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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
July 12, 2020

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: God, your word goes out and does not return empty but prospers that for which it was sent. By your Spirit, open our minds to your word this day, that we might walk according to your ways; for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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)

* 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/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.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(a time for reflection and self-examination)

God of heaven and earth,

We name before you the sin that binds us, the sin that wounds us and others, the sin that scars our world. Forgive us and heal us. Guard us from all evil. Give to us and the whole creation the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 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**

Almighty God,

we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith, hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✝GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US✝

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,

and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65:9-13

⁹You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰**You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.**

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹²**The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,**

¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

***Gospel Acclamation**

*Spoken
(Deut. 30:14)*

**Alleluia. The word is very near to you;
it is in your mouth and in your heart. Alleluia.**

***Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

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

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

Sermon:

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn:**

“On What Has Now Been Sown”

**ELW #550
vv. 1&2**

**1. On what has now been sown
your blessing, Lord, bestow;
the pow'r is yours alone
to make it sprout and grow.
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise,
and yours alone shall be the praise!**

**2. To you our wants are known,
from you are all our pow'rs;
accept what is your own
and pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive
and to your word a blessing give.**

***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:

Hear us, O God...**your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude with:

...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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, let us pray.

Gracious God, you open your hand, filling our lives with all good things and renewing the face of the earth. We offer our gifts in thanksgiving for all that we have received from your bounty. Accept them for the sake of him who offered his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

*Communion Hymn:

“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

**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.**

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

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.**

*Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord upon you with favor ☩ and give you peace. **Amen.**

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Distribution of Communion

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Postlude

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*Gregg Sell, 7/12; Ashland Todd, 7/14;
Lonnie Miller, 7/16; Andrew Miller, 7/16*

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

✝In Our Thoughts and Prayers✝

Prayers for healing: **Jay Judd** (Recovering at Residency), **Jim Rahrs** (brother of Val Rahrs), **Betty Kenyon** (recovering—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), **Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont’s mother).

Prayers for our church, community, nation and world: *in this time of Covid-19 and unsettledness.*

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New 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!

WOMEN OF THE ELCA MISSION PROJECT: D.O.V.E.S.



Our mission this month is monetary support for the D.O.V.E.S. shelter. Domestic Violence is alive in our local communities. Scottsbluff/Gering provides access to 24 hour crisis hotline and a shelter so those trying to escape abuse may find refuge. The shelter is always grateful for donations for the shelter and to help people set up new households. Household items and personal care items are also needed. Don't forget to collect your unused toiletry items when traveling and staying in hotels. Thank you for your support.

JULY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: cereal
BACKPACKS: packaged treats



Virtual Fellowship Opportunities

Do you miss being able to get together with your friends and fellow members of Calvary?

Then join us on Zoom for a Zoom Happy Hour (Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7 p.m.) If you are interested, look for an email from the church (if we have your email address) that says Zoom Happy Hour and use the link provided in the email to join us.



Create! – Virtual VBS



June 15 - August 9, 2020

Each Tuesday we will send out the link via text and email for that week's VBS and post it on our Facebook page. Watch the videos whenever it works for you and have fun learning about God's wonderful creation at the same time.

Then on Mondays at 10 a.m., Angie is hosting a Zoom Chat so that you can share all the fun things you have done in the past week-VBS related or not! Contact the church office if you'd like the link for your VBS-er to be a part of Angie's Zoom Chat or if you need the VBS weekly link. We are sad that we are not able to do VBS in person this summer, but hope many of you will join in this very creative VBS!!!

Looking for a Host Family for Carl from Sweden!

Would you enjoy being an STS Foundation Host Family? Sign up to welcome an exchange student into your hearts and home today! Carl is 16 and active in his Lutheran church back home in Sweden. He describes himself as open, respectful, and helpful, and his hobbies include politics, soccer, history, and economics. Carl has taken 5 years of English, 4 years of German, and his teachers describe him as knowledgeable, genuine, and a hard worker. Carl says, "I know that a year at a high school, with a new, American family will be a great experience. I will do my utmost to adapt to your family in a positive way. I am used to making household chores, especially cooking (where I can do more dishes than only Swedish meatballs!). I promise to do my very best as 'the new son' of your family." If interested please contact the church office for more information.

We're Here To Help: As we all deal with the uncertainty of the days ahead in light of the Covid-19, please know that we, your church family are here to offer support, prayer, and assistance. If you need help with anything, including getting supplies and/or groceries, or running errands because you do not feel comfortable getting out in public, please call the church office at 632-8023 or Pastor Chris 402-694-9189 or Pastor Sheryl 402-694-9182 for any assistance you might need. Also, if you would be willing to run errands for people in our congregation, please let us know that as well.

*We are Here
to Help You!*





Your Offerings: Dear friends, we hope that you will remember the expenses of the church (utilities, salaries, insurance, and more) all continue on, even if we do not gather together for worship. So please consider this your gentle reminder to send or drop off your offerings to the church office. You may also scan the QR code in this bulletin or go to our website and use the 'give now' button on our home page to give electronically. If you have not already created a profile for giving

electronically, you will need to do so first. If you need any help with this, do not hesitate to contact us.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – July 12

- USHERS:** Dennis & Barb Gorr
- LAY READER:** Jack Martin
- COMMUNION ASST:** Bill Huelle
- POWERPOINT:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten
- MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten
- ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele
- ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher
- SONG LEADER:** Gail Bruflat

Next Sunday – July 19

- USHERS:** Kent & Dawn Holub
- LAY READER:** Kathy Randall
- COMMUNION ASST:** Dennis Gorr
- POWERPOINT:** Andi Dorn
- MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten
- ALTAR GUILD:** Andi Dorn, Carmen Kleager, Shelly Koehler, Jessica Laughlin
- PIANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 12

- 10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship
- 10:45-11:15 a.m. Drive Through Communion

Monday, July 13

- 10 a.m. – VBS Zoom Chat
- 6 p.m. – Council Mtg

Tuesday, July 14

- 1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, July 15

- 6:30 p.m. – Zoom Happy Hour

Thursday, July 16

- 1:30 p.m. – Parkinson's Support

Saturday, July 18

- 5:30 p.m. – In-Person Worship

Sunday, July 19

- 10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship
- 10:45-11:15 a.m. Drive Through Communion