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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
August 8, 2021

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: God of daybreak, our souls wait for your light more than those who watch for the morning. Let your Holy Spirit illumine our hearts with the light of your redemption, a new day, a new life in Christ. 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 and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* 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)

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.**

***Glory to God:**

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. 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**

Gracious God,

your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel**

from all their sins.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51**

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

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life.

⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

Kids Sermon

Pastor Sheryl

Sermon:

Pastor Sheryl

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn of the Day:**

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

**ELW #542
vv. 1&2**

**1. O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing!
O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
in thankful song o'er flows.**

**2. My Savior, you have led me
within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me
with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given
what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven,
that now I shall not die.**

***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:

God of wholeness....**hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with:

... in trust and hope that you have heard us and will be swift to answer. **Amen.**

***Exchange of Peace**

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

***Offertory Prayer**

Thank you for continuing to support the work of Christ through Calvary Lutheran. The act of offering is an act of worship, wherever and whenever it is done. Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

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.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Music

Rhonda Boettcher

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***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.**

Sending Hymn:

“Be Thou My Vision”

ELW #793

vv. 1-3

**1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace to bear Christ's Word to the world.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)

✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **Bill Steele** (hospitalized), **Jean Collins** (hip replacement surgery delayed), **Maddie Seiler** (healing from surgery—friend of Dee Brady), **Liam** (diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy—Jude Walker’s great grandson), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Lorene** (cancer – Mike Belgum’s mother), **Teigen Brunner** (Healing—Deb Brown’s grandson), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Geraldine Bartel**.

Prayers for: **Austin & Teighlor** (facing hard decision in regards to son Liam—Jude Walker’s granddaughter & husband), **Rebecca E.** (spiritual discernment at her job).



Becky Michael, 8/9; Carolyn Jensen, 8/12;
Andi Dorn, 8/13; Barb Gorr, 8/14;

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



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AUGUST FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Peanut Butter & Jelly

BACKPACKS: 16 oz jars of Peanut Butter
Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA AUGUST 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.

Donations for new Clavinova (Electric Piano in Sanctuary) Welcomed.

The Electric Piano in the Sanctuary that the Praise Team uses died a couple weeks ago and has had to be replaced. The cost of the new Clavinova was \$5099, of which we already have slightly over half of the funds needed. Any donations to cover the rest of the cost of the Clavinova are definitely welcome. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Hybrid Church Webinar Series starting July 26th: Forced to scramble to go online in just a few weeks during the COVID pandemic, the church has discovered the online world is far more than a replacement for the yellow pages. It is a place where genuine community and real ministry happens. “Hybrid’ ministry, as its being called will be the new norm for the next season in most congregations’ life and ministry. Through this series we will be invited to explore what hybrid ministry might look like for the church in the coming years.

The Church Council would like to invite anyone in the congregation that is interested to join them in the fellowship hall for the Hybrid Church Webinar. The Hybrid Church Webinar series consists of 5 sessions on Monday evenings July 26-August 23 from 6 - 7 p.m. All are welcome.



Blessing
of the Backpacks

BACKPACK BLESSING

Sunday, August 15, during worship. 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, administrators and staff are also invited for our Backpack blessing.

God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday October 10, 2021 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, October 10. 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 8

USHERS: Dennis & Barb Gorr

LAY READER: Marti Wegelin

COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

ACOLYTE: Micaela Hess

MEDIA: Chris Jensen & Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

Next Sunday – August 15

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Kathy Randall

COMMUNION ASST: Dennis Gorr

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

ACOLYTE: Josh Miller

MEDIA: VOLUNTEER TODAY!!

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey

PIANIST: Dee Brady

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 8

10 a.m. – Worship

Monday, August 9

2 p.m. – Priscilla Circle @ Fellowship Hall

6-7 p.m. – Hybrid Church Webinar @ Calvary

Tuesday, August 10

9 a.m. – Esther Circle

12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary
1 p.m. – Quilting

Saturday, August 14

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, August 15

10 a.m. – Worship & Backpack Blessing

AUGUST 8, 2021
ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Eternal life begins now through faith in Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 6:35, 41-51	Bread from heaven
Monday	1 Kings 19:4-8	Elijah flees from Jezebel
Tuesday	Ephesians 4:25—5:2	Rules for the new life
Wednesday	Colossians 1:9-14	Paul thanks God
Thursday	Proverbs 8:32-36	Listen to what you are taught
Friday	1 Timothy 6:11-16	The good fight of faith
Saturday	Psalms 34:1-8	Taste and see
Sunday	John 6:51-58	Christ, the true food and drink

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
John 6:35 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Dear God, give us faith to see in Jesus the bread of life that feeds us and cares for us now and always. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear Bread of Life, we thank you that with this gift of food, we taste and see that you are good. Amen. (Psalm 34:8 and John 6:35)

A Blessing to Give:
May God come to you and bless you with faith and hope through Christ our Lord.



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AUGUST 8, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK
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We Are an Offering



WEEKLY MILESTONES
Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

- Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:
- What is something that you look forward to?
 - How do your hopes for the future affect your life today?
 - How does faith in Jesus impact your life today and in the future?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 6:35, 41-51.
Twice in this text Jesus says "I am the bread of life" (vv. 35 and 49). He also says "I am the living bread" (v. 51). These words create tension with those who object to Jesus making such claims about himself. This text acknowledges that the uniqueness of Jesus causes a divide between those who accept Jesus' identity and those who do not. This passage does not try to explain why some believe while others do not, except to note that those who believe in Jesus do so by God's power. Jesus also states that believing in him as the one who is the bread of life gives not just life but eternal life. The eternal life that Jesus gives begins now, not just at some future time. It is not for us to understand how one comes to believe in Jesus as the bread of life, except to know that it is a gift from God. Jesus is the source of life that begins now and knows no end. It is a life entered through faith in Jesus, the one whose life feeds the world in hope. How is it helpful for you to know that eternal life with God has already begun?
Pray: Living God, give us Jesus, the bread of life, that we may live each day in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

SERVICE

Ephesians 4:26 says: "do not let the sun go down on your anger." Anger that festers against others destroys relationships and entire communities. Take time this week to reflect on those with whom you may have experienced conflict. Pray for a clean heart that forgives this person and that you can receive forgiveness from this person.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Sometimes we are focused on the future or on disappointments in life and miss God's care for us now. Write a list of ways God's eternal care blesses your life today. After composing the list pray: Gracious God, thank you for caring for (name what is on your list). Thank you for the gift of life that blesses me now and in the future. Amen.



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