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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
August 21, 2022

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves. By your word, give us wisdom, by your Spirit, grant us healing, and set us free to serve you with love. We ask this through the One who heals in your name, 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, 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 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✠

Opening Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

ELW #585
vv. 1-3

**1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!**

**2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.**

***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.**

***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.

*Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain.***

**3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain.***

***Prayer of the Day**

O God, mighty and immortal,
**you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by
ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when
we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-8

Read Responsively

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Second reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven."

²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken — that is, created things — so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Verse**

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

***Gospel: Luke 13:10-17**

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

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?"

¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

Blessing of Backpacks

Angie Hinze

Sermon

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

Pastor Jon Mapa

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡

***Hymn of the Day:**

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

**ELW #521
vv. 1-3**

- 1. O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing, “Holy, holy, holy,”
to the great God triune.**

- 2. On you, at earth's creation,
the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious
the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus on you, most glorious,
a threefold light was giv'n.**

**3. Today on weary nations
the heav'nly manna falls;
to holy convocations
the silver trumpet calls,
where gospel light is glowing
with pure and radiant beams
and living water flowing
with soul-refreshing streams.**

***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 mercy...hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

.... according to your gracious will. Amen.

***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)

***Offering 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 & DISMISSAL‡

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy.....**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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.)

"Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Distribution Music

Rhonda Boettcher

***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**

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.**

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

***Sending Hymn: “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”**

**ELW #534
vv. 1-3**

**1. Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
once more we bless you ere our worship cease,
then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.**

**2. Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;
with you began, with you shall end the day;
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon your name.**

**3. Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night;
for us transform its darkness into light.
Keep us from harm and danger till the dawn;
your evening presence promise to your own.**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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‡In Our Thoughts and Prayers‡

Prayers for healing: **Kathy Johnson** (COVID), **LaDonna Schmidt** (cancer), **Jean Collins** (COVID), **Becky Michael** (stage 1 breast cancer), **Paul Bueide** (recovering), **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 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).



Kinsey Kleensang, 8/23; Stephanie Todd, 8/25

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.



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.



**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 TODAY, 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 TODAY 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 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

Next Sunday – August 28

USHERS: Deb Brown & Vicki Howell

LAY READER: Dennis Gorr

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle

COMMUNION ASSTS: Dennis Gorr

POWERPOINT: Matt Payne

ACOLYTES: Rhyan Buckley & Brynlee Payne

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Val Rahrs

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

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign Up!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday, August 22

5 p.m. – Parish Ed

Tuesday, August 23

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, August 24

7 p.m. – Choir Practice Begins

Saturday, August 27

5:30 p.m. – Worship

6:30 p.m. – Retirement Dinner @ Gering Civic Center

Sunday, August 28

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

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

AUGUST 21, 2022
ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Rest and healing on the sabbath.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 13:10-17	Jesus heals on the sabbath
Monday	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Delight in the sabbath
Tuesday	Hebrews 12:18-29	A kingdom that can't be shaken
Wednesday	Leviticus 26:1-13	Blessings for obeying the Lord
Thursday	Exodus 20:8-11	Remember the sabbath day
Friday	Mark 2:23-28	A question about the sabbath
Saturday	Psalms 103:1-8	Praise for God's benefits
Sunday	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Humility and hospitality

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. Luke 13:12-13 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of sabbath rest and healing, help us to be satisfied with what we have so that others may rejoice at your goodness and mercy through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for the food that you provide us, for the rest you give us, and for your goodness that keeps us going, we give you thanks in Jesus' name. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God, who loves you dearly, give you rest and peace.



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AUGUST 21, 2022
HYMN OF THE WEEK
*Take, Oh, Take Me
As I Am*



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:

- How does being tired affect your mood and your ability to think and work?
- The sabbath is a day of rest and healing. How do you observe and spend time on the sabbath?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Luke 13:10-17

A woman whose stature in the community was reduced by being crippled for 18 years was healed on a sabbath. That angered the leader of the synagogue. The woman was not of importance to the leader. What was likely important was his leadership. He was interrupted by Jesus. Jesus reminded the people that the sabbath is a time to show kindness, including kindness to animals. The sabbath, as part of the Ten Commandments, provides a day of rest for people and, thereby, fairness for tired and worn workers. The sabbath shows care for humans and animals, including the woman who was able to stand up straight and praise God. It also shows God's providence and generosity. Work should not consume people's lives every day. Six days is enough. Even God rested on the seventh day, the sabbath. We, too, are to rest, restore, and give praise to God.

Discuss: How do you participate in sabbath rest that includes time to worship God?

Pray: Dear God, you who care for all that you create, we thank you for your justice and mercy that includes time to rest from our labors and to praise you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help others enjoy a sabbath day of rest?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



One of the well-known verses of the Psalms is, "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name" (Psalm 103:1). The Hebrew word for "bless" is actually "to kneel," that is, to worship before God in a kneeling position. The verse literally means to kneel or worship God with all one's soul, with all one's self. This week, try the very humble position of kneeling as you pray.



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