



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Prayer Before Worship: O God, you know what we carry in our inmost hearts. As we gather now to worship, fill us with the things which promote life, and purge us of all that distorts and defiles from within; 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 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**, we are especially glad to have you worshipping with us today.*

Please join us in the reception area after worship for coffee and fellowship.

Worship Information Cards: Everyone is invited to fill out a Worship Information card as you enter so that we know you are here, will be communion today or if you have a prayer request you would like us to include during worship today. Once you have filled out the card, please pass them to the inside aisle for the ushers to pick up. Thanks!

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

†WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS†

Call to Worship

Who may abide in the presence of God?

Who may enter into God's holy presence?

All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

All those who speak truth from their heart.

Forgiven and made clean through the power of Christ's death and resurrection,

We gather now to worship our Lord in spirit and truth.

Welcome Song: "Sing Out, Earth and Skies"

W&P #126, vv. 1,2,5

***Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

Living God,

You have given us all we need to follow you, yet we doubt ourselves and you; we criticize others, grasp for meaningless pleasures and seek hollow assurances. Forgive our sin, wash us clean from all that defiles us and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beloved of God, through baptism, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of God. Amen.

***Song of Praise: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"**

ELW # 836, v. 1

***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**

Holy God,

Too often we blame external people and situations for our sin, heartaches and brokenness. Help us to look inward to uncover and heal the things that defile: bitterness, hatred, jealousy, and greed. Washed clean by Jesus, help us instead to be agents of peace, hope, generosity and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Isaiah 1:11-17

Pew Bible p. 630-1, Old Testament

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:7-23

Read Responsively

⁷Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel,
I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

⁸**Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

⁹I will not accept a bull from your house, or goats from your folds.

¹⁰**For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.

¹²**If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine.**

¹³Do I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

¹⁶**But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to recite my statutes,
or take my covenant on your lips?**

¹⁷For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you.

¹⁸**You make friends with a thief when you see one,
and you keep company with adulterers.**

¹⁹You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit.

²⁰**You sit and speak against your kin; you slander your own mother's child.**

²¹These things you have done and I have been silent; you thought that I was one just
like yourself. But now I rebuke you, and lay the charge before you.

²²**Mark this, then, you who forget God, or I will tear you apart,
and there will be no one to deliver.**

²³Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me;
to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God."

Second Reading: James 1:17-27

Pew Bible p. 229, New Testament

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Verse: "Celtic Alleluia"**

v. 1 & Epiphany

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening,
speak your words of wisdom,
for the words you speak are everlasting life.**

**A holy day has dawned.
Adore the Lord, you nations,
for today a light has come on the earth.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

***Gospel: Mark 7:1-23**

Pew Bible p. 42, New Testament

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

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

Kids' Sermon

Pastor Chris

Sermon:

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"**

ELW #659

***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:**

W&P 27

(Sung Prayer Response)

I cast all my cares upon you;
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.

***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

Offertory: "You Are Mine"

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God,

receive and bless these gifts which we offer at your altar of mercy. Continue teaching us in the ways of discipleship, that all might be fed, clothed, nurtured and healed, according to your will for the world. Amen.

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

(The Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor, ending with... “now and forever. Amen.” The congregation responds by singing “We Remember You”)

W&P #152

**In broken bread and the cup that we share, we remember you.
In broken bread and the cup that we share, we remember you.
We remember you, Jesus. We remember your love for us.
We remember the blood you shed. We remember you.**

***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**

The meal has been prepared; come and receive Jesus’ gift of cleansing and rebirth.

(Sung Response)

“Feed Us Now”

OSB #89, v.2

**Piece of bread, glass of wine: Lord, this food is good!
Love and mercy come to us; Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine; Who can understand
How His mercy works in these? Yet, Lord, we believe.**

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: “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

ELW #708

***Post-Communion Blessing**

*Post-Communion Prayer

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

*Benediction

*Hymn: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

ELW #815

*Dismissal

Go in peace to share the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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FEBRUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: canned fruits and veggies

BACKPACKS: granola bars



**Fighting
Malaria**



WOMEN OF THE ELCA FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT:

The WELCA mission project for February continues to be the ELCA Malaria Campaign. This is a preventable, treatable disease that kills thousands of men, women, and children every year. Make donations in the tan “designated giving” envelopes and mark them for WELCA.

