



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

“Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ’s love.”

17 East 27th Street
Scottsbluff, NE
(308) 632-8023
calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org

Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
August 28, 2022

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: Holy God, you alone are worthy of honor and praise. Open our eyes to see the world as you see it. Give us the wisdom to witness your presence in all people. Transform us in love, grow us in our faith, call us to love with a full heart and to share your promises with all people. 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

Rhonda Boettcher

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

Welcome Song:

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

ELW #858

**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.**

**4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!**

***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.**

**My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.**

Repeat

***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,

you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;

⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Kid's Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastors Chris and Sheryl

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Song of the Day:**

"Lord of all Hopefulness"

ELW #765

**1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

***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)

Choir

“Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”

***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:

“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 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‡

Council President: A Church family is constantly changing. Loved ones come to the end of their lives. Individuals and families come and go in our church life. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of ending and beginnings.

Pastors Chris and Sheryl, on January 25, 2015, we of Calvary Lutheran Church called you to be our pastors: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's table. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this community of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

People of God, members of Calvary Lutheran Church,
Do you release Pastors Chris and Sheryl from service as your pastors?
We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Pastors Chris and Sheryl, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Calvary Lutheran Church.

Response: We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servants Chris and Sheryl, who have enriched this community through their ministry with us: prosper all that has been done to your glory in our time together, heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us. Now bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Day by day, guide them and give them what is needed, friends to cheer their way, and a clear vision of that to which you are now calling them. By your Holy Spirit be present in their retirement, that they may travel with the one who is the way, the truth and life, Jesus Christ our Lord. As they have been a blessing to us, so now bless them as they enter a new phase of life and ministry. Amen.

The congregation may raise a hand in a gesture of blessing.

**Go with love. Go with joy. Go with peace.
The Spirit of God goes with you. Amen.**

Choir

“Go in Love”

The pastors whose call has concluded, proclaim God’s blessing upon the congregation.

***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, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

***Sending Song:**

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

ELW #535

Refrain:

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

(Repeat)

1. Christ the Lord to us said:

I am wine, I am bread,

I am wine, I am bread,

give to all who thirst and hunger.

(Repeat)

Refrain:

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

(Repeat)

**2. Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel.**

(Repeat)

Refrain:

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

(Repeat)

***Dismissal**

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

Copyright Permissions: Liturgy: From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2022 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS103411.

Music: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty: Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt. ©Public Domain; **Shout to the Lord:** CCLI Song # 1406918 Darlene Zschech © 1993 Wondrous Worship (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.) For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 1825044; **Open Our Eyes, Lord:** Bob Cull, CCLI Song # 1572 © 1976 Maranatha! Music (Admin. by Maranatha! Music) CCCM Music (Admin. by Maranatha! Music) For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 1825044; **Lord of All Hopefulness:** Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953 Text © Oxford University Press 1931. OneLicense.net #A-705226; **Hear Our Prayer:** Text and music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress OneLicense.net #A-705226; **In the Singing:** CCLI Song # 5106884 Shirley Erena Murray © 1996 Hope Publishing Company CCLI License #1825044; **Halleluah! We Sing Your Praises:** Text: South African, tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984 English text © 1984 Utryck, admin. Walton Music Corp. OneLicense.net A-705226

✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **Doug Leafgreen** (healing from surgery), **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).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kacey Fleenor, 8/29; Rick Keller, 8/30; Jackson Hinze, 9/1;
Brian Johnston, 9/1; Trea Hess, 9/2; Myron Loseke, 9/2

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



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 **Vanco Now**
App on your smartphone. It's safe and secure.



SEPTEMBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Soups

BACKPACKS: Small Cereal

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT:

EPIC & JAM Youth Programs



EPIC is for 7th - 12th graders. They generally meet twice a month which usually includes a fun activity, devotions and a meal. JAM is for Kindergarteners - 6th graders.

They meet Wednesday evenings through the school year from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall which includes dinner and lots of fun faith-filled activities. All Calvary youth and friends are invited!

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.



Our JAM kickoff will be Wednesday, September 7!

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie at the church.

OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

OWLS will be meeting **September 7th**.

Come enjoy a BBQ. Then stay for fellowship & some fun games in the Fellowship Hall!

Come join us for a fun afternoon!



God's Work, Our Hands Saturday, September 10, 2022

For 'God's Work, Our Hands', we are planning to help Dave and Carolyn Ewing, a couple that lost their home in the Carter Canyon fires. More information to come as it gets closer. If interested in helping, please contact Jack Martin @ 436-3993.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This 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

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Gail Bruflat

Next Sunday – September 4

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Marti Wegelin

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Jack Martin

COMMUNION ASSTS: Rick & Lynn
Margheim

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

ACOLYTES: Ben Moravec & Jacey Cochran

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Jim Dorn

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 28

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

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

Tuesday, August 30

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, August 31

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, September 3

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, September 4

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

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

AUGUST 28, 2022
TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Our faith needs community support.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Humility and hospitality
Monday	Proverbs 25:6-7	Wise sayings of Solomon
Tuesday	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Service that pleases God
Wednesday	1 Peter 4:7-11	Love wipes away many sins
Thursday	Acts 2:43-47	Life among believers
Friday	Leviticus 19:32-34	Living a holy life
Saturday	Psalms 112	Blessings of the righteous
Sunday	Luke 14:25-33	The cost of being a disciple

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Holy God, help us during difficult times to trust in you and love our neighbor, whoever that neighbor may be, through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food. May we give generously to others as you have given this food to us through Jesus who brings us to your heavenly feast. Amen.

A Blessing To Give:

May God bless you with abundant joy as you honor others in love.



MILESTONES
MINISTRY

© 2021 Milestones Ministry, LLC. All rights reserved.

For a larger printable 'Taking Faith Home' go to our website calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org

AUGUST 28, 2022
HYMN OF THE WEEK
All Are Welcome



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 have you felt insecure and in need of support from others?
- Give an example of how the faith community has cared for you or someone you know.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16.

The church was experiencing internal and external challenges. The faith community itself was facing the challenge of not meeting together (Hebrews 10:25). During unsettling times, we need one another for comfort and guidance. Just as Jesus is an example (Hebrews 12:1-4) to strengthen our faith, so are those around us who have spoken the word of faith to us, including loved ones like family, friends, and other elders. With the consistency of Jesus who is the same "yesterday and today and forever," we show our faith within the community by sharing affection, welcoming strangers, and seeking purity of life for the sake of love and mutual well-being. All of this demonstrates an empathy, an acceptance, and an understanding of others that seeks oneness with those in need. This pleases God and shows our praise to God. Discuss: How has someone in your faith community shown the love of God and love for others? Pray: God of yesterday, today, and forever, give us models of faith through other disciples that we may be encouraged in our faith and faithful in our love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and the theme for this week, how can you help and contribute to the well-being of your faith community?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In the biblical world, showing hospitality was a matter of life and death. There were not the reliable and safe hotels and highways to travel in the ancient world. The Christians needed to rely on each other in their travels. It is still true today. Welcoming one another is as vital to our spiritual well-being as it is to our physical health. Through it we experience God's holy presence. Reach out and have a meal and caring conversation with someone, especially someone with whom you have not exchanged hospitality before.



MILESTONES
MINISTRY

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