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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
August 14, 2022

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: Holy God, your Word is like fire. By the power of your Spirit, illumine our sight and enflame our hearts, that we may live lives more faithful to your will. 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, either in body or in spirit.

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 increase your 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

**“People of Hope”
“My Lord, What a Morning”**

**Dakota Road Music
ELW #438**

Welcome and Announcements

‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

Welcome Song:

“We are called”

W&P #147

**1. Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

Refrain:

**We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

**2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain***

**3. Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain***

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not always followed your path and have too often chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Save us from ourselves, free us from all that binds us, and empower us through your Spirit to love our neighbors as you have loved us. Amen.

You belong to Christ and are heirs of the promise of freedom. In full assurance of justification by grace through faith, and by the authority of God's beloved Son, I declare to you the absolute forgiveness of all your sins. Through the power of the Holy Spirit you are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord
We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord
And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of thanksgiving
And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of joy

***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**

Faithful God,

you have blessed us with the inheritance of grace that we might live as people of justice, righteousness, and peace. Stir in us your power and fill us with the love of Christ, strong and true, that we may be always eager to serve your promised reign of peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back — those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82

¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

²**“How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?”**

³Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

⁴**rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶**Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.’”

⁸**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented — ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

“Open our eyes, Lord”

W&P #113

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

***Gospel: Luke 12:49-56**

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

⁴⁹I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

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

Kid's Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Sheryl

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Song of the Day:**

"Faith of our Fathers"

ELW #813

vv. 1,2,4

**1. Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word.**

**Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.**

**2. Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real.**

**Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.**

**4. Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.**

**Faith for today, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.**

***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 #178

(Sung Prayer Response)

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

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

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

***Offertory Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts, let us pray...God of abundance,
**you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus. 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 Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor, ending with... "now and forever. Amen." The congregation responds by singing the refrain from "In the Singing")

"In the Singing"

ELW #466

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace;
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.**

***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

This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Come and be filled with the goodness 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 Song:

"Eat This Bread"

ELW #472

Refrain

**"Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst."**

**1. Christ is the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father. Refrain**

**2. Our ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven. Refrain**

**3. Eat his flesh and drink my blood,
and Christ will raise you up on the last day. Refrain**

**4. Anyone who eats this bread,
will live forever. Refrain**

**5. If we believe and eat this bread,
we will have eternal life. Refrain**

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

May the grace of God the Father bless you with peace,
may the love of ‡ Christ, God's son, sustain you in joy,
and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with courage and love for all,
this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

*(Sunday School youth are invited to go to Sunday School
during the singing of the closing hymn.)*

***Sending Song:**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

ELW #815

**1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

Refrain:

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.**

**2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path.
And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain***

**3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain***

***Dismissal**

**Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God!**

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Andi Dorn, 8/13; Barb Gorr, 8/14; Michelle Smith, 8/15; Lou Kleager, 8/16

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

‡In Our Thoughts and Prayers‡

Prayers for healing: **LaDonna Schmidt** (recovering from surgery), **Jean Collins** (COVID), **Becky Michael** (stage 1 breast cancer), **Paul Bueide** (hospitalized & COVID), **Marsha Bueide** (COVID), **Kevin Feil** (sepsis & cancer—Lindsey Singer & Melissa Guerrero's father), **Jan Wylie** (recovering at home), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin's mother), **Allie Meyers** (friend of Marissa Wright), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **Gloria Gorr** (health issues).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Judy Hinze** (Grant Hinze's mother).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson), **B.J. Carr** (deployed to Poland—Dee Brady's son-in-law).



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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.



CLCW AUGUST MISSION PROJECT: Cat & Pup Packs Program

Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.



CHILDREN'S Sunday School

**"Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it"**
Proverbs 22:6

We believe that children are a precious gift from God. We invite your children to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ through Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts. every Sunday @ 11 a.m.

WE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER!



Blessing
of the Backpacks

BACKPACK BLESSING

Saturday, August 20th & Sunday, August 21st, Sunday, August 21, 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.

Our first EPIC meeting will be Sunday, August 21!

Our middle school/high school youth group is for kids in 7th-12th grade. We will begin our year with an outdoor picnic/lake party at Wally and Kathy Randall's home. We will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. and drive out to the Randall home. We will have hot dogs/chips and dessert and then have some fun swimming in their private lake. Bring a friend and don't miss out on this fun time! Bring your swimsuit, your towel and plan for a fun time!



Sing Praise to the Lord!

Calvary's **Choir practice** will be starting on Wednesday, August 24th at 7pm in the **Choir Loft**. If you love to **sing God's Praise**, you are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there!

We will sing for Pastors Chris and Sheryl's last Sunday with us on August 28th.

Questions? Call Becky Martin at 436-3993.





Retirement Dinner & Celebration for Pastors Chris and Sheryl

Please join us on Saturday, August 27 & Sunday, August 28 when we will be honoring Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer on their retirement following 35 years of pastoral ministry, seven and half of which have been here at Calvary. The celebration will begin following our regularly scheduled Saturday night service at 5:30 p.m. with a dinner at the Civic Center in Gering at 6:30 p.m. (Yes, we know pastors and the Saturday night worshipers will probably be a few minutes late to dinner!)

Doors to the Civic Center will open at 6 p.m., and a 'honor bar' with beer, wine, and soft drinks will be available. Because we need to give the Civic Center an exact count of people attending, it is necessary that you sign up on the reservation sheet outside the church office or call/email the church by August 25. There are two meal choices: pork tenderloin with sun dried tomato sauce or lemon chicken with rice pilaf. You need to indicate your meal choice when you register. You will check in at the civic center and receive a "ticket" indicating which meal you selected to put on the table at your place. If you would like to make a donation to help cover the cost of an individual meal, \$20 a plate would be appreciated, but is not necessary. And don't forget to join Pastors Sheryl and Chris the following morning for their last Sunday with us at 10 a.m. on August 28 where we will bid them farewell and send them off with our blessings.

Do we have your photo?



In anticipation of our new Interim Pastor, Brett Vander Berg arriving on September 1, the Outreach Committee is seeking to have pictures of all of our members and regular worshipers (whether in-person or online) in our picture directory. A picture directory is a great way to help a new pastor (or new member) get oriented to the congregation. If we do not have your picture in our directory, a member of the Outreach Committee will be taking photos after church on August 21st in Room 9 in the education wing OR you may submit a recent photo via email or drop off a picture in the church office and we can scan it in and then will return the photo to you. Thanks for your help in making our directory as complete as possible.

Informational Meetings about the Call Process - August 20th & 21st

Pastor Jon Mapa, our Nebraska Synod Assistant to the Bishop will be here to lead us in worship on August 20 & 21, as Pastors Chris and Sheryl will be having their last Sunday with Holy Apostles the weekend. Following each worship service at Calvary, Pastor Mapa will be leading a short informational meeting about the Call Process for those who are interested.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – August 14

USHERS: Dennis & Barb Gorr

LAY READER: Marti Wegelin

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Vicki Howell

COMMUNION ASSTS: Deb Brown & Vicki Schmidt

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

ACOLYTES: DaKota Newsom & Micaela Hess

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Trea Hess

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign Up!

Next Sunday – August 21

PASTOR: Jon Mapa

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle

COMMUNION ASSTS: Marissa Wright & Barb Gorr

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

ACOLYTES: Merrick Walsh & Max Judy

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

AUDIO: Jim Dorn

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

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Lynn Margheim

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 14

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 15

5 p.m. – Elders

6 p.m. – Worship & Music

6 p.m. – Stewards

Tuesday, August 16

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, August 17

5:30 p.m. – Social Ministry

Saturday, August 20

9 a.m. – Trustees

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, August 21

10 a.m. – Worship & Backpack Blessing

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

11 a.m. – Pictures for Directory

11:30 a.m. – EPIC @ Randall's

AUGUST 14, 2022
TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Living a life of compassion for those in need.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 12:49-56	Following Jesus causes division
Monday	Jeremiah 23:23-29	God's word is like fire
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:29—12:2	Faith in God
Wednesday	Psalms 37:27-33	Trust the Lord
Thursday	Micah 6:6-8	What God requires
Friday	Isaiah 30:18-22	God's promise to Zion
Saturday	Psalms 82	Justice to the weak
Sunday	Luke 13:10-17	Jesus heals on the sabbath

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. Psalm 82:3-4 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you who want compassion and justice to guide our lives, give us faith and courage to live and speak truth with love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest; let these gifts to us be blessed. Let there be a goodly share on every table, everywhere. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of justice and mercy give you peace and good courage.



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AUGUST 14, 2022
HYMN OF THE WEEK
The People Walk



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:

- When was there a time you felt you were treated unfairly?
- God demands a commitment to justice. What does this mean to you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 12:49-56.

There is a history of domestic and global violence. Today's news reminds us that there are still divisions and violence. In this reading, Jesus' call for fire and division represents God's demand—not request—for justice. Biblical faith, both Old and New Testament, reveal a God who cares enough to judge, to condemn, to divide, yes, even to kill Egyptians in the Red Sea to protect God's people. Christianity stands for something. That means it stands against something, too. Jesus can be critical and outraged. He notes that people are able to read the signs of the weather, but what about the signs of discrimination around them? Everyone seems to have their own standards and their own causes. This can blind people who think they know God. Jesus will have none of it. Following Jesus does not permit a blind eye to violence and discrimination, whether it is in the first or twenty-first centuries. The good news is that God's kingdom promises to make all things new.

Discuss: How have you or someone you know experienced discrimination?

Pray: God of justice, help us to see the times we live in and pursue compassion and fairness for all through Christ Jesus, the one who died that we may live for others. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to show compassion for those who are weak and needy?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Hebrews 12:1 speaks of being surrounded by a cloud of witnesses and encourages us to get rid of everything that slows us down from following Jesus. On a sheet of paper write a list of things people do or say that do not show ways Jesus would like us to act towards others. Some examples: belittling or bullying others, lying about something, stealing, or cheating. Take a moment to read over your list and then crumple it up and throw it away. Then pray: Dear Jesus, please forgive us for those times when we are unkind and thoughtless about the needs of others; help us to follow you in love. Amen.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org