



# **CALVARY LUTHERAN** **CHURCH ELCA**

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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**August 23, 2020**

## Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

**Prayer Before Worship:** Ever-present God, our help from age to age. Accept our worship, our living sacrifice, and transform us by your Spirit, that, being many members of one true body, we may dare to pray and worship together in the name of 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.*

### 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**

O God,

**with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **✝GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US✝**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

## **Psalm 138**

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save  
me.

<sup>8</sup>**You will make good your purpose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your  
hands.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*(spoken)*

**Alleluia. You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Alleluia.**

*Matthew 16:16*

**\*Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

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

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,  
"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the  
Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to  
them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah,  
the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of  
Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And  
I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades  
will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and  
whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth  
will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that  
he was the Messiah.

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

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Chris**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡**

**\*Hymn:**

**“Built on a Rock”**

**ELW #652  
vv. 1&4**

1. Built on a rock the church shall stand,  
even when steeples are falling;  
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,  
bells still are chiming and calling—  
calling the young and old to rest,  
calling the souls of those distressed,  
longing for life everlasting.
  
4. Yet in this house, an earthly frame,  
Jesus the children is blessing;  
hither we come to praise his name,  
faith in our Savior confessing.  
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,  
making with us his covenant,  
granting his children the kingdom.

**\*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:**

*Each petition ends with:*

Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude with:*

....through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*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.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

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

**Communion Hymn: "Take My Life, That I May Be"**

**ELW #685  
vv. 1&2**

**1. Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2. Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.**

## **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

Rhonda Boettcher

## Postlude

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Kinsey Kleensang, 8/23; Stephanie Todd, 8/25; Kacey Fleenor 8/29

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

## ✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

***Prayers for healing:*** **Linda Spomer** (Aortic Valve Replacement), **Judy Lueningborg** (abdominal problems—Deanna Zweifel’s sister-in-law), **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 **Jay Judd**, 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.



## Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, during the week you may notify Christy in the church office, let us know by filling out the online Attendance and Prayer Request card under the worship tab on our website or on Sunday morning, inform one of the ushers of your prayer request and they will make a list and give those to the pastor before worship begins.



### 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.



## DOVES

### 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.

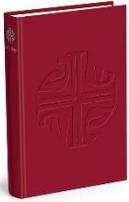
## AUGUST FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

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



### **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!



### Hymnal Available to Borrow

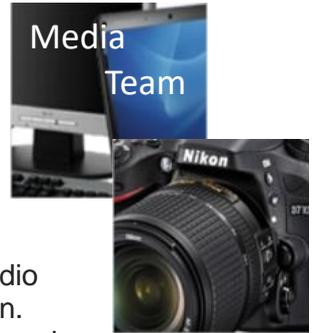
Do you miss being able to follow along with the music when we sing a hymn or song during worship? Hymnals are available to borrow for those who wish one. We only ask, per Governor Ricketts health directives if worshipping with us in person, that you bring it with you to worship and take it home with you after, rather than leaving it in the pew. Want to borrow a hymnal talk to Pastors Chris or Sheryl or one of the ushers.



Audio Team

## Are YOU using the gift's God gave you? THESE TEAMS NEED YOU!

Our Livestream worship is up and running and we are so thankful to those who have made a commitment to our Media and Audio Teams who make the Livestream happen.



However, we are in need of a couple more people

for both our Media Team and Audio Team (these are separate jobs). If interested in serving in this way, please talk to Pastors Sheryl or Chris or Dennis Gorr.

Thanks!



### Zoom Happy Hour with Thrivent Financial, Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.



Pastors Sheryl and Chris are teaming up with a representative from Thrivent Financial for a fun, interactive, and educational Zoom Happy Hour. We'll share some laughs via Kahoot trivia (your identity can remain anonymous if preferred :) and also learn how Thrivent might help you increase support to Calvary or another favorite ministry! This virtual gathering will be Wed, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-7:15 p.m. and will include trivia, prizes, fun and fellowship, as well as helping everyone understand how Thrivent might better support you and Calvary Lutheran. You need not be a member of Thrivent to join us! Interested? Look for the email with the zoom link in your email inbox the first week of September. We hope to see you there.



## 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!!!

#### WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer**

**This 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:** Wally Randall

**Next Sunday – August 30**

**USHERS:** Chris & Barb Jensen

**LAY READER:** Angie Hinze

**COMMUNION ASST:** Dennis Gorr

**POWERPOINT:** Jack Martin

**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

**ALTAR GUILD:** Andi Dorn, Carmen  
Kleager, Shelly Koehler, Jessica Laughlin

**PIANIST:** Dee Brady

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, August 23**

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship

10:45-11:15 a.m. Drive Through  
Communion

**Tuesday, August 25**

1 p.m. – Quilting

**Wednesday, August 26**

6:30 p.m. – **NO** Zoom Happy Hour

**Saturday, August 29**

5:30 p.m. – In-Person Worship

**Sunday, August 30**

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship

10:45-11:15 a.m. Drive Through  
Communion