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Saturday Evening Worship
5:30 p.m.
June 25, 2022

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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✠

*Confession and Forgiveness

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

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gather in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not always followed your path and have too often chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Save us from ourselves, free us from all that binds us, and empower us through your Spirit to love our neighbors as you have loved us. Amen.

You belong to Christ and are heirs of the promise of freedom. In full assurance of justification by grace through faith, and by the authority of God's beloved Son, I declare to you the absolute forgiveness of all your sins. Through the power of the Holy Spirit you are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn:

"This is My Father's World"

ELW #824

**1. This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.**

**2. This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.**

**3. This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad!**

***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.

***Glory to God:**

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day**

Holy and gracious God,

You call us to ventures that cannot be foretold, to paths we do not know. Be our guide, through your word, and feed us with your assurance that your way is truly the path of love, joy, and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁹So he set out from

there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

Read Responsively

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.

Second reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Verse**

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

***Gospel: Luke 9:51-62**

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

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever

you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

Sermon

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn of the Day:**

"Here I Am, Lord"

ELW #574

**1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain: Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

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.**

Recognition of Partner in Ministry Anniversaries

**✠ Pastors Chris and Sheryl: 35 Year Ordination Anniversary
✠ Bill Huelle: 25 Year Parish Ministry Certification Anniversary**

Dear friends: Baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we all are called to offer ourselves to the Lord of the Church in thanksgiving for what he has done and continues to do for us. It is our privilege this morning to recognize and celebrate Pastors Chris and Sheryl for their 35 years of Pastoral Ministry and Bill Huelle for his 25 years of service as a Parish Ministry Associate not only here at Calvary Lutheran but also as part of the wider church.

A reading from Romans: As in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. *(Romans 12:4-8)*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son, uniting us through him in the communion of the Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants in the church of Christ, especially Pastors Chris and Sheryl and Bill, who have served so faithfully through the years. We pray that they may continue to exemplify the gospel in word and deed. Grant that we, along with them may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***Prayers of the Church:**

Each petition ends with:

Faithful God...**hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

.... in our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. **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 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

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 in a semi-circle 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.)

***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**

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 and love for all,
this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn:**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

ELW #547

**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.**

**2. With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.**

**With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude

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✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **Jan Wylie** (broken pelvis due to a fall), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Alyson & Mason Wren** (pregnancy complications—Paul & Marsha Bueide's granddaughter), **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin's mother), **Allie Meyers** (friend of Marissa Wright), **Andrew Miller, Kathy Pickett** (cancer—Virginia Pickett's niece), **Marj Nikont** (healing & recovery), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Gloria Gorr** (health issues).

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.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Fran Johnson, 6/28; Donna Hackman, 6/28; Peg Henderson, 6/29

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



YOUR GIVING ONLINE

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JULY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Cereal

BACKPACKS: Packaged Treats

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW JULY MISSION PROJECT: D.O.V.E.S.

Domestic violence is a constant concern in our local communities. Scottsbluff/Gering provides access to a 24 hour crisis hotline and a shelter, where those trying to escape abuse may find refuge. The shelter is always grateful for cash donations to help people set up new households. Some needed supplies: Non-perishable foods, brooms, mops, buckets, paper towels, and sponges. Other items needed: dishes, pots/pans, silverware, small knives, can openers, potato peelers, stirring spoons, etc., toys, books, puzzles for the kids, sanitary products, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, hair brush, combs, shaving cream, nail clippers, nail files, and bodywash. **No clothing, please.** Donations may be placed in the tan "Designated Giving" envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark on them CLCW Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.

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!

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

**“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!



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 July 16th. 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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – June 26

USHERS: Deb Brown & Vicki Howell

LAY READER: Bill Huelle

COMMUNION ASST: Marlene Downer

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

ACOLYTES: Josh & Andrew Miller

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Val Rahrs

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

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign
Up!

Next Sunday – July 3

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Shari Copsey

COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

POWERPOINT: Jack Martin

ACOLYTES: Micaela Hess

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

AUDIO: Trea Hess

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign
Up!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 26

10 a.m. – Worship in the Park with
VBS Program followed by a BBQ

Tuesday, June 28

1 p.m. – Quilting

Saturday, July 2

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, July 3

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

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

JUNE 26, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



We are set free to love our neighbor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 9:51-62	The cost of following Jesus
Monday	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	Elijah meets God at Horeb
Tuesday	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Fruit of the Spirit
Wednesday	Philippians 2:1-11	Christ shows us true humility
Thursday	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	How to treat the poor
Friday	1 John 3:11-24	Love one another
Saturday	Psalms 16	Trust and security in God
Sunday	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Jesus sends out the seventy

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery; Galatians 5:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Loving God, thank you for setting us free to love all of creation, our neighbors, and those we have not yet met, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, may this food remind us that you give us joy and that you hold in your hand true pleasures for us, now and always. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May the God of true joy and peace free you to love.



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JUNE 26, 2022
HYMN OF THE WEEK
I Love to Tell the Story



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 have you used your free will in a way that did not help you or others?
 - Give an example or think about how you used your freedom to help or be kind to someone.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Galatians 5:1, 13-25.

We like the idea of personal freedom; we are just not sure what to do with it. Should we take art classes to become an accomplished artist? Should we use our Freedom to explore the world and delight in all of God's creation? Freedom gives us options that can make us dizzy. Paul has been telling the Galatians what it means to be justified (made right with God) by grace through faith. Here's the answer: it is to be set free. Contrary to many cultural and whimsical ideas of freedom, Christian freedom is quite simple: love your neighbor. You can't do that by freeing your own desires while being insensitive to others. You love your neighbor with the fruit of the Spirit that is *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.* That is what being made right with God looks like. It is the freedom to be a slave of—to be captive to—love, and only to love.

Discuss: How does self-indulgence get in the way of loving one another?

Pray: Liberating God, fill our lives with the fruit of the Spirit, that we may love others with joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, who is someone to whom you could show kindness and generosity?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Make a tree shape out of cardboard or colored paper and cut-out nine fruit shapes. Write one of the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23 on each of the cut-out fruit. Take time each day this week to talk about and pray for one or two fruit in your life. As you do, place the fruit shapes on your tree. Display it in a visible place in your home as a reminder of the fruits of the Spirit.



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