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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
July 4, 2021

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: God of the nations, we worship you as the one true God and the God who has blessed us and our country so abundantly. Lord, through your Word this morning, brighten your light within each of us that we might be a brighter light shining to our nation and all of the nations of the world. 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:**

“Great is the Lord”

W&P #53

**Great is the Lord, he is holy and just,
by his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true,
by his mercy he proves he is love.**

**Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, Now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord!
Great is the Lord!**

**Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory.
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord, I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice: Great are you, Lord!
Great are you, Lord!**

***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**

God of the covenant,

in our baptism you call us to let our lights shine before others that they may give glory to you. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US†

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

¹Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. ²For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." ³So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. ⁹David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. ¹⁰And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 48

¹Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised,
in the city of our God, on the LORD's holy mountain.

**²Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is Mount Zion,
the summit of the north and city of the great king.**

³God is in the citadels of Jerusalem;
revealed to be the sure refuge of the city.

**⁴Behold, the kings assembled
and marched forward together.**

⁵As they looked, they were astounded;
dismayed, they fled in terror.

**⁶Trembling seized them there;
they writhed like a woman in childbirth;**

⁷with an east wind you shattered them
like the ships of Tarshish.

**⁸As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of
our God—**

may God establish it forever!

⁹In the midst of your temple, O God,
we meditate on your steadfast love.

**¹⁰Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches to the ends of the earth;
your right hand is full of righteousness.**

¹¹Let Mount Zion be glad and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments.

**¹²Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about it;
count the number of the city's towers.**

¹³Consider well its ramparts; examine its strongholds;
that you may tell those who come after.

**¹⁴Mark this—God is our God forever and ever,
guiding us even to the end.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven —
whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such
a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — ⁴was
caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is
permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not
boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be
speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what
is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the
revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the
flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three
times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, "My
grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the
more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore
I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the
sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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 6:1-13**

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

¹He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

Kids Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Sheryl

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡

***Song of the Day: “God has done marvelous things”**

**W&P #51
vv. 1&6**

**Earth and all stars!
Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, victory!
Loud shouting army!
Sing to the Lord a new song!**

Refrain

**God has done marvelous things.
I, too, I too sing praises with a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
I, too, I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Knowledge and truth!
Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son!
Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song!**

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:**

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.)

Distribution Song:

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

ELW #888

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

2. O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.

3. O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:
America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.

***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.**

1. **God bless our native land;
firm may it ever stand
through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do thou our country save
by thy great might.**

2. **So shall our prayers arise
to God above the skies,
on whom we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
guarding with watchful eye,
To thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!**

***Dismissal**

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

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✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **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: **Rebecca E.** (spiritual discernment at her job)

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.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Pastor Chris, 7/4; Bill Huelle, 7/7; Mel Knoedler, 7/8;
Dawsyn Buckley, 7/9; Sandi Abel, 7/9

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



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Give Online button OR download the **Give+Church 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.



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.



OWLS (Older,Wiser Lutheran's) LUNCHEON

July 7 @ 12:00 p.m

Come enjoy a light lunch and then let's beat the heat with a matinee movie in the Fellowship Hall! We will eat at noon and start the movie at 12:30pm with popcorn, snacks, and drinks! We will finish up around 2pm, so come join us for a fun afternoon!

VBS

July 23 - July 25

July 23

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

VBS: 6-8:30 p.m.

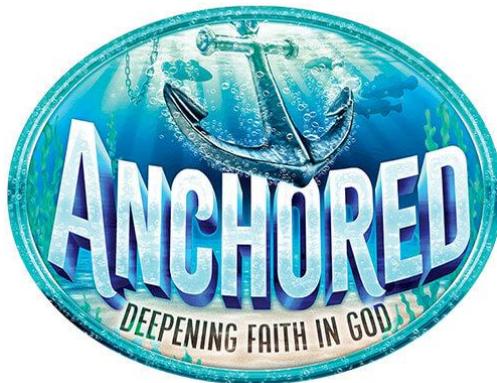
July 24

9 a.m.–12 p.m. with

picnic lunch at noon

July 25

Program during worship



WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – July 4

USHERS: Deb Brown & Vicki Howell

LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle

COMMUNION ASST: Dennis Gorr

POWERPOINT: Matt Payne

ACOLYTE: Merrick Walsh

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

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

PIANIST: Dee Brady

Next Sunday – July 11

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

COMMUNION ASST: Shari Copsey

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

ACOLYTE: Katie Hess

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 4

4th of July

10 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, July 6

12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, July 7

10 a.m. – Ruth Circle

12 p.m. – OWLS Luncheon & Movie

Saturday, July 10

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, July 11

10 a.m. – Worship

JULY 4, 2021
INDEPENDENCE DAY



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Freedom to love our neighbor.

INDEPENDENCE DAY BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Independence Day observance.

Sunday	John 8:31-32	Truth will make you free
	Jeremiah 29:4-14	God has a plan
	Psaln 20	A prayer for victory
	Romans 13:1-10	Love one another

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

"Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Romans 13:9b-10 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Independence Day:

God of the nations, we thank you for the freedoms we enjoy in this land. Give us courage and strength to use our freedoms not for selfish endeavors but for the good of all, motivated by the love of all, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundance, thank you for the fish of the seas, for fruited plains, for amber waves of grain, and for all the ways you have blessed this country with plenty of food. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you the grace and strength to love all people and live in peace.

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HYMN FOR
INDEPENDENCE DAY



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This Is My Song

INDEPENDENCE DAY 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:

- If you were free to do anything you want, what would you want to do?
- What is the difference between independence and freedom?
- How does the commandment teaching to love our neighbor as ourselves bless the world?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Jeremiah 29:4-14.

We are reminded that God has a plan. We may not understand God's plan or know what it may be but the message in this scripture gives us a future with hope. In Romans 13:9-10, the commandments are summed up to love your neighbor as yourself. We are reminded that love does no wrong to our neighbor. Out of this love, we have the freedom to speak up and act to defend the rights and needs of others. What are the needs of others that require support in today's world? How does God's message of a future with hope help us to reach out to people in the world whose freedom is limited?

Pray: O Lord, be with those in our world who cannot see a future with hope. We pray for those who serve communities and nations to keep others free. Amen.

SERVICE

We can often take for granted our public servants, those who manage and care for our public life and those who offer safety and protection. What gesture of appreciation can you send to those who serve your community, sometimes with their lives?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In the United States of America, we have been given the freedom to worship. This is something people in other parts of the world do not have. Think or talk about the different religious buildings in your community. Pray for each one and for its people and leaders. Give thanks in prayer for the opportunities you have to freely worship God. End your devotion time with this blessing: *May God bless America, all nations of the world, and you with peace.*



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JULY 4, 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Disciples trust in the power of Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 6:1-13	Jesus sends the twelve
Monday	Ezekiel 2:1-5	The Lord chooses Ezekiel
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Paul's vision
Wednesday	2 Peter 1:3-11	The Christian's call to love
Thursday	Luke 9:1-6	The disciples' mission
Friday	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Thanksgiving and encouragement
Saturday	Psalms 123	A prayer for mercy
Sunday	Mark 6:14-29	The death of John the Baptist

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But [God] said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to trust that through weakness you show power and through our human frailty you do great acts of love and mercy through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, just as you feed us through the work of many hands, help us to be mindful of the kindness of others that blesses us daily. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the power and strength of God bless you with mercy and grace.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK
*God of Grace and
God of Glory*



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:

- Tell or think of a time that you needed the help of someone.
- What is it like to depend on the kindness of others when you need help?
- Jesus sends his disciples out into the world needing the kindness and hospitality of others. How is showing hospitality to others and receiving it ourselves the work of the church?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 6:1-13.

Jesus goes to his hometown and is astonished at the people's lack of trust and belief in him. Because of that, he was only able to use his power to heal a few sick people. The townspeople rejected his authority. Ironically, that same authority is given to his disciples and they are able to go out and do many great deeds of casting out demons and curing the sick. This passage makes at least three important points about discipleship: 1) Followers of Jesus will experience the same rejection Jesus did, 2) Jesus' authority is enough to do great things in the reign of God, and 3) disciples go out defenseless, without needing extra provisions and depend on the hospitality and kindness of strangers. The third point is a difficult one for us today. We would rather be the host. However, Jesus calls us to receive the help and kindness of others.

especially the stranger who welcomes us in and takes care of us. In our weakness, God's power is revealed. When have you been blessed by being the recipient of the hospitality of others, especially someone you don't know well?

Pray: Dear God, in human frailty and need your power is made known. Bless us in our relationships with others that your love may be made known through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

It is a valuable gift to host others in your home. However, it is also an important gift to the outreach of the church to accept the hospitality of others. When have you been a guest of another person's hospitality? Did you feel you were the recipient of God's love as you received the hospitality of others? Explain.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalms 123 is a psalm for people making a pilgrimage to the temple in Jerusalem. Identify sacred places in your own pilgrimage or faith journey on earth as a follower of Jesus. Maybe it is a place in your own home, congregation, or the home of a loved one. Talk or think about what you like to do in that sacred space, and give thanks for God's presence in your life. Conclude by praying: *God of glory and might, thank you for revealing yourself to us and for special places that make us feel especially close to you through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.*



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