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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
June 6, 2021

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: We are waiting, O God, to hear your Word, for in your Word is our hope. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we hear your voice and be attentive to what you will say to us today. In the name of Christ, we ask this and all things. 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 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 service 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.

God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs, and wonders, and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives; with humility, therefore, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Silence is kept for prayer and reflection.

Holy God,

You have shown us by your Son's example what is true and good for our souls. But we still find it so easy to turn away from you and back toward the old patterns, temptations and self-preoccupation which separate us from others and from the people you created us to be. For this we ask your forgiveness. Lead us into the way of life.

God hears our repentance and grants us the pardon and blessings we desire. Rejoice that you have been forgiven, and live as disciples committed to spreading the gospel of love, in Jesus' name. **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**

God of power and might,

We praise your name, for your grace sustains us. We wait for you, Lord, for your Word strengthens us. Our outer nature is wasting away day by day, but our inner nature is renewed by your life-giving Spirit. Grant us the eyes to see what cannot be seen and to gaze on your eternal love made visible in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

†GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US†

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

⁸They heard the sound of the Lord GOD walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord GOD among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord GOD called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Lord GOD said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The Lord GOD said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 130

Read responsively

¹Out of the depths
I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,
O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,
in order that you may be feared.**

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;
in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

***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 3:20-35**

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

Jesus went home ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — ³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you."

³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

Kids Sermon

Bill Huelle

Sermon

Bill Huelle

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

Song of the Day:

"In Christ There is No East or West"

ELW #396

- 1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**
- 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.**
- 3. Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**
- 4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.**

***Profession of Faith: Apostle's 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.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

***Offertory Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***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.**

‡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.**

***Sending Song:**

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

ELW #537

**1. On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?**

Refrain:

**On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!**

**2. Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore.**

Refrain

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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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.)

✚In Our Thoughts and Prayers✚

Prayers for healing: **LaDonna Schmidt** (recovering from colon cancer surgery), **Lorene** (cancer – Mike Belgum’s mother), **Deb** (knee replacement surgery—Janet Miller’s sister), **Teigen Brunner** (Healing—Deb Brown’s grandson), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Caleb Payne** (health issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Bill Steele** (Recovering at home), **Harlan Meyer** (Lonnie Miller’s uncle), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **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).

Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world: in this time of Covid-19 and general unsettledness. For everyone in need!



Noni Annett, 6/6; Lora Blumenkamp, 6/9, Trisha Foote; 6/10,
Wally Randall; 6/11, Darcy Schlothauer; 6/12

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



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JUNE FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Canned Fruit

BACKPACKS: Oatmeal

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA JUNE MISSION PROJECT:

Sullivan Hills Camp



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. Donations may be placed in the tan “*Designated Giving*” envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark on them WELCA Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.

Reception in Honor of Nancy Steele

Please join us on Sunday, June 13th as we recognize and celebrate Nancy’s 25 years as Parish Ministry Associate.

Nancy has faithfully served Calvary and the Nebraska Synod in a myriad of different ways throughout her 25 years as a PMA. We give thanks for Nancy’s 25 years of ministry and invite you to celebrate with us at a reception in her honor in the Fellowship Hall following Worship on Sunday, June 13th.



Pastor Larry preaching June 19th & 20th

Join us the weekend of June 19th & 20th when Pastor Larry Spomer will be preaching at Calvary one last time before he and Linda move to Lincoln next month. While we will be sad to see them go; we give thanks for the ministry Larry and Linda have shared with Calvary through the years.

You're Invited! The Heart of the Hills (*a benefit for our Bible camp near Lodgepole, Sullivan Hills Camp*) is June 24, 2021, at the Country Inn & Suites in Sidney, Nebraska. The Heart of the Hills benefit dinner ensures that all campers have the ability to attend Sullivan Hills Camp—FOR FREE! The evening begins with Cocktails & Silent Auction at 5:00 p.m. and Dinner, Remarks, & Live Auction at 6:30 p.m. Calvary Lutheran is sponsoring a table for 8 people, so if you would be interested in going there is no cost to you for the dinner! Talk to Pastors Chris or Sheryl by June 16th for more information or to reserve your seat at our table. For more information about Sullivan Hills go to: sullivanhills.org.



2nd ANNUAL BBQ-LESS BBQ

Our BBQ-Less BBQ is going on through the end of June!

A suggested \$75 donation

All donations will go to the **Lakota Lutheran Center** to help them reach the funds needed to receive a matching grant which will allow them to put in new flooring at the Center.

NEW SUMMER OFFICE HOURS!

Our new summer office hours through

September 1, 2021 will be

8 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday - Friday



WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – June 6

PMA: Bill Huelle

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle

POWERPOINT: Matt Payne

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette
Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie
Walsh

PIANIST: Dee Brady

Next Sunday – June 13

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: LaDonna Schmidt

COMMUNION ASST: Shari Copsey

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

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

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 6

10 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, June 8

9 a.m. – Esther Circle

12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary

1 p.m. – Quilting

Saturday, June 12

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, June 13

10 a.m. – Worship

11:00 a.m. – Reception for Nancy Steele
25 years as a PMA (Parish Ministry
Associate)

JUNE 6, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



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faith
home

Be careful of judging others.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 3:20-35	Doing the work of God
Monday	Genesis 3:8-15	Adam and Eve hide from God
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1	Living by faith
Wednesday	Matthew 4:1-11	The temptation of Jesus
Thursday	Genesis 3:1-7	Adam and Eve eat forbidden fruit
Friday	John 8:39-59	Distinguishing truth from evil
Saturday	Psalms 130	Prayer of lament and hope
Sunday	Mark 4:26-34	Parables of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And looking at those who sat around [Jesus], he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." Mark 3:34-35 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to see your healing and saving work in our daily lives through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for feeding us with this food and for nurturing us with hope in your saving work through Christ Jesus. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you to know you are brothers and sisters of Christ Jesus.

JUNE 6, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Out of the Depths



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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 people disagree and are unkind to each another, how can they resolve the dispute?
- What is something you would describe as evil?
- The scriptures described Jesus' healing others as the work of evil. How would you describe Jesus' healing of others?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 3:20-35.

In the opening chapters of Mark, Jesus has already cast out demons and healed lepers and others with physical ailments, but scribes said he did this work on behalf of demons. To this accusation, Jesus states in the strongest terms possible that such a position is wrong. It is one thing not to see God's liberating work at play in the world. It is another to dare to call it the work of evil. The good news is that Jesus' work of healing (same word for salvation in the Greek language) is real and is meant to bless and save lives. In our age of divided loyalties and accusations, Jesus' words are a good warning to us not to judge others too harshly. Even though you may not see it, they may be doing the work of God to free lives and reconcile relationships. It is a sobering thought for sobering times. When have you felt that someone was acting in a way opposed to God's work in the world? Explain.
Pray: God of power and might, in Christ's name help us to recognize your healing work in the world and be part of reconciling relationships. Amen.

SERVICE



A life of service begins with an attitude of humility and repentance. Psalm 130:12 states, "Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication." We are asking God to hear our cry for help and our cry for forgiveness. God hears our prayers. Pray either alone or with others as you ask for God to hear your prayer of repentance so that you can be a loving servant.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Summer activities will begin soon. Talk about your plans and the changes in schedules. Conclude your discussion time with this prayer: Dear God, thank you for school, work, friends, and family. As we begin our summer activities, keep us safe, renew us in body and spirit, and help us to show kindness to others. Amen.



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