



# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

*"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love."*

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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**July 19, 2020**

## Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

**Prayer Before Worship:** Sower of the Field, plant your word in our hearts and your faith in our lives that we might grow into a strong and mighty forest of faithful discipleship. Live in us that we might be your holy people and honor your holy name. By the grace and love of Christ Jesus, I 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**

Faithful God,

**most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **✝GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US✝**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8**

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

<sup>8</sup>Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.**

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

<sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup>**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

<sup>10</sup>**even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

<sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,"

<sup>12</sup>**even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.**

<sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.

<sup>24</sup>**See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Spoken  
(Isaiah 55:11)*

**Alleluia. My word shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Alleluia.**

**\*Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

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

<sup>24</sup>He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup>He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Sheryl**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**\*Song of the Day:**

**“Praise and Thanksgiving”**

**ELW #689  
vv. 1&2**

- 1. Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer  
for all things living, you have made good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**
- 2. God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,  
that with our neighbor we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,  
harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

**‡SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM‡**

**Introduction and Presentation of Baptismal Candidates**

**Response by Congregation**

People of God, do you promise to support Callie and DaKota and pray for them in their 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.

**Callie and DaKota, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.**

### **\*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**

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.**

### **Communion Invitation**

Friends of Jesus, come. Receive nourishment for your journey.

**\*Communion Song: "Let Us Break Bread Together"**

**ELW #471**

**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*

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

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

*Refrain*

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

### **\*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**

### **Distribution & Postlude Music**

**Praise Team**

### **Postlude**

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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.**

*This morning through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism,  
we welcome Calliope Jolene Reva Newsom and DaKota James Newsom into the family of God.  
Callie and DaKota's parents are Ken and Abigail Newsom,  
and their sponsors are Jeff and Maunette Loeks-Van Patten.  
We ask the Holy Spirit to guide Callie and DaKota and their family today and always.*

## ✚In Our Thoughts and Prayers✚

Prayers for healing: **Alice Shriver**, **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 and for the dry conditions that impact our farming families.*

### YOUR GIVING ONLINE

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



### **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



### **Zoom Happy Hour**

Pastor Chris & Sheryl are going on vacation!! There will not be a Zoom Happy Hour on Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> or July 29<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you all when we return!



### **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!!!

**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 thank you for your continued support of Calvary's ministry during these unsettled times. Just a reminder the offering plates are placed at the office and sanctuary doors to receive your offerings whether you come for worship or during the week. You may also send your offering directly to the church or give electronically by scanning the QR code

in this bulletin or go to our website and use the 'give now' button on our home page. 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 the church office.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer**

**This 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

**Next Sunday – July 26**

**USHERS:** Chris & Barb Jensen

**LAY READER:** Mary Jo Huelle

**POWERPOINT:** Shawna Payne

**MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten

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

**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher

**SONG LEADER:**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, July 19**

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship

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

**Monday, July 20**

10 a.m. – VBS Zoom Chat

**Tuesday, July 21**

1 p.m. – Quilting

**Wednesday, July 22**

6:30 – **NO** Zoom Happy Hour

**Saturday, July 25**

5:30 p.m. – In-Person Worship

**Sunday, July 26**

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship