



# 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 30, 2020**

## Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Prayer Before Worship:** By the power of your Spirit, O Lord, make your Word become a joy to us and the delight of our hearts. 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 = Worship hymnal (cranberry)

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/Assurance of Forgiveness

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

We gather together, whether in-person or online, as the baptized people of God in the name of the Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Trusting in the power of God to forgive and save, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*(a time for reflection and self-examination)*

God of new life,

**You have created and redeemed all things through the gift of your Son. Yet we often live as though it makes no difference for us. We choose to remain stuck in old patterns, cling to the familiar and safe, and refuse opportunities to step out in courage and faith. Forgive us our sin, free us from fear and help us to boldly step out in faith trusting in the power of your everlasting goodness. Amen.**

Friends, hear the good news: Christ has broken the power of sin and evil and has opened to us the way of eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Rejoice that you have been forgiven and walk boldly each and every day in the strength and power of Jesus Christ. **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.**

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God,

**In the self-giving love of Christ you have revealed the path of salvation; give us courage to deny our selfish desire and bear the cross of discipleship, that we may live as those who have no fear of death and receive the joy of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **✠GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US✠**

### **Psalm 26:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;  
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>**Test me, O LORD, and try me;  
examine my heart and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes;  
I have walked faithfully with you.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not sat with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of evildoers;  
I will not sit down with the wicked.

**<sup>6</sup>I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,  
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**<sup>8</sup>LORD, I love the house in which you dwell  
and the place where your glory abides.**

### **Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

<sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

<sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Spoken*

**Alleluia. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so  
that we may know the hope to which God has called us. Alleluia.**

*(Ephesians 1:17-18)*

### **\*Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

<sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Sheryl**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**\*Song of the Day:**

**"Bind Us Together"**

**W&P #18**

*Chorus*

**Bind us together Lord,  
Bind us together with cords  
That cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together in love.**

*Verse 1*

**There is only one God.  
There is only one King.  
There is only one body;  
That is why we can sing:**

*Chorus*

**Bind us together Lord,  
Bind us together with cords  
That cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together in love.**

*Verse 2*

**You are the fam'ly of God.  
You are the promise divine.  
You are God's chosen desire,  
You are the glorious new wine.**

*Chorus*

**Bind us together Lord,  
Bind us together with cords  
That cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together in love.**

**\*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**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, let us pray.

**Gracious God, we thank you for the measure of faith you have given to each of us.  
Increase in us generosity, compassion and courage so we might proclaim your  
steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our  
strength and our joy. Amen.**

**‡HOLY COMMUNION & DISMISSAL‡**

*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.

## Communion Invitation

Come, for the gifts of God are ready for the people of God.

Communion Song: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

ELW #767  
vv. #1&2

1. Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;  
direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.  
Without your grace and favor I go astray;  
so take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.
2. Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;  
for you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.  
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
for when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

## Benediction

The blessing of God be with you,  
the love of Jesus fill you,  
the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you + and give you peace.  
now and forevermore. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Distribution of Communion

## Distribution & Postlude Music

Praise Team

## Postlude

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Rick Keller, 8/30; Jackson Hinze, 9/1; Brian Johnston, 9/1; Myron Loseke, 9/2;  
Kierra Miller, 9/4; Hunter Miller, 9/4; Olivia Michael, 9/5

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

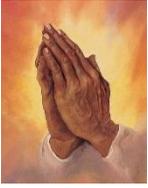
## †In Our Thoughts and Prayers†

**Prayers for healing:** **Dawsyn Buckley** (grandson of Jim & Sheila Miller), **Linda Spomer** (Aortic Valve Replacement), **Judy Lueningborg** (abdominal problems—Deanna Zweifel's sister-in-law), **Betty Kenyon** (continued growth in progress & strength—friend of Valerie Rahrs), **Alan** (recovery of vision—Kathy Randall's cousin), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer—Marlene Downer's sister-in-law), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

**Prayers of thanksgiving:** For the healthy birth of Cécile on August 26 (granddaughter of Bill & Mary Jo Huelle)

**Prayers for comfort and peace:** For the family and friends of **Jay Judd**.

**Prayers for our church, community, nation and world:** in this time of Covid-19 and unsettledness, firefighters and their families who are fighting the fires in California, Colorado, and anywhere fires are blazing across the states. Protect them and give them the resources they need. Special prayer to all of those taking care of foster children and to the children needing extra love and care.



## Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, during the week you may notify Christy in the church office, let us know by filling out the online Attendance and Prayer Request card under the worship tab on our website or on Sunday morning, inform one of the ushers of your prayer request and they will make a list and give those to the pastor before worship begins.

Wally and Kathy Randall will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Their family would like to celebrate their special day with a card shower. If you wish to send a card, their address is:

Wally & Kathy Randall  
130625 Deer Lane  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361



*Happy  
50th  
Anniversary*



### YOUR GIVING ONLINE

Scan the **QR code** to the right, go to our website: [www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org](http://www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org) and click on the **Give Online** button OR download the **Give+Church App** on your smartphone. It's safe and secure.

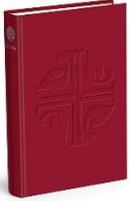


## **WOMEN OF THE ELCA SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT: CatPack and PupPack program**

### SEPTEMBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** soups  
**BACKPACKS:** small cereals  
Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.  
Thanks for your generosity.





### Hymnal Available to Borrow

Do you miss being able to follow along with the music when we sing a hymn or song during worship? Hymnals are available to borrow for those who wish one.

We only ask, per Governor Ricketts health directives if worshipping with us in person, that you bring it with you to worship and take it home with you after, rather than leaving it in the pew. Want to borrow a hymnal talk to Pastors Chris or Sheryl or one of the ushers.



## Are YOU using the gift's God gave you? THESE TEAMS NEED YOU!

Our Livestream worship is up and running and we are so thankful to those who have made a commitment to our Media and Audio Teams who make the Livestream happen.



However, we are in need of a couple more people

for both our Media Team and Audio Team (these are separate jobs). If interested in serving in this way, please talk to Pastors Sheryl or Chris or Dennis Gorr.

Thanks!



### Zoom Happy Hour with Thrivent Financial, Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.



Pastors Sheryl and Chris are teaming up with a representative from Thrivent Financial for a fun, interactive, and educational Zoom Happy Hour. We'll share some laughs via Kahoot trivia (your identity can remain anonymous if preferred :) and also learn how Thrivent might help you increase support to Calvary or another favorite ministry! This virtual gathering will be Wed, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-7:15 p.m. and will include trivia, prizes, fun and fellowship, as well as helping everyone understand how Thrivent might better support you and Calvary Lutheran. You need not be a member of Thrivent to join us! Interested? Look for the email with the zoom link in your email inbox the first week of September. We hope to see you there.



### Calvary Lutheran Church Decals!!

We now have vinyl decals available in the church office to purchase for \$5.00. All proceeds will go toward the new video/sound equipment for continued live streaming of services. Please stop by the office today to get yours!



## God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

September 13, 2020

### 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, September 13. 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 30**

**USHERS:** Chris & Barb Jensen

**LAY READER:** Angie Hinze

**COMMUNION ASST:** Dennis Gorr

**POWERPOINT:** Jack Martin

**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

**ALTAR GUILD:** Andi Dorn, Carmen Kleager, Shelly Koehler, Jessica Laughlin

**PIANIST:** Dee Brady

**Next Sunday – September 6**

**USHERS:** LaDonna Schmidt, Vicki Howell

**LAY READER:** Dennis Gorr

**COMMUNION ASST:** Bill Huelle

**POWERPOINT:** Matt Payne

**MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten

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

**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher

**SONG LEADER:**

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, August 30**

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship

10:45-11:15 a.m. Drive Through Communion

**Tuesday, September 1**

1 p.m. – Quilting

**Wednesday, September 2**

6:30 p.m. – Zoom Happy Hour w/Thrivent

**Saturday, September 5**

5:30 p.m. – In-Person Worship

**Sunday, September 6**

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship

10:45-11:15 a.m. Drive Through Communion