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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Prayer Before Worship: Gracious God, even when the crowds were pressing upon you, still you sought time to pray. In the midst of the stress and busyness of our world, draw us to find times and places to rest in your presence; that refreshed by your Spirit we can go forth in your grace to proclaim the good news in word and deed. 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.)

* 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.*

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)

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.

***Prayer of the Day**

Everlasting God,

you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✝GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US✝

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

²**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴**The LORD counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.**

⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God's wisdom.

⁶**The LORD lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp to our God,

⁸**who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up on the mountains.**

⁹God provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love.

^{20c} **Hallelujah!**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***Gospel: Mark 1:29-39**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Response after the gospel reading:

Praise to you, O Christ.

Kid's Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn:**

“On Eagle’s Wing”

**ELW #787
vv. 1&2**

- 1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"**

Refrain: **And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

- 2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield.**

Refrain

***Installation of 2021 Planning Council**

***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:**

Each petition ends with:

Let us pray...**Have mercy, O God.**

The prayers conclude with:

...your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

***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.

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. 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.

Invitation to Communion

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

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 one station in the front of the church with the
pulpit side of the church being dismissed first.*

*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.)*

*For those worshipping with us online who are interested in receiving Holy Communion,
Drive-Through Communion will be available in the parking lot immediately following the
worship service this morning from approximately 10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.*

"Here I Am Lord"

Choir

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Post-Communion Prayer

God of glory, in this sacrament you unite us in the body of your Son. May we who have
been guests at this table grow in love for one another, that through us your light may
shine in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

***Hymn:**

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

ELW #818

vv. 1&2

**1. O Master, let me walk with you
in lowly paths of service true;
tell me your secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Amy Hauschild, 2/8; David Stevens, 2/8; Kyndal Burgner, 2/9;
DJ Buckley, 2/12; Jim Miller, 2/13

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

✝️ In Our Thoughts and Prayers ✝️

Prayers for healing: **Laynette Van Anne** (brain tumor—friend of Dee Brady), **LaDonna Schmidt** (colon cancer), **Bill Steele** (Recovering from COVID-19), **Gary Eskam** (heart/lung health), **Bonnie** (pneumonia & fluid around her heart—cousin of Susan Martin), **Beth Janecek** (Radiation), **Rich** (COVID-19 recovery—brother of Barb Gorr), **Cathy Rahrs** (rehab @ home), **Nancy & Tracy Steele** (COVID-19 health issues), **Harlan Meyer** (Lonnie Miller's uncle), **Claudia** (bedrest for pregnancy), **Jerry Weekes** (recovering from a horse accident), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Alan** (recovery of vision—Kathy Randall's cousin), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **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 for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **David Nikont** (Marj Nikont's nephew).

Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world: in this time of Covid-19 and general unsettledness. For everyone in need!

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.

YOUR GIVING ONLINE

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



FEBRUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED



FOOD PANTRY: canned meats

BACKPACKS: granola bars

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.

**Fighting
Malaria**



WOMEN OF THE ELCA FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT:

The WELCA mission project for January will be the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

\$10 can purchase a treated mosquito net, \$50 provides medicine for 25

people, and \$100 trains a village health team. Donations

may be made. Be sure to designate WELCA on the envelope.



Mark your calendars for February 10 as we will be having JAM in person! Calling all Kindergartners through Sixth Graders to come to the church from 6pm to 7pm to have some fun. We will not serve dinner in February, but I am hoping we can after Easter! Join us for a story, a game, some music, games, and fellowship! Please wear your masks!

Calling all 4th-8th graders! We would like to set up an acolyte schedule again, so if you would like to be put on the acolyte schedule call/text Angie at 631-2768.

Sunday, February 7th, for the



Although we will not be serving a dinner after church like we have in the past, we will have a stock pot in the narthex (or outside the office) for any donations from our congregation. All donations collected will be given to our CatPack/PupPack programs in Scottsbluff and Gering.



GOD'S WORK – OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

The Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska has a program to help families in need of emergency financial assistance. They assist families with emergency shelter, utility assistance, assistance with rent, and other needs. Let's help support our neighbors by contributing to this important program. For the months of February and March, we are asking Calvary to prayerfully consider providing financial assistance. The need is great at this time due to the financial hardships created by the COVID-19 pandemic. You can help by making a donation to Calvary Lutheran designated to this cause. Please mark your offering as Emergency Family Support. A member of Calvary has offered to match the congregational giving up to \$500.

"For as you have done it for the least of those my brothers, you have done it for me."
Matthew 25:40

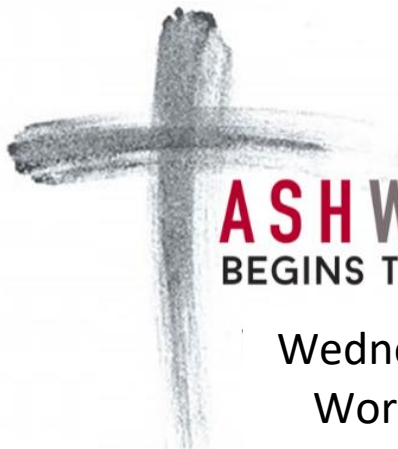
Lutheran Family Service Telehealth Mental Health Services Now Available Here at Calvary

2020 has been a stressful year. If you have found the disruption of the holidays the last straw in your ability to cope there is help available through Lutheran Family Services. LFS (Lutheran Family Services) has partnered with several remote sites to provide counseling and other needs through computer teleconferencing (or Telehealth).

If you would like to take advantage of these services, specifically talking with an LFS counselor, come to Calvary and we can help connect you to a counselor! Or go online at www.LFSneb.org. (You can also call LFS directly at 402-441-7940 or 1-833-903-2376.) Be prepared to spend about 15 to 30 minutes doing online paperwork, including your insurance information. Counseling fees will be handled directly through LFS, there is no fee for use of the computer here at Calvary, (it was provided by LFS) or for the use of the private space.

If life has you down, know there is someone to talk to and help you work through any of life's struggles including depression, relationship issues, parenting difficulties, abuse, as well as getting through this pandemic. Starting the process is available anytime on your home computer and scheduling an appt. with a counselor is very flexible on any computer with camera and internet capabilities. If you would like to use the computer here at Calvary or begin the process with assistance through the office, please come Monday through Thursday from 9-3 PM. (Not available Friday or Weekends.) You may also contact us for more information.

Please see the January Newsletter for more information!

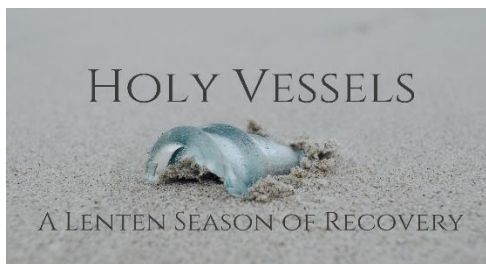


ASH WEDNESDAY

BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

Wednesday, February 17
Worship @ 6:30 p.m.

Drive-Through Communion & Ashes available from 12 - 1 p.m. at the church.



“He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.”

Matthew 8:17b

Each of us is created a precious and holy vessel of embodied love. We have been through a harrowing time since last Lent that has shattered for many their sense of wholeness—body, mind, and spirit—like a glass vessel fractured into pieces. In this Lenten ‘season of recovery’, we will explore the healing narratives of Jesus that tell of divine solidarity with human suffering and remind us that we can begin a journey toward making something beautiful from that which is seemingly broken.

Join us on Wednesday nights during Lent
@ 6:30 p.m.

as we discover how each of us is a holy vessel despite our brokenness.

Please note: there will be NO Lenten Dinners this year

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – February 7

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey

LAY READER: Kathy Randall

COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell,
Tracy Steele

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

SONG LEADER: Val Rahrs

Next Sunday – February 14

USHERS: Deb Brown & Jack Martin

LAY READER: Marti Wegelin

COMMUNION ASST: Dennis Gorr

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

PIANIST: Dee Brady

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 7

10 a.m. – Worship

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

11:15 a.m. – Installation of Council

**Souper Bowl of Caring*

Monday, February 8

2 p.m. – Priscilla Circle @ Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. – Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 9

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study @ Calvary's
Fellowship Hall & on Zoom

9 a.m. – Esther Circle

12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, February 10

6 p.m. – JAM

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, February 13

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, February 14

Happy Valentine's Day

10 a.m. – Worship

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

FEBRUARY 7, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY



Jesus heals as he preaches and teaches.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 1:29-39	Jesus heals many people
Monday	Isaiah 40:21-31	The Lord gives strength
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	For the sake of the gospel
Wednesday	Psalms 41	A prayer in time of sickness
Thursday	James 5:13-18	Remember to pray
Friday	Proverbs 3:1-8	Trust God
Saturday	Psalms 147:1-11, 20c	Praise the Lord
Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	Transfiguration of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[But those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31 (NRSV)]

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Everlasting God, you strengthen the powerless; send us out with your message of love and healing through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Isaiah 40:29)

Meatime Prayer:

Dear God, you feed us with care and put rain upon the earth that your love we may share that gives all a new birth. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord renew your strength with wings like eagles, that you may run and not be weary, that you shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)



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FEBRUARY 7, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK
*O Christ, Your Heart,
Compassionate*



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:

- Talk or think about a time you have felt sick or weary?
- When you or someone you know has been ill, what has helped the recovery?
- Jesus brings good news that is filled with acts of love that heals lives. What is something in your life that you would like healed?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 1:29-39.

Does Jesus make a difference in this world or is he just a great guy with a sweet message and philosophy for a successful life? The world wants to know and the church needs to be able to answer in the affirmative. Yes, Jesus makes the difference for our world. This story from Mark 1 certainly believes it. The message that Jesus announces is more than words. It comes with actions that change lives. The hurts of the world find themselves at Jesus' feet again and again. Jesus doesn't have to go out and search for people in need. We all have a need for the kingdom that Jesus announces and lives. Demons are cast out, people are healed, Jesus prays, and his march forward into a world of need continues. Faith in Jesus is believing—at least wanting to believe—that Jesus makes the difference we need for hope and healing, peace and love. How does faith in Jesus make a difference in your world and the world of others?
Pray: God of hope and healing, lead us into the world with good news that serves and loves others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Caring for the sick is a special way of showing Jesus' love. Think of someone you know who is in need of healing. Send that person a card to let them know you are thinking of them or call, if possible, and take time to brighten their day through conversation. Bring their needs to Jesus in prayer throughout the week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Christians are a praying people. There are many traditions we can introduce into our homes to remind us to pray and to help make prayer a routine part of our lives. Jesus gives us a model for a faithful prayer life when he seeks out time to be alone in prayer (Mark 1:35-37). Set aside time to be alone in prayer this week to give God thanks and pray for Jesus' healing for others. Close your prayer time with the Lord's Prayer.



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

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