



# **CALVARY LUTHERAN** **CHURCH ELCA**

“Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ’s love.”

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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**June 28, 2020**

## Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

**Prayer Before Worship:** Loving God, as we hear your Word this day, send your Spirit to equip and inspire us, that your grace-filled hospitality may be the center of our lives; through Jesus Christ our 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.)*

\* 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.**

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.

*(a time for reflection and self-examination)*

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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**

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‡**

**Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18**

<sup>1</sup>I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

<sup>2</sup>**I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:

<sup>4</sup>**"I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations."**

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

**<sup>16</sup>they exult in your name all day long,  
and extol your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favor our horn is exalted.

**<sup>18</sup>For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

### **Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23**

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No 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. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do 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? <sup>17</sup>But 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, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I 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.

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

*Spoken  
(1 Peter 2:9)*

**Alleluia. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Alleluia.**

**\*Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:40-42**

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

<sup>40</sup>Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever 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; <sup>42</sup>and 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.**

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Chris**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**\*Hymn:**

**"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"**

**ELW #779  
vv. 1&3**

**1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.**

**3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;**

**'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**

**\*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:*

Hear us, O God...**your mercy is great.**

*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.

**God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. 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**

Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

**\*Communion Hymn: "Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"**

**ELW #848  
vv. 1&3**

**1. Give to our God immortal praise!  
Mercy and truth are all his ways.  
Wonders of grace to God belong;  
repeat his mercies in your song.**

**3. Give to the Lord of lords renown;  
the King of kings with glory crown.  
His mercies ever shall endure  
when lords and kings are known no more!**

### **\*Benediction**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.  
**Amen.**

### **\*Dismissal**

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

### **Distribution of Communion**

### **Distribution & Postlude Music**

**Rhonda Boettcher**

### **Postlude**

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Fran Johnson, 6/28; Donna Hackman, 6/28;  
Peg Henderson, 6/29; Pastor Chris Kester-Beyer, 7/4

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



## ✝ In Our Thoughts and Prayers ✝

*Prayers for healing:* **Jim Rahrs** (brother of Val Rahrs), **Linda Spomer** (Heart Tests), **Marcy Miller** (recovering), **Mary Ellen Kropp** (pancreatitis), **Kent Zweifel**, (Recovering— Robert & Deanna Zweifel's son), **Alice Shriver** (Recovering at Heritage), **Betty Kenyon** (recovering— friend of Valerie Rahrs), **Alan** (recovery of vision—Kathy Randall's cousin), **Kenny Shriver** (recovering), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Ron Hettinger** (heart & medical conditions—Marcy Miller's father), **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), **Kevin Feil** (healing—Melissa Guerrero's father), **Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont's mother).

*Prayers for comfort and peace for:* **Sarah** (in hospice—friend of Chris Thomas).

*Prayers for our church, community, nation and world:* in this time of Covid-19 and unsettledness.

Donna Hackman's family would like to invite her Calvary family to join in a card shower in celebration of Donna's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Please send your cards to:

Donna Hackman  
83449 Hwy 81  
Norfolk, NE 68701



### YOUR GIVING ONLINE

Scan the **QR code** to the right, go to our website: [www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org](http://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!



**NEW SUMMER OFFICE HOURS!**  
Our new summer office hours through  
September 1, 2020 will be  
8 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday - Friday

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA MISSION PROJECT: SULLIVAN HILLS CAMP**



**SULLIVAN HILLS CAMP**

Our Mission Project for June is **Sullivan Hills Camp**. This month we are asking your help in sending monetary support to Sullivan Hills Camp. The camp offers programs for grades 1-12, a confirmation camp, programs for special needs families, and a beautiful setting for retreats. Please be sure to mark on them WELCA Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.

**JUNE FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED**

**FOOD PANTRY:** canned fruit

**BACKPACKS:** oatmeal



**1ST ANNUAL BBQ-LESS BBQ**

Our BBQ-Less BBQ is going on through the end of June!  
It's not too late to still make your \$75 donation to help support our mission!

**Virtual Fellowship Opportunities**

Do you miss being able to get together with your friends and fellow members of Calvary?

Then join us on Zoom for a Zoom Happy Hour (Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7 p.m.) If you are interested, look for an email from the church (if we have your email address) that says Zoom Happy Hour and use the link provided in the email to join us.



**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 hope that you will remember the expenses of the church (utilities, salaries, insurance, and more) all continue on, even if we do not gather together for worship. So please consider this your gentle reminder to send or drop off your offerings to the church office. You may also scan the QR code in this bulletin or go to our website and use the 'give now' button on our home page to give electronically. 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 us.

## **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!!!

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer**

**This Sunday – June 28**

**USHERS:** Dennis & Barb Gorr  
**LAY READER:** Marti Wegelin  
**COMMUNION ASST:** Dennis Gorr  
**POWERPOINT:** Andi Dorn  
**MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten  
**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher  
**SONG LEADER:** Val Rahrs

**Next Sunday – July 5**

**USHERS:** LaDonna Schmidt & Vicki Howell  
**LAY READER:** Susan Martin  
**COMMUNION ASST:** Dennis Gorr  
**POWERPOINT:** Matt Payne  
**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten  
**PIANIST:** Dee Brady

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, June 28**

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship  
10:45-11:15 a.m. Drive Through  
Communion

**Tuesday, June 30**

1 p.m. – Quilting

**Wednesday, July 1**

6:30 p.m. – Zoom Happy Hour

**Saturday, July 4**

**4<sup>th</sup> of July**

No Worship

**Sunday, July 5**

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship  
10:45-11:15 a.m. Drive Through  
Communion

**\*Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July falling on Saturday there will be NO  
Saturday evening worship service!\***