



# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**June 18, 2023**

## Third 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:

“Faith of Our Fathers”

ELW #812  
vv. 1&3

**1. Faith of our fathers, living still  
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
whene'er we hear that glorious word.**

*Refrain: Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
we will be true to you till death.*

**3. Faith of our fathers! We will love  
both friend and foe in all our strife;  
proclaim thee too, as love knows how,  
by saving word and faithful life. *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**

God of compassion,

**you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **†GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US†**

### **First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a**

<sup>2</sup>They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup>The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 100**

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

<sup>2</sup>**Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

<sup>4</sup>**Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.**

<sup>5</sup>Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

## **Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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 9:35—10:8**

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

<sup>35</sup>Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

**Kid's Sermon:**

**PMA Bill Huelle**

**Sermon:**

**PMA Bill Huelle**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**Song of the Day:**

**"On Eagle's Wing"**

**ELW #787**

- 1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"**

*Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

- 2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge,  
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain***

- 3. You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. *Refrain***

**4. For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

*Final refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand;  
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.*

**\*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:                   “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”**

**ELW #535**

*Refrain:*

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

*(Repeat)*

**1. Christ the Lord to us said:  
I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread,  
give to all who thirst and hunger.**

*(Repeat) Refrain*

**2. Now he sends us all out,  
strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt.  
Tell to all the joyful gospel.  
(Repeat) Refrain**

**\*Dismissal**

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

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**In Our Thoughts and Prayers†**

Prayers for healing: **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), **Perry Crom** (health issues-nephew of Shirlie Schuldies), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering), **Catherine Rahrs** (blood clots—Val Rahrs' mother), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Paul Bueide**.

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

**H A P P Y**  
**B I R T H D A Y**

DaKota Newsom, 6/19; Delores Jorgensen, 6/20;  
Nannie Walsh, 6/21; Gabrielle Holub, 6/25

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



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**FOOD PANTRY:** Canned Fruit

**BACKPACKS:** Oatmeal

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



**CLCW JUNE MISSION  
PROJECT:**

**Habitat for Humanity**

A community organization seeking to put God's love into action, by bringing people together to build homes and hope. Provides decent and affordable housing to those in need by instilling Habitat homeowners with strength and perseverance to build a better life for themselves and their families.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 – June 18

**USHERS:** Deb Brown & Vicki Howell  
**LAY READER:** Marti Wegelin  
**HEAD COMMUNION ASST:** Shari Copsey  
**COMMUNION ASSTS:** Tracy Steele & Chris Thomas  
**POWERPOINT:** Andi Dorn  
**ACOLYTES:** Brynlee Payne  
**MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten  
**AUDIO:** Jack Martin  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele, Shari Copsey  
**PIANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher  
**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** *Please sign up!*

### Next Sunday – June 25

**USHERS:** Chris & Barb Jensen  
**LAY READER:** Vicki Howell  
**HEAD COMMUNION ASST:** Jack Martin  
**COMMUNION ASSTS:** Abby Newsom  
**POWERPOINT:** Mary Jo Huelle  
**ACOLYTES:** DaKota Newsom & Rhyan Buckley  
**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten  
**AUDIO:** Jim Dorn  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler  
**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher  
**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** *Please sign up!*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, June 18

#### *Father's Day*

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

### Monday, June 19

5 p.m. – Elders  
6 p.m. – Worship  
6 p.m. – Stewards

### Tuesday, June 20

1 p.m. – Quilting

### Saturday, June 24

9 a.m. – Trustees  
5:30 p.m. – Worship

### Sunday, June 25

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

JUNE 18, 2023  
THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



*Sent out to do the work of Jesus.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 9:35–10:23	The sending of the twelve
Monday	Exodus 19:2-8a	Israelites go to Mt. Sinai
Tuesday	Romans 5:1-8	How to be acceptable to God
Wednesday	Galatians 5:22–6:5	Bear one another's burdens
Thursday	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	How to treat the poor
Friday	Hebrews 13:1-8	Service well-pleasing to God
Saturday	Psalms 100	The Lord is good
Sunday	Matthew 10:24-39	The call and cost of discipleship

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*"As you [the twelve apostles] go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons." Matthew 10:7-8a (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you have promised to do great things through us. Give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hands to do your will through Christ our savior and Lord. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we are the sheep of your pasture; we thank you for this food, a gift of your steadfast love and faithfulness through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 100)

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the love of God be poured into your heart through the Holy Spirit. (Romans 5:5)



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JUNE 18, 2023  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*Savior, like a Shepherd  
Lead Us*



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.



### WEEKLY MILESTONES

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What do you do to help others, and what gets in the way of helping others?
- How is the care you offer to others doing the work of Jesus?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Matthew 9:35–10:8.

Jesus asks his disciples (described here as “apostles,” that is, those sent) to go out and do what he does. They are to go out and announce the good news of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven, to heal sick people, raise the dead, and cast out demons. This is also the work that Jesus did (Matthew 4:17, 23-24). Casting out demons meant freeing people from all powers that prevented them from living full lives as those created by God. What Jesus did, we will do. However, there is no mistaking our own brokenness: Peter will deny Jesus three times, Judas Iscariot will betray him, Matthew the tax collector collaborated with the Roman government, and Simon the Cananean was a “zealot” who worked against the Romans. The fact is that this motley crew is not so different from the church of any age and yet capable of doing Jesus’ work by the power of the kingdom of heaven that has also come near to us.

*Discuss:* When have you been surprised by the healing power given to you to bless other lives? *Pray:* Healing God, give us courage to face the challenges of daily life with love and hope that reaches out to others with the kingdom that has come near to us through Jesus Christ. 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 to give them hope in their daily lives?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In many countries around the world today, the third Sunday in June, is Father’s Day. It is a special day to cherish the role of fathers and of those with whom we have had a paternal relationship. This day is set aside to honor fathers and provide an opportunity to celebrate fatherhood. Think or talk about the father(s) and other men in your life. Write a list of their names, read them aloud, and pray. Dear God, thank you for the gift of fathers and all men who have made a difference in our lives. For the care they have given us and the guidance they have shared with us, we give you thanks. Amen.



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