Adult Mission Trip 2020

Saturday, February 29, 8 am

to

Sunday, March 8, 6 pm

Houston, Texas

See the [Tidings](#) for more details!



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

Becca Tompkins, 2/18; Audrey Harvey, 2/20; Virginia Hilbers, 2/20;
Mike Moravec, 2/20; Marj Nikont, 2/23; Shelly Koehler, 2/23

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



Meals begin on
ASH WEDNESDAY, February 26.
That Wednesday, the Meal is
@ 5:30 pm with Worship to
follow @ 6:30 pm.

GenerosityProject

&

Cross+Generational Ministry Lab

Offered at Calvary on Saturday, March 7, from 9 to 3.

See Pastor Chris for more information.

✝In Our Thoughts and Prayers✝

Prayers for healing: **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from surgery), **Dee Brady** (recovering from surgery), **Steve Kaufman** (recovering), **Ron Hettinger** (heart & medical conditions—Marcy Miller's father), **Mabel Dedlow** (healing), **Twila Aschenbrenner** (recovering from surgery), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Candy** (chemo--friend of Susan Martin), **Deanna Zweifel** (recovering), **Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **Julie** (cancer treatment--Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer--Marlene Downer's sister-in-law), **Ella** (Andi Dorn's friend), **Sean Woodral** (recovering), **Joan** (cancer--niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer--Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Judy Lueningborg** (recovering--Deanna Zweifel's sister-in-law), **Kevin Feil** (healing--Melissa Guerrero's father), **Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont's mother).

WORSHIP LEADERS

This Sunday – February 16

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

USHERS: Abby Newsom, Jeff VanPatten

LAY READER: Chris Jensen

COMMUNION ASSTS: Jack Martin, Pat Smith, Marti Wegelin

POWERPOINT: Lucas Moravec

ACOLYTE: Ben Moravec

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele

PIANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE SET UP: Volunteer today!

HOSPITALITY: Barb Tallmon, Fran Johnson

Next Sunday – February 23

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Maunette Loeks

COMMUNION ASSTS: Jack Martin, LaDonna Schmidt, Fran Johnson

POWERPOINT: Rayce Walsh

ACOLYTE: Jacey Cochran

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

PIANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE SET UP: Volunteer today!

HOSPITALITY: Gail Brufflat

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 16

9 a.m. – Adult Study

10 a.m. – Worship

Monday, February 17

Presidents Day

5 p.m. – Elders

6 p.m. – Worship & Music

6 p.m. – Parish Ed

6:30 p.m. – Stewards

Tuesday, February 18

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study

Noon – Women's Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

7 p.m. – Bible study

Wednesday, February 19

6 p.m. – JAM

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Thursday, February 20

Tidings deadline

1:30 p.m. – Parkinson's Support

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study @ Steeles

Saturday, February 22

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, February 23

9 a.m. – Adult Study

10 a.m. – Worship



What Makes You Unclean

February 16, 2020

God creates in us clean hearts. Jesus challenged the religious leaders for focusing on human traditions. When they did that, they ignored what was most important. It is most important to love God with a heart made clean by God's power. The power of the kingdom breaks down the human-made barriers that separate people from God's love.

Daily Bible Readings @ Home

Sunday – Read Mark 7:14-23 What goes in does not make you unclean, what comes out is what makes you unclean. Think of a time when your words or actions were not in keeping with God's desire for you. If you have not already done so, confess this to the Lord and receive God's forgiveness.

Monday – Read Mark 7:24-30 The Syrophenician woman is bold to ask Jesus for healing for her daughter. Follow this woman's example, don't be afraid to pray for someone you know in need of healing.

Tuesday – Read Mark 7:31-37 Jesus' care for those in need continues with yet another healing. Send a get well or thinking of you card to someone you know who is going through a difficult time (it could be the same person you prayed for yesterday).

Wednesday – Read Mark 8:1-13 Jesus feeds the four thousand. Make a donation, either tangible or monetary, to a ministry that helps feed the hungry.

Thursday – Read Mark 8:11-21 The Pharisees refuse to 'see' Jesus for who he is, asking for a sign from heaven. Look around you; where do you 'see' Jesus in your life.

Friday – Read Mark 8:22-26 Jesus heals a blind man. Why do you think Jesus tells the man not to go into the village after his sight was restored?

Saturday – Read Mark 8:27-38 Jesus foretells his death and resurrection. Lent is coming up. Begin to think of a spiritual discipline to follow during the forty days of Lent.