



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 9, 2020

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: Son of God, you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us in the midst of your purposed journey for our lives. Help us to recognize your presence, remember your promise, rely on your power, and receive your peace through every storm. 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 our defender,

storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✝GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US✝

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8-13

⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
⁹**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**
¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
¹¹**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**
¹²The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
¹³**Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

*Spoken
(Psalm 130:5)*

Alleluia. I wait for you, O Lord; in your word is my hope. Alleluia.

***Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

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

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."
²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."
²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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:**

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

**ELW #763
vv. 1&2**

**1. My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.**

Refrain

**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

**2. Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?**

Refrain

**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

***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, 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: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”**

**ELW #697
vv. 1**

Refrain

**Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**1. I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.**

Refrain

**Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

***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

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Rhonda Boettcher

Postlude

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Becky Michael, 8/9; Carolyn Jensen, 8/12; Andi Dorn, 8/13;
Barb Gorr, 8/14; Michelle Smith, 8/15

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

✝In Our Thoughts and Prayers✝

Prayers for healing: **John, Judy Luenburg** (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), for Shirlie Schuldies & Shawn on the death of Shirlie’s sister, for the family and friends of **Alice Shriver**.

Prayers of thanksgiving: For **Jim Rahrs** (brother of Valerie Rahrs)

Prayers for our church, community, nation and world: *in this time of Covid-19 and unsettledness and for the dry conditions that impact our farming families.*



YOUR GIVING ONLINE

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





New 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 12th or August 19th. We look forward to seeing you all on August 26th!



**Blessing
of the Backpacks**

BACKPACK BLESSING

Sunday, August 16, 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 and administrators are invited to participate in the year's blessing.

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.

You're invited to an afternoon of delightful

ORGAN MUSIC

on Sunday, August 9, 4:30 pm

at Calvary Lutheran Church

presented by

ROYCE ECKHARDT



Mr. Eckhardt is a native of Scottsbluff and is a retired church musician, living in the Chicago area.

Royce and his wife, Marjorie, will also present several organ and piano duets.

Members and friends of Calvary Lutheran Church are cordially invited to attend.

There is no admission charge.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – August 9

USHERS: Vicki Howell & Jack Martin

LAY READER: Marti Weglin

COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

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

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

SONG LEADER: Chris Thomas

Next 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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 9

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship

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

4:30 p.m. – Organ Concert by Royce Eckhardt

Monday, August 10

6 p.m. – Council Mtg

Tuesday, August 11

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, August 12

5:30 p.m. – Social Ministry Mtg

6:30 p.m. – **NO** Zoom Happy Hour

Saturday, August 15

8:00 a.m. – Trustees Mtg

5:30 p.m. – In-Person Worship

Sunday, August 16

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship

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



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 fellowship hall doors. Start collecting now and take advantage of all the 'Back to School' sales!!!