



# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

*"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love."*

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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**August 29, 2021**

## Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Prayer Before Worship:** Gracious god, let your Spirit illumine our hearts through your holy Word, turning us from the emptiness of our human traditions to the fullness of life in the Beloved One, 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.**

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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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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**

O God,

**You know what we carry in our inmost hearts. Fill us with the things which promote life, and purge us of all that distorts and defiles from within, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## **‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡**

### **First Reading: Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.

<sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.

<sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;

<sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

<sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king;  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skillful writer.

<sup>2</sup>**You are the noblest among the people;  
grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.**

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever,  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

<sup>7</sup>**You love righteousness and hate iniquity;  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your  
companions.**

<sup>8</sup>All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia,  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

<sup>9</sup>**Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court;  
on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

### **Second Reading: James 1:17-27**

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from  
the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In  
fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would  
become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak,  
slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid  
yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with  
meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any  
are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a  
mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they  
were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere,  
being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

**Kids Sermon:**

**Angie Hinze**

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Chris**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡**

**\*Song of the Day:**

**“Seek Ye First”**

**W&P #122**

**1) Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.**

**2) Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.**

**\*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:**

**"As the Grains of Wheat"**

**ELW #465**

*Refrain*

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.**

**1. As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love.**

*Refrain*

**2. Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this feast with you.**

*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:**

**“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”**

**ELW #545**

- 1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,  
trav'ling through this wilderness.**
- 2. Thanks we give and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
to your truth may we be found.**

**3. Savior, when your love shall call us  
from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us,  
glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
reign with you in endless day.**

**\*Dismissal**

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

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**✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠**

*Prayers for healing:* **Marj Nikont** (Hospitalized), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **Tom Bosshardt** (Back Surgery), **Elmer Haas** (Health Issues—Elnora Sell's brother-in-law), **Jennifer Randall** (Recovering from a car accident—Wally & Kathy Randall's daughter-in-law), **Kate West** (Healing—Deb Brown's step daughter), **Jean Collins** (hip replacement surgery), **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 comfort and peace for:* Family and friends of **Bill Steele**.

*Prayers for:* **Austin & Teighlor** (facing hard decision in regards to son Liam—Jude Walker's granddaughter & husband).



### 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.)



Kacey Fleenor, 8/29; Rick Keller, 8/30; Jackson Hinze, 9/1;  
Brian Johnston, 9/1; Myron Loseke, 9/2; Kierra Miller 9/4; Hunter Miller, 9/4

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



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Please note: if you have been using the Give+ app for your donations, you will need to download the new Vanco Mobile app after Sept. 30th to make any future donations in this manner.

### SEPTEMBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** Soups

**BACKPACKS:** Small Cereals

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.





## WOMEN OF THE ELCA SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT: CatPack and PupPack program



There will be a Confirmation Parent/Youth meeting September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to make sure we are all on the same page and address any last-minute changes. (i.e. Delta variant progression, class schedule or any other question or suggestion you might have.) Didn't get a letter about Confirmation starting? Talk to Pastor Chris or contact the church office.

### OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

OWLS will be meeting **Sept 1st**.

Come enjoy hot ham & cheese sandwiches, chips & dessert. Then stay for fellowship & Bible games in the Fellowship Hall!

Come join us for a fun afternoon!



### **Sing Praise to the Lord!**

Calvary's Choir practice will be starting on Wednesday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 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! Questions? Call Becky Martin at 436-3993.

### Celebrate Generosity Event & Ice Cream



**Social**  
**September 12**



Join us September 12 for our first ever Celebrate Generosity Event starting at 9 a.m., worship service at 10 a.m. and then following worship we will be having an ice cream social hosted by the Council.

## Pastors' Tuesday Evening Study begins Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m.

Join us on Tuesday evenings @ 7 p.m. for a study using Max Lucado's book: *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*. *Anxious for Nothing* invites readers to delve into Philippians 4:6-7 "*Do not be anxious about anything...*" Join us in the fellowship hall or on Zoom by giving Christy your email. If you would like the church to order you a book, please put your name on the sign up sheet outside the office or you may purchase it yourself or download it to your favorite e-reader.

Study <sup>the</sup> Bible  
with us



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

There is a possible Habitat for Humanity Work Day on Saturday morning, September 11th depending on how much work gets completed before then. If interested, watch for an email the week before.

### 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!!!



## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer**

### **This Sunday – August 29**

**USHERS:** Monty & Shari Copsey

**LAY READER:** Kathy Randall

**COMMUNION ASST:** Dennis Gorr

**POWERPOINT:** Jack Martin

**ACOLYTE:** Ben Moravec

**MEDIA:** Chris Jensen

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

**PIANIST:** Dee Brady

### **Next Sunday – September 5**

**USHERS:** Deb Brown & Jack Martin

**LAY READER:** Marti Wegelin

**COMMUNION ASST:** Shari Copsey

**POWERPOINT:** Andi Dorn

**ACOLYTE:** Andrew Miller

**MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten

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

**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Sunday, August 29**

10 a.m. – Worship

### **Tuesday, August 31**

12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary

1 p.m. – Quilting

### **Wednesday, September 1**

10 a.m. – Ruth Circle @ Calvary's  
Education Wing

12 p.m. – OWLS Luncheon

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation Parents Mtg

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

### **Saturday, September 4**

5:30 p.m. – Worship

### **Sunday, September 5**

10 a.m. – Worship

**\*\*Mark your calendars JAM starts September 8<sup>th</sup>!!**

AUGUST 22, 2021  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



*People respond differently to Jesus.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 6:56-71	Many disciples desert Jesus
Monday	Joshua 24:1-18	Many tribes renew the covenant
Tuesday	Ephesians 6:10-20	The whole armor of God
Wednesday	Matthew 16:1-12	Pharisees and Sadducees test Jesus
Thursday	Luke 7:1-10	Jesus heals an army officer's servant
Friday	John 3:1-21	Jesus and Nicodemus
Saturday	Psalms 34:15-22	The Lord is with you
Sunday	Mark 7:1-23	Authentic faith

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Simon Peter answered [Jesus], "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." John 6:68-69 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Almighty and living God, give us faith to trust in you that we may overcome disbelief with faith, fear with hope, and indifference with love through Christ. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, may we humbly receive this food with thanksgiving, believing that all good things come from you. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the one who redeems your life give you peace and joy.



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AUGUST 22, 2021  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*Gather Us In*



### 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:

- In an era of deliberate misinformation, what is something you hold on to without wavering?
- What is something you have heard that is hard to believe?
- What does it mean to you that Peter said that Jesus is the Holy One of God?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* John 6:56-71.

It is difficult to have a conversation about Jesus without a strong reaction. Many of these reactions are experienced in our text from John 6. Some people hear the news of Jesus as the bread of life and complain that the message is difficult or offensive. Others simply experience disbelief. Some reject the message of Jesus and others actively pursue a path of betrayal. In the midst of all of these naysayers, Peter states words the church has sung throughout its history: *"Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God"* (vv. 68-69). If truth be told, we have likely found ourselves in most—if not all—of those various groups. Such is the humble and challenging life of faith. At different moments of our lives, we, too, respond differently to the message and the presence of Jesus in our lives. When have you or someone you know sounded like a naysayer to Jesus as the Holy One of God? What moves us from disbelief to hope and from rejection to trust?

*Pray:* Dear God, give us hearts of love and faith that dare to trust that Jesus is the bread of life, the Holy One of God, who brings to us the words of eternal life. Amen.

### SERVICE

Paul writes in Ephesians 6:18, *"Pray in the spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication."* Supplication means to pray for God's help. We can serve others by praying for them. Is there someone you know who is in need of God's help? How can you pray for them this week?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

We wear a seat belt in the car and a helmet when riding a bike to protect us from something bad happening. Ephesians 6:10-17 tells us that God helps protect us. The whole armor of God provides truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation. The sword is the word of God. Draw a picture of a sword, color it, and cut it out. Use the sword as a bookmark in your Bible and as a reminder of the importance of God's word each time you read scripture.



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