



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.
March 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

Prayer Before Worship: Son of God, you spoke words to Jerusalem's leaders that were hard to hear. Give us ears to receive your world of life so that we can follow you faithfully. 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**, we are especially glad to have you worshipping with us today.*

Please join us in the reception area after worship for coffee and fellowship.

Worship Information Cards: Everyone is invited to fill out a Worship Information card as you enter so that we know you are here, will be communion today or if you have a prayer request you would like us to include during worship today. Once you have filled out the card, please pass them to the inside aisle for the ushers to pick up. Thanks!

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

Call to Worship

There is none like you, O Lord.

For you are great and do wondrous things;

You alone are God,

Teach us your ways, O Lord.

That we may walk in your truth and grace.

We will give thanks to you, O Lord our God,

With our whole heart,

We will glorify your name forever. Amen.

Welcome Song

“Amazing Love”

W&P #8

***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, † who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life. **Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Yet through you we have the promise of forgiveness, and so we confess.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ † God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

***Song of Praise**

“Great is the Lord”

W&P #53

***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**

Gracious God,

Your son was not always received with respect and acceptance. Reveal to us the places where we still resist the truth of his teaching today, that our hearts and lives might truly be transformed; in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Jeremiah 25:4-5

Pew Bible p. 727, Old Testament

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:8-13

Read Responsively

⁸There is none like you among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like yours.

⁹**All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you,
O LORD, and shall glorify your name.**

¹⁰For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

¹¹**Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**

¹²I give thanks to you, O LORD my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

¹³**For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Pew Bible p. 198, New Testament

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Lenten Verse**

“Return to the Lord”

Jay Beech

**Return to the Lord, your God,
Return to the Lord, your God,
Who is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

***Gospel: Mark 12:1-17**

Pew Bible p. 48-9, New Testament

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

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

Kids Sermon

Pastor Chris

Sermon

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡

***Hymn**

“Lamb of God”

ELW #336

***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.**

***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.)

Choir Anthem

“The Potter’s Hand”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God,

were we to place the whole of our fortunes upon your altar; still it would not be enough to buy our salvation. So accept our gifts, O God, as a token of our gratitude for all that you have already given us, and as offerings in service to your mission on earth. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

(The Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor, ending with... “now and forever. Amen.” The congregation responds by singing “In the Singing”)

ELW #466

**“Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.”**

***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**

God’s love is poured out in Christ for you. Come now to receive it.

***Invitation Song**

**“Now in this Banquet”
*(Sung Response)***

**W&P #104
Verses: 1 & Lent**

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

“Oh, How He Loves You and Me”

OSB #153

*Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

*Benediction

***Hymn**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

ELW #324

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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March FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED
FOOD PANTRY: boxed dinners (tuna/hamburger helper)
BACKPACKS: fruit cups



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

*Andrea Miller, 3/15; Crystal Newton, 3/15; Kenneth Shriver, 3/15;
Brooke Samuelson, 3/17; Mike Belgum, 3/19; Roy Howell, 3/19;
Brian Christeleit, 3/20*

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



WEDNESDAY, March 18,
the Lenten meal is @ 5:30 pm with
worship to follow @ 6:30 pm. The
menu this week is a soup supper
hosted by the quilters.



Busy...Reconnecting

with an Unhurried God

is our theme for this year's Wednesday night Lenten services. The season of Lent has often been a time when we think about "giving something up"—a holdover from its penitential flavor in the medieval church and while "giving something up" can be a helpful practice; what if this year, we thought less about "giving up" and more about "making room" for God?

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings during Lent for worship and a chance to "make room" for God.

2020 ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCHESES

will be held on Tuesdays from Noon to 1 p.m. during Lent. If you are interested in helping with the luncheon at Calvary, March 17, the **signup sheet is on the credenza** between the pastors' offices.



SCHEDULE

- March 17** - Calvary Lutheran Church
17 E. 27th St., Scottsbluff
- March 24** - St. Francis Episcopal Church
14 E. 20th St., Scottsbluff
- March 31** - First Christian Church
2102 Avenue A, Scottsbluff

The Apostles' Creed - Saturday, April 25, 2020

What are we actually saying when we profess the creed? How do I put words to my own faith? During this course, we will dive into these questions in the context of the Apostles' Creed from Luther's Small Catechism. Cost of \$25 includes programming, lunch, and a copy of Luther's Small Catechism.

Location: **Sullivan Hills Camp** - 10 miles N of Lodgepole, NE
Questions: Katherine Albin @ KAlbin@NLOM.org or 402-944-2544.



RECEPTION HONORING MARY JO HUELLE

PLEASE JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND FOLLOWING WORSHIP FOR A RECEPTION TO THANK MARY JO FOR HER YEAR OF SERVICE AS OUR OFFICE MANAGER. HER FAITHFULNESS AND DEDICATION TO HER WORK IN THE OFFICE AND BEYOND IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU MARY JO!

WELCOMING OUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME CHRISTY THOMPSON
AS OUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER.

CHRISTY'S FIRST DAY WAS MARCH 2ND.

PLEASE BE SURE TO STOP IN THE OFFICE WHEN YOU ARE AT CALVARY TO WELCOME HER AND INTRODUCE YOURSELF SO THAT SHE CAN BEGIN TO GET TO KNOW US.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA March MISSION PROJECT:

Food for meals at the Lakota Center

Cash donations will be used to help supplement the food ministry at the Lakota Center. Meals are an important part of community at the center and reach a large number of people. Make donations in the tan “designated giving” envelopes and mark them for WELCA.



YOUR GIVING ONLINE

Scan the **QR code** to the right, go to our website: www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org and click on the **Give Online** button OR download the **Give+Church App** on your smartphone. It's safe and secure.



Because not all available funds were dispersed, applications are again open until May 31, 2020.
Forms are available in the office.



†In Our Thoughts and Prayers†

Prayers for healing: **Kenny & Alice Shriver** (recovering), **Linda Spomer** (heart tests), **Mylah Buckley** (RSV—granddaughter of Jim & Sheila Miller), **Jordan Hein** (cancer surgery—former member of Calvary), **Wes Sell** (recovering), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from surgery), **Dee Brady** (recovering from surgery), **Steve Kaufman** (recovering), **Norman Stevens** (Dave Steven's brother), **Michael Lueningborg** (heart surgery—brother of Deanna Zweifel), **Ron Hettinger** (heart & medical conditions—Marcy Miller's father), **Mabel Dedlow** (healing), **Candy** (cancer surgery--friend of Susan Martin), **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 the family and friends of **Reva Loeks** (Maunette Loeks mother), and **Judy Lutz** (Tammy Lutz' mother)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – March 15

USHERS: Maunette Loeks/Jeff VanPatten

LAY READER: Jack Martin

COMMUNION ASSTS: LaDonna Schmidt, Joan Smith, Nannie Walsh

POWERPOINT: Matt Payne

ACOLYTE: Merrick Walsh

ALTAR GUILD: Shelly Koehler, Andi Dorn, Jessica Laughlin, Carmen Kleager, Angela Bonow

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE SET UP: Volunteer today!

HOSPITALITY: Volunteer today!

Next Sunday – March 22

USHERS: Shirlie Schuldies & LuVerne Knoedler

LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle

COMMUNION ASSTS: LaDonna Schmidt, Barb Jensen, Fran Johnson

POWERPOINT: Trea Hess

ACOLYTE: Katie Hess

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

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE SET UP: Volunteer today!

HOSPITALITY: Volunteer today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 15

9 a.m. – Adult Study

10 a.m. – Worship

Monday, March 16

5 p.m. – Elders

6 p.m. – Worship

6 p.m. – Stewards

6:30 p.m. – Parish Ed

Tuesday, March 17

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study

Noon – Lenten Lunch @ Calvary

Noon – Women's Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, March 18

5:30 p.m. – Social Ministry

5:30 p.m. – Lenten Meal

6:30 p.m. – Lenten Worship & Confirmation

7 p.m. – JAM

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Thursday, March 19

1:30 p.m. – Parkinson's Support

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study @ Steeles

Saturday, March 21

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, March 22

9 a.m. – Adult Study

10 a.m. – Worship

Receiving of Our Offering: Please note that until further notice, we will not be passing the offering plates during worship. The offering plates have been placed at the front of the church, where you may place your offering as you come forward to receive Holy Communion. Or, if you wish, you may sign up to give your offering electronically, using the information provided elsewhere in the bulletin.

Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020



We are called to serve God and build God's kingdom. We live out God's kingdom when we use what God has given to us to bring glory to God. The tenants in the parable did not use the gifts they had been given to serve God and, in fact, opposed God's kingdom. We should consider not just how our willingness to serve brings God's kingdom, but how our selfishness rejects God's kingdom. We are called to give to God what is God's, which is all we have.

Daily Bible Readings @ Home

Sunday – Read Mark 12:13-17 Jesus says, 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's'. How do you determine what it is that belongs to God? How well do you give to God the things that are God's?

Monday – Read Mark 12:18-27 Jesus teaches that God is the God of the living. We are a resurrection people. Give thanks for the gift of resurrection and the promise of life eternal.

Tuesday – Read Mark 12:28-34 Jesus teaches on the greatest commandment. Love God, love your neighbor. How does loving your neighbor reflect your love of God and the keeping of the greatest commandment?

Wednesday – Read Deuteronomy 6:1-5 The great commandment is laid out. Write verses 4-5 on a piece of paper and display it prominently in your house. Perhaps work at memorizing it as well.

Thursday – Read Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18 Compare this list of commandments in Leviticus with those in Exodus 20 (note: both are given by God to Moses). How does list of commandments in Leviticus expand our understanding of the ten commandments given in Exodus 20?

Friday – Read Hosea 6:1-6 In these verses God confronts Israel's shallow and insincere worship and repentance. It is easy, when we gather to worship, to just go through the motions. Next time you are at worship, really reflect on what you are singing, saying and doing making God your focal point.

Saturday – Read Mark 12:35-40 Jesus warns against those who practice religion, but neglect and even take advantage of the vulnerable. Give a gift to a ministry that helps those who are the most vulnerable in our society.