



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
August 7, 2022

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: God of hope, by faith we know that you created the world, and that what is seen is made by things that are not visible. Open our eyes to see your presence among us that we may hear your word with clarity and a sureness of hope, as we follow you in all righteousness. 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, 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:

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

**ELW #533
vv. 1,2&5**

**1. Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**2. Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
let it be thy temple now!**

**5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.**

***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.

***This is the Feast of Victory**

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*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**

Almighty God,

you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22

Read Responsively

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,
our helper and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

Second reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,

¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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 12:32-40**

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

³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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‡

***Hymn of the Day:**

“Borning Cry”

ELW #732

1. "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

2. "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

3. "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

4. "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

‡SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM‡

**Introduction and Presentation of Baptismal Candidate:
Raelyn Elizabeth Blomenkamp**

Response by Congregation

People of God, do you promise to support Raelyn and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

***Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Baptism

Laying on of Hands, Signing of Cross and Presentation of Candle

Prayer for the Parents

Congregational Welcome

Through Baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

Raelyn, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

***Prayers of the Church:**

Each petition ends with:

Merciful God...**hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

....through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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‡

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 in the front of the church. Just follow the usher's directions. 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, 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:**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW #733

**1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou has been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Refrain**

**3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain**

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude

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✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **Becky Michael** (stage 1 breast cancer), **Virginia Pickett** (COVID), **Paul Bueide** (Hospitalized & COVID), **Marsha Bueide** (COVID & Bleeding Ulcer), **Audrey Harvey** (pneumonia), **Vicki Stahla** (Knee Replacement Surgery), **Annette Kester** (Knee Surgery—Pastor Sheryl's mother), **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), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Gloria Gorr** (health issues).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Judy Hinze** (Grant Hinze's mother), **Kathy Pickett** (Virginia Pickett's niece).

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).

*This morning through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism,
we welcome Raelyn Elizabeth Blomenkamp into the family of God.
Raelyn's parents are Spencer and Taylor Blomenkamp,
and their sponsors are Christopher and Brooke Samuelson.
We ask the Holy Spirit to guide Raelyn and her family today and always.*

**H A P P Y
B I R T H D A Y**

Grace Michael, 8/7; Becky Michael, 8/9; Carolyn Jensen, 8/12

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.



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.

WE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER!



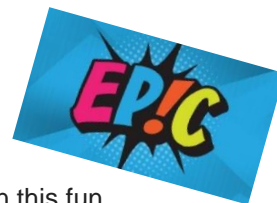
Blessing
of the Backpacks

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 Sunday, 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 on August 21st 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 7

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Vicki Howell

COMMUNION ASSTS: Marlene Downer & Lynn Margheim

POWERPOINT: Angela Bonow

ACOLYTES: Ben Moravec & Jacey Cochran

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Jack Martin

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

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign Up!

Next Sunday – August 14

USHERS: Dennis & Barb Gorr

LAY READER: Marti Wegelin

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

COMMUNION ASSTS: Deb Brown & Vicki Schmidt

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

ACOLYTES: DaKota Newsom & Micaela Hess

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

AUDIO: Trea Hess

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign Up!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 7

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

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

Monday, August 8

11:30 a.m. – Exec Comm

6 p.m. – Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 9

1 p.m. – Quilting

Saturday, August 13

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, August 14

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

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