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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Senior Recognition Sunday

Prayer Before Worship: We thank you, almighty God, for the life of Jesus among us, and that he reigns in power for us. Strengthen our hope and bless the work of our hands, that we may live as his body in this world. In Jesus' name we ask it. 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 in person or online today,
we are glad to have you with us.*

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)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **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**

Gracious and glorious God,
you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US✠

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves
that do not wither;

everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Epistle Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony
of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the
testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not
believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the
testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son
has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may
know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

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

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***Gospel: John 17:6-19**

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

⁶I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

Kids Sermon

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn of the Day:**

“Let All Things Now Living”

ELW #881

**1. Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**2. God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"**

***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 Our Seniors

Angie Hinze

Blessing of Our Seniors

Pastor Chris

In John 15 Jesus says, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing...As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments and abide in his love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

A unique way that God has given us to abide in him is through the Body of Christ we call the church. Our hope and prayer as a congregation is that you are able to see the importance of being a part of God's family; that you will seek out a community of faith to nurture you and strengthen you wherever you may go.

As we celebrate with you we also want to send you with our blessings; so parents if you would come forward now. And place your hand on your youth's head or shoulders and bless your youth using the blessing in your bulletin or on the screens.

Parents: Child of God, as you graduate, we ask God's presence and power to be with you all the days of your life. May God, the Father, who brought you to this day, continue to strengthen and guide you as you continue on your life's journey. May Jesus Christ, our Lord, continue to clarify for you the meaning and purpose of your life and help you find increasing joy and fulfillment in His service. May the Holy Spirit assist you as you search for God's will in your life. Amen.

Graduates: Child of God, as I graduate, I ask God's presence and power to be with you all the days of your life. May God, the Father, who brought us to this day, continue to strengthen and guide you as you continue on your life's journey. May Jesus Christ, our Lord, continue to clarify for you the meaning and purpose of your life and help you find increasing joy and fulfillment in His service. May the Holy Spirit assist you as you search for God's will in your life. Amen.

Congregation will you please join me.

We congratulate you as parents and graduates on this day. May God's grace and power go with you and may you know our prayers surround you as you begin this new chapter in your lives.

Let us pray. Gracious God, we pray now for those graduating, praising you for their gifts and asking you for your continued blessing. Grant them patience in their struggles, hope for the future and wisdom in their decisions and confidence that you will guide them well. Help parents and others who share concern for the dangers and decisions that will be faced beyond their caring eyes. Reassure them where they have done their best and heal their regrets as they entrust their sons and daughters to your care. God of grace, we commend our graduating sisters and brothers to you. By your unceasing Spirit, may their baptismal light so shine before others that they may see their good works and glorify you in heaven and on earth.

All: Amen.

Senior Slide Show

***Prayers of the Church:**

Each petition ends with:

Risen Lord....**hear our prayer.**

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 to God, let us pray.

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. 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

The risen Christ invites us to this table.
Come, eat and be satisfied.

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 one station in the front of the church with the
pulpit side of the church being dismissed first.*

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.)

"The Place of Prayer"

Choir

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ‡ give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

**ELW #543
vv. 1&3**

- 1. “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**
- 3. “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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✝️ 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), **John Rahrs** (heart surgery—Val Rahrs’ dad), **Syl Holdt** (recovering from knee surgery), **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!

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.)



Glen Vandenberg, 5/17; Jim Dorn, 5/18; Jeanie Stormoe, 5/18;
Vicki Howell, 5/19; Deb Brown, 5/19; Krista Gingrich, 5/21

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



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Emma Foote

Grace Michael

Katelyn Newton

MAