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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
July 2, 2023

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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 increase your 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 today,
we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!*

(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.

Welcome and Announcements

‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

Welcome Song:

“All Are Welcome”

Dakota Road Music

Refrain: **All are welcome, friend and stranger,
At the banquet of the Savior.
All are welcome. All are welcome here.**

**1. From the woman who comes crying,
Leaving tears at Jesus' feet,
To the man who knows the right way
But cannot see. Refrain**

**2. From the ones who feel forgotten,
Those who sense their place is gone,
To the ones who live in hunger;
Here you belong. Refrain**

**3. Go into the streets and cities,
To the farms and families,
Tell about the splendid table,
God's mercy. Refrain**

***Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross † the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Song of Praise:

“Awesome God”

W&P #13

**Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r, and love
Our God is an awesome God!**

Repeat

**Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!**

***Greeting**

The grace of our risen 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**

O God,

you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;**

you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

³"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴**I will establish your line forever,**

and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶**They rejoice daily in your name;**

they are jubilant in your righteousness.

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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: Matthew 10:40-42**

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

⁴⁰Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

Kid's Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

PMA Bill Huelle

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

Song of the Day:

"Rejoice in the Mission"

W&P #120

1. Oh, the Lord came down from heav'n,
tiny baby, great physician,
gave his body and his blood
to live out a holy mission.
His disciples, they went out
to fulfill the great commission;
with a seed of faith so small,
learned a diff'rent kind of fishin'.
Will we go?

Refrain

**And we'll all share the vision,
who in Christ we all shall be.
Come, rejoice in the mission
of a new community.**

**In this place where we gather,
Jesus, still our restless souls;
to your Spirit we will listen.
We will go.**

**2. As we ponder and we plan
in this age of great transition,
we will keep the word of God
at the heart of each decision.
Praise the Father, Lord of love;
praise the Christ, in glory risen;
praise the Spirit, by whose pow'r
we will share the gifts we're given--
as we go. *Refrain***

***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:

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

The prayers conclude:

...in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

***Offertory Prayer**

God of field and forest, sea and sky,

you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

All people are called to Christ's table.
Come, eat what is good.

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.)

Distribution Music

Rhonda Boettcher

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ‡ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

Amen.

***Sending Song:**

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

ELW #890

**1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.**

Refrain: Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

**2. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. *Refrain***

**3. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on. *Refrain***

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **Tom Bosshardt** (hip replacement recovery), **Jerry** (upcoming surgery), **Nancy** (cancer), **Joni** (cancer), **Amy** (cancer), **Marsha Bueide** (recovering), **William Gibbs** (Cancer—brother of Larry Gibbs), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Susan Martin** (recovering from a fall), **Linda Spomer** (healing/pain from broken back), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering), **Catherine Rahrs** (Val Rahrs' mother), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Brynlee Payne, 7/3; Bill Huelle, 7/7; Dawsyn Buckley, 7/9; Sandi Abel, 7/9

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



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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 **Vanco Now App** on your smartphone. It's safe and secure.



JULY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Cereal

BACKPACKS: Packaged Treats

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW July Mission Project

Back to School Supplies

We are collecting school supplies for needy Calvary families and the Lakota Center families. Suggested items: pencils, erasers, crayons, spiral notebooks, or cash donations.



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.





JAM will be taking a break during the summer.



Laundry Love – Quarters Needed!

Calvary hosts Laundry Love every 3rd month; our next event is July 15th. In preparation for that day, we need quarters!! Please donate – the Laundry Bottle is outside the pastor's offices. Loose quarters or rolls will work.
Thank you so much!

SHEETS NEEDED!

The quilting ladies are in need of sheets. If anyone would like to donate please drop them off in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your generosity!



Deacons needed for Shut In Communion!

We are in need of a couple deacons willing to give Holy Communion to the Shut In church members. If interested, please contact the church office or Bill Huelle. Thank you!

WORSHIP LEADERS

This Sunday – July 2

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub
LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle
HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen
COMMUNION ASSTS: Rick & Lynn Margheim
POWERPOINT: Matt Payne
ACOLYTES: Kippen & Jacey Cochran
MEDIA: Chris Jensen
AUDIO: Jack Martin
ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Barb Jensen, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Nannie Walsh
PIANIST: Rhonda Boettcher
COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

Next Sunday – July 9

PMA: Maurine Roller
USHERS: Jack & Becky Martin
LAY READER: Marti Wegelin
POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn
ACOLYTES: Merrick Walsh
MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten
AUDIO: Jim Dorn
ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey
ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher
COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 2

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

Tuesday, July 4

Happy 4th of July
Office is Closed

Thursday, July 6

11:30 a.m. – Exec. Comm.

Saturday, July 8

. 5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, July 9

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

JULY 2, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Freed by God's undeserved kindness.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 10:40-42	Receiving and serving others
Monday	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Hannaniah opposes Jeremiah
Tuesday	Romans 6:12-23	Slaves of righteousness
Wednesday	2 Timothy 1:8-14	Relying on the power of God
Thursday	Ephesians 2:1-10	From death to life
Friday	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Paul's visions
Saturday	Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18	God's covenant with David
Sunday	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Rest for the weary

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:14 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, your loving commitment to us goes far beyond what we can imagine; give us faith to trust your never-failing love through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, help us to give thanks for this food so that we can receive this meal with a humble heart through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of love and faithfulness give you joy.

JULY 2, 2023
HYMN OF THE WEEK
*There's a Wideness in
God's Mercy*



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:

- When is a time you received something that you felt you did not deserve?
- When is a time you recognized God's unconditional love in your life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Romans 6:12-23.

In this reading, God's grace—God's undeserved kindness—is under attack. Paul is responding to those who think his message encourages us to sin. He knows God's goodness does not lead us to sin and writes, "sin will have no dominion" (v. 14) meaning sin will not be your master.

For those who think God's grace leads to sinfulness, Paul's response is simple: "No way!"

Earlier in chapter 6 he uses the image of life and death to reject such thinking. We have died to sin so we cannot continue to live in sin. Paul then uses the imagery of slavery, either a slave of sin or of God's righteousness. We are freed from being slaves of sin. Our lives are controlled by all that is right and good through Christ, our true Lord (v. 23). Paul acknowledges the difficulty to grasp all this and moves on to the real point for our lives in Christ. It is to be set free by a relationship to God for sanctification, that is, a holy life set apart for God that leads to eternal life.

Discuss: How does God's undeserved kindness set you free to love God and others?

Pray: Dear God, your constant love is more than we can imagine. Set us free to enjoy your goodness with love for you and for all you have created through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

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

RITEALS AND TRADITIONS

Hospitality is the practice of treating guests in a friendly and generous way. It includes the spirit in which it is given. Jesus said that anyone who welcomed one of his followers and gave them something even small, such as a cup of cool water, would be rewarded (Matthew 10:42). Put an empty water jug or pitcher on the table. Think or talk about ways you can serve and help others. For each way you name, pour a cup of water into the jug. Finish with this prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for serving us. Make us ready to serve others, in big and small ways. Amen.



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