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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
August 15, 2021

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: Holy God, we give you thanks for sending our Lord Jesus Christ to give his life as bread for the world. Fill us now with your Spirit that we may reverence your name, grow in your wisdom, and live faithfully as your children; through 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 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. Please join us again soon!

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

***Confession of Sins and Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
Amen.

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for prayer and reflection.

Gracious God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, ✝ you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **Amen.**

Song of Praise:

“Give Thanks”

W&P #41

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” Let the poor say
“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”**

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“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”**

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“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”
Give thanks.**

***Greeting**

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Ever-loving God,

your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

¹⁰Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. ¹¹The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹²So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

^{3:3}Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. ⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. ¹⁴If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in ¹ truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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: John 6:51-58**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:

Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Response after the gospel reading:

Praise to you, O Christ.

Blessing of Backpacks

Pastor Chris

Sermon:

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Song of the Day:**

“When We Are Living”

**ELW #639
vv. 1&3**

**1. When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
And when we're dying, it is in the Lord....
Both in our living and in our dying,
We belong to God, we belong to God.**

**3. Across this wide world, we shall always find....
Those who are crying with no peace of mind;
And when we help them, or when we feed them,
We belong to God, we belong to God.**

***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**

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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
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 Song:

"I Am the Bread of Life"

ELW #485

1. "I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain

"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

2. "The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever, you shall live forever." ***Refrain***

3. "Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you." ***Refrain***

4. "I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die, you shall live forever." ***Refrain***

**5. Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who have come into the world. *Refrain***

***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**

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,
now and forever. **Amen.**

***Sending Song:**

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

ELW #537

**1. On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?**

Refrain: **On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!**

**2. Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore.**

*Refrain: On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!*

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.
Thanks be to God.

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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: **Jennifer Randall** (Recovering from a car accident—Wally & Kathy Randall's daughter-in-law), **Kate West** (Healing—Deb Brown's step daughter), **Bill Steele** (recovering from surgery), **Jean Collins** (awaiting hip replacement surgery), **Maddie Seiler** (healing from surgery—friend of Dee Brady), **Liam** (diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy—Jude Walker's great grandson), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **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: **Austin & Teighlor** (facing hard decision in regards to son Liam—Jude Walker's granddaughter & husband).



Michelle Smith, 8/15; Lou Kleager, 8/16;

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

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www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org and click on the

Give Online button OR download the **Give+Church**

App on your smartphone. It's safe and secure.



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.



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.

**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!!!



NEEDED FOR EACH SCHOOL KIT

- 4**--70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose-leaf paper
- 1**--30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1**--pencil sharpener
- 1**--pair of blunt scissors (*safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well*)
- 5**--unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- 5**--black or blue ballpoint pens (*no gel ink*); secure together with a rubber band
- 1**--box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1**--2 1/2" eraser
- 1**--sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (**no standard backpacks**) (*Can be made by hand, go to the LWR website <https://lwr.org/schoolkits> for instructions.*)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – August 15

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Kathy Randall

COMMUNION ASST: Dennis Gorr

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

ACOLYTE: Josh Miller

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

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

PIANIST: Dee Brady

Next Sunday – August 22

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Susan Martin

COMMUNION ASST: Shari Copsey

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

ACOLYTE: Ayden Tompkins

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 15

10 a.m. – Worship & Backpack Blessing

Monday, August 16

5 p.m. – Elders

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

6 p.m. – Worship & Music

6 p.m. – Stewards

Tuesday, August 17

12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, August 18

5 p.m. – Social Ministry

6:15 p.m. – Outreach

Saturday, August 21

9 a.m. – Trustees

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, August 22

10 a.m. – Worship

AUGUST 15, 2021
TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus as the bread of life binds us together.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 6:51-58	Christ, the true food and drink
Monday	Proverbs 9:1-6	Wisdom's feast
Tuesday	Ephesians 5:15-20	Be filled with the Spirit
Wednesday	Acts 2:41-47	Life among believers
Thursday	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	The Lord's Supper
Friday	Matthew 26:17-30	The Passover with the disciples
Saturday	Psalms 34:9-14	God teaches the fear of the Lord
Sunday	John 6:56-71	Many disciples desert Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"I 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." John 6:51 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for your love that unites us in Christ and promises us life everlasting. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of this food today, just as we thank you for Jesus Christ and the gift of his presence to know and to share with one another. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus, the bread of heaven, bless you with life and faith now and always.



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AUGUST 15, 2021

HYMN OF THE WEEK

You Satisfy the Hungry
Heart

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 are some ways you enjoy spending time with family and friends?
- How does having meals together help build relationships?
- How does the Lord's Supper help you experience and feel the closeness of the Christian community?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 6:51-58.

John's Gospel does not have the words adapted for the Lord's Supper that one finds in Matthew, Luke, or 1 Corinthians. However, here you have Jesus speaking in terms that clearly reflect the Lord's Supper. John's Gospel interprets the meal's significance as a new manna, the bread from heaven that the Israelites received in the wilderness. While the Israelites would continue to complain and turn away from God, those who receive Jesus in the Lord's Supper, the bread from heaven, will live forever. They will abide with Jesus and Jesus with them, as the bread from heaven, binds us together as the community of disciples. Such is the power and meaning of this meal for all generations. In the Lord's Supper Jesus has a relationship to his followers and his followers enjoy a relationship to each other. How does the Lord's Supper strengthen your relationship to other Christians? How does the Lord's Supper help you in your relationship with Jesus?
Pray: Living God, we thank you for Jesus and the Lord's Supper that binds us to him, to one another, and to the promise of eternal life with you. Amen.

SERVICE

Sharing a meal together is a valuable way to nurture relationships. Invite friends, family, especially those who live alone to have a meal with you, so that you may get to know them better and bless them with your care. Talk about your recent highs and lows and then pray together.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Ephesians 5:19 encourages us to "sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your heart." Think of some of your favorite hymns, children's songs, and psalms from the Bible. Sing them, read them as an offering to God, or listen to them online as music strengthens you in your life of faith.



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