

**Thursday, August 20**

- 1:30 p.m. – Parkinson’s Support Group

**Saturday, August 22**

- 5:30 p.m. – In-Person Worship

**Sunday, August 23**

- 10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship
- 10:45-11:15 a.m. Drive Through Communion