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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
July 24, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: O God, as the Scriptures are read and the gospel proclaimed, open our ears to hear your Word, open our eyes to see your truth, and open our hearts to receive your grace. In Jesus' name 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 and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates: please stand, either in body or in spirit.

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‡

Opening Hymn:

“Seek Ye First”

OSB #187

- 1. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Allelu, alleluia!**
- 2. Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!**
- 3. Man does not live by bread alone, But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!**

***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.

***This is the Feast of Victory**

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*Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain.**

**3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain.***

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and ever-living God,
you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First reading: Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."
²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

Read Responsively

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second reading: Colossians 2:6-15

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

***Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**

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

¹He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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 of the Day:**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

ELW #742

**1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.**

***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:

Steadfast Lord...hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

...In the name of the one who taught us to pray, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***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 Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts, let us pray...God of abundance,
**you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

‡HOLY COMMUNION & DISMISSAL‡

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy.....**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Come and be filled with the goodness 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.)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.**

Distribution Music

Rhonda Boettcher

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **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.**

(Sunday School youth are invited to go to Sunday School during the singing of the closing hymn.)

***Sending Hymn: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

ELW #543

**1. “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**2. “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

3. “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **Audrey Harvey** (pneumonia), **Vicki Stahla** (Knee Replacement Surgery), **Marsha Bueide** (Bleeding Ulcer), **Annette Kester** (Knee Surgery—Pastor Sheryl’s mother), **Kevin Feil** (Sepsis & Cancer—Lindsey Singer & Melissa Guerrero’s father), **Judy Hinze** (Hospitalized—Grant Hinze’s mother), **Marv Braaten** (hip replacement surgery), **Jan Wylie** (broken pelvis due to a fall), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law), **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin’s mother), **Allie Meyers** (friend of Marissa Wright), **Andrew Miller**, **Marj Nikont** (healing & recovery), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson’s cousin’s husband), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Gloria Gorr** (health issues).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Kathy Pickett** (Virginia Pickett’s niece), **Baby Harlowe Wren** (Paul & Marsha Bueide’s great granddaughter),

Prayers for: **B.J. Carr** (deployed to Poland—Dee Brady’s son-in-law), the people of Ukraine, for peace and the end of war.



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.)



Gail Bruflat, 7/26; Douglas Wollesen, 7/27

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



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SCAN ME

AUGUST FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Peanut Butter & Jelly

BACKPACKS: 16 oz. jars of Peanut Butter
Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW AUGUST MISSION PROJECT: Cat & Pup Packs Program

Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.

Do you like a treat with your coffee, but you would rather not bake or buy something? **Donate** to the treat fund by dropping dollars or coins in the mug and when no one signs up, there will be treats purchased to enjoy!



Laundry Love



Calvary has partnered with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in our community. Calvary will host Laundry Love every 3rd month; our next event is October 15th. In preparation for that day, we will need quarters as well as dryer sheets or softener. Laundry detergent has already been donated. So, save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastor's offices.



**"Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it"**
Proverbs 22:6

We believe that children are a precious gift from God. We invite your children to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ through Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts.
every Sunday @ 11 a.m.

WE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER!



Sing Praise to the Lord!

Calvary's **Choir practice** will be starting on Wednesday, August 24th at 7pm in the **Choir Loft**. If you love to **sing God's Praise**, you are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there!

We will sing for Pastors Chris and Sheryl's last Sunday with us on August 28th.

Questions? Call Becky Martin at 436-3993.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – July 24

USHERS:

LAY READER: Vicki Howell

COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

ACOLYTES: Alli Baer & Clare Schlothauer

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

AUDIO: Jack Martin

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign Up!

Next Sunday – July 31

USHERS: Deb Brown & Vicki Howell

LAY READER: Dennis Gorr

COMMUNION ASST: Barb Gorr

POWERPOINT: Matt Payne

ACOLYTES: Rhyan Buckley & Brynlee Payne

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

AUDIO: Trea Hess

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

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Payne Girls

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 24

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 26

1 p.m. – Quilting

Saturday, July 30

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, July 31

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

JULY 31, 2022
EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Our lives are renewed daily in Christ.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | Luke 12:13-21 | Parable of the rich fool |
| Monday | Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 | Wisdom makes sense |
| Tuesday | Colossians 3:1-11 | New life in Christ |
| Wednesday | Ephesians 4:17-24 | The old life and the new |
| Thursday | Psalms 19:7-13 | The wonders of God |
| Friday | 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 | Living by faith |
| Saturday | Psalms 49:1-12 | Do not depend on wealth |
| Sunday | Luke 12:32-40 | Seek treasures in heaven |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:2-3 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and Eternal God, we thank you that you bring us new life each day, a life that one day will be fully revealed with Christ in glory. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

For life and health and every blessing, including this gift of food today, we give you thanks, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the glory of Christ lead you into each new day with hope.



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JULY 31, 2022
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Chief of Sinners
Thought 1 Be



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:

- What is something most people do not know about you?
- How would you describe to someone else a life in Christ?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Colossians 3:1-11.

This is a beautiful passage that brings comfort and encouragement for a life in Christ. God sees what the world cannot see. Our lives are hidden in the grace and mercy of Christ. How wonderful is that? Our true identities will not always be hidden: "When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory" (v. 4). The scripture reading begins, "So if you have been raised with Christ," it really means "since you have been raised with Christ." There is no conditional "if" implied, but an absolute "since." Because of God in Christ, we have a beautiful and joyous life that will be fully revealed one day. In the meantime, we live believing this. We continue to "put to death" those behaviors and attitudes that are inconsistent with a life in Christ. We already live the resurrection life, being renewed each day confessing our shortcomings, our sin, and receiving grace, mercy, and forgiveness. Wow! Discuss: What does it mean to you to know that through the resurrection your life is renewed each day?

Pray: Almighty God, help us to trust that our future is filled with goodness and mercy and that our lives are being renewed each day, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how might you serve others with grace and mercy?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Being "rich towards God" (Luke 12:21) means growing in generosity toward those who are in need. Giving regularly to God's work in and through the church is a practice for keeping our accumulation of earthly things in check. Setting aside a portion of our income for giving to those in need reminds us that God is the giver of all we have. Think or talk about how you determine your financial giving to others and why it is important to give in this way. Encourage children by teaching them about: Giving – for the needs and benefit of others; Saving – to reach a goal, instead of instant gratification; and, Spending – making wise purchasing decisions.



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