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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
July 26, 2020

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: Spirit of life, we do not know how to pray as we ought. Meet us in words written, in words spoken and unspoken; intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, until we shine with the hope that is hidden in our hearts, in the name of Jesus 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **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**

Beloved and sovereign God,

through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US†

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:129-136

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

¹³⁰**The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your commandments.

¹³²**Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom toward those who love your name.**

¹³³Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴**Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.**

¹³⁵Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

*Spoken
(Matt. 8:11)*

**Alleluia. Many will come from east and west
and will eat in the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.**

***Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

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

³¹He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹Have you understood all this? They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

Sermon:

Bill Huelle, PMA

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn**

"Be Thou My Vision"

**ELW #793
vv. 1&2**

**1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

***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:

Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**

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.

***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.**

***Benediction**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
Grant you to live in harmony with one another,
In accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
So that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***Hymn:**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

ELW #547

vv. 1

**1. Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.**

Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude Music

Rhonda Boettcher

Postlude

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

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

✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **John, Judy Lueningborg** (abdominal problems—Deanna Zweifel’s sister-in-law), **Jay Judd** (Recovering at Residency), **Betty Kenyon** (continued growth in progress & strength—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 comfort and peace: For Shirlye Schuldies & Shawn on the death of Shirlye’s sister, For the family and friends of **Alice Shriver**.

Prayers of thanksgiving: For **Jim Rahrs** (brother of Valerie Rahrs)

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.



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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.



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 22nd or July 29th. 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

PMA Bill Huelle

This Sunday – July 26

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Jack Martin

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

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

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

SONG LEADER: Kathy Randall

Next Sunday – August 2

USHERS: LaDonna Schmidt & Vicki Howell

LAY READER: Susan Martin

POWERPOINT: Matt Payne

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele

PIANIST: Dee Brady

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 26

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship

Monday, July 27

10 a.m. – VBS Zoom Chat

Tuesday, July 28

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, July 29

6:30 p.m. – **NO** Zoom Happy Hour

Saturday, August 1

5:30 p.m. – In-Person Worship

Sunday, August 2

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship

