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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
July 18, 2021

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: Holy Spirit, come and dwell in us, making Jesus Christ the cornerstone holding us together and making us a sacred place where steadfast love and faithfulness meet and righteousness and peace become a reality. In Jesus' 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 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, 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 and Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
Amen.

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for prayer and reflection.

Gracious God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, ✝ you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **Amen.**

Song of Praise:

“Majesty”

W&P #94

**Majesty, worship His majesty:
Unto Jesus be all glory,
Honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne
Unto His own; His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high
The name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty:
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings. Kings.
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.**

***Greeting**

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

O God,

powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:20-37

- ²⁰“I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- ²¹**My hand will hold him fast
and my arm will make him strong.**
- ²²No enemy shall deceive him,
nor shall the wicked bring him down.
- ²³**I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.**
- ²⁴My faithfulness and steadfast love are with him,
and he shall be victorious through my name.
- ²⁵**I will set his hand on the sea,
and his right hand on the rivers.**
- ²⁶He will say to me, ‘You are my father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation.’
- ²⁷**I will make him my firstborn
and higher than the kings of the earth.**
- ²⁸I will keep my love for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- ²⁹**I will establish his line forever
and his throne as the days of heaven.”**
- ³⁰If his children forsake my teaching
and do not walk according to my judgments;
- ³¹**if they break my statutes
and do not keep my commandments;**
- ³²I will punish their transgressions with a rod
and their iniquities with the lash;
- ³³**but I will not take my love from him,
nor let my faithfulness prove false.**
- ³⁴I will not break my covenant,
nor change what has gone out of my lips.
- ³⁵**Once for all I have sworn by my holiness:
I will not lie to David.**
- ³⁶His line shall endure forever
and his throne as the sun before me;
- ³⁷**it shall stand fast forevermore like the moon,
the abiding witness in the sky.”**

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

"Open our eyes, Lord"

W&P #113

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.**

**Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

***Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Kids Sermon

Pastor Sheryl

Sermon:

Pastor Sheryl

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡

***Song of the Day:**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

**ELW #654
vv. 1&4**

**1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**4. Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

***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**

Thank you for continuing to support the work of Christ through Calvary Lutheran. The act of offering is an act of worship, wherever and whenever it is done. Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come for the gifts of God are ready for the people 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 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.)

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain

3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

May the grace of God the Father bless you with peace,
may the love of Christ, God’s son, sustain you in joy,
and may the power of the ‡ Holy Spirit fill you with courage,
now and forever. **Amen.**

***Sending Song:**

“He has made me glad”

**W&P #54
Twice**

**I will enter His gates
With thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say this is the day
That the Lord has made;
I will rejoice
For He has made me glad.
He has made me glad,
He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for
He has made me glad.
He has made me glad,
He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for
He has made me glad.**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.
Thanks be to God.

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Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)

✚In Our Thoughts and Prayers✚

Prayers for healing: **Maddie Seiler** (successful surgery—friend of Dee Brady), **Liam** (diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy—Jude Walker’s great grandson), **Gail Bruflat** (upper respiratory infection), **Jack Baker** (post op healing—Pam Eskam’s son-in-law), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Lorene** (cancer – Mike Belgum’s mother), **Teigen Brunner** (Healing—Deb Brown’s grandson), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law).

Prayers for: **Austin & Teighlor** (facing hard decision in regards to son Liam—Jude Walker’s granddaughter & husband), **Rebecca E.** (spiritual discernment at her job).



Mary Jo Huelle, 7/21; Chris Jensen, 7/22;
Nickie Todd, 7/23; Linda Spomer, 7/23

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

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FOOD PANTRY: Cereal

BACKPACKS: Packaged Treats

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



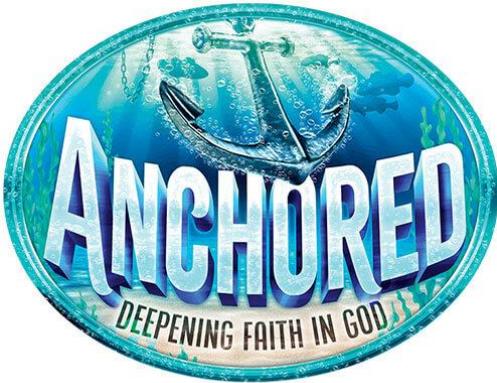
WOMEN OF THE ELCA JULY MISSION PROJECT:

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.



VBS

July 23 - July 25

July 23

Family BBQ: 5:30-6 p.m.

VBS: 6-8:30 p.m.

July 24

9 a.m.–12 p.m. with

picnic lunch at noon

July 25

Program during worship



Hybrid Church Webinar Series starting July 26th: Forced to scramble to go online in just a few weeks during the COVID pandemic, the church has discovered the online world is far more than a replacement for the yellow pages. It is a place where genuine community and real ministry happens. "Hybrid" ministry, as its being called will be the new norm for the next season in most congregations' life and ministry. Through this series we will be invited to explore what hybrid ministry might look like for the church in the coming years.

The Church Council would like to invite anyone in the congregation that is interested to join them in the sanctuary for the Hybrid Church Webinar. The Hybrid Church Webinar series consists of 5 sessions on Monday evenings July 26 -August 23 from 7 – 8 p.m. All are welcome.

Donations for new Clavinova (Electric Piano in Sanctuary) Welcomed.

The Electric Piano in the Sanctuary that the Praise Team uses died a couple weeks ago and has had to be replaced. The cost of the new Clavinova was \$5099, of which we already have slightly over half of the funds needed. Any donations to cover the rest of the cost of the Clavinova are definitely welcome. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – July 18

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Marti Wegelin

COMMUNION ASST: Dennis Gorr

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

ACOLYTE: Draven Bowman

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

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

PIANIST: Dee Brady

Next Sunday – July 25

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey

LAY READER: LaDonna Schmidt

COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle

POWERPOINT: Jack Martin

ACOLYTE: DaKota Newsom

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

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

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 18

10 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, July 20

12 p.m. – Women’s Study @ Calvary

1 p.m. – Quilting

Friday, July 23

5:30 p.m. – Family BBQ

6 p.m. – VBS

Saturday, July 24

9 a.m. – VBS

Noon – VBS Picnic Lunch

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, July 18

10 a.m. – Worship with VBS Program

JULY 11, 2021
SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



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God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 6:14-29	The death of John the Baptist
Monday	Amos 7:7-15	Vision of setting a plumb line
Tuesday	Ephesians 1:3-14	Thanksgiving for blessings
Wednesday	Psalms 86:1-17	Save me, Lord
Thursday	Deuteronomy 7:7-11	A chosen people
Friday	Leviticus 26:1-13	Rewards for obedience
Saturday	Psalms 85:8-13	God speaks peace to the people
Sunday	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Jesus teaches and heals

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Psalm 85:10 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of glory and might, guide the rulers of the earth toward justice and mercy for the sake of peace in your world through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may we see in this food a banquet filled with your love that brings justice and peace to all the earth. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May our God and the Lord Jesus Christ bless you with love and faithfulness. (Psalm 85:10)



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JULY 11, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Goodness Is Stronger than Evil



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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:

- If you had a magic wand, what would you want to do or have happen?
- We like to have power, but power can be misused and be insensitive to others. Give an example of someone misusing their power.
- Jesus brings a power full of love and faithfulness. Where do you see that power in action?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 6:14-29.

This story of the beheading of John the Baptist at a banquet hosted by King Herod presents an image of contrasts. This story comes between last week's Gospel reading about Jesus' disciples traveling without riches or power of their own and staying with others as guests. The Gospel reading two weeks from now is about Jesus' own banquet of feeding hungry souls on a hillside. Jesus treated the people with compassion like a shepherd caring for the sheep. Earthly powers represented by Herod bend toward corruption, greed, violence, and impulsive actions without thought or consequences. Jesus' rule brings people together in peace, feeds the multitudes out of love, and brings healing and an end to demonic powers. We are reminded that earthly powers and governments are not the rule that wins the day in God's universe. We are called to an ordering of life where "love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other" (Psalm 85:10). How does Jesus' power in your life influence your thoughts and actions?

Pray: Shepherding God, in a world that seeks to dominate and humiliate others, we thank you for your reign of love and faithfulness that will never let us go through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE



In our forms of government, local, regional, and national representatives need to hear from us, especially about issues that relate to our moral resolve. How have you voiced your views on current issues?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalm 85 talks about peace. Verse 8 states, "Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts." Make a list or draw a picture of what brings peace to you. Then, read the verse slowly three times. Pause after each reading and wonder what God may be saying to you today. Close by praying the Lord's Prayer.



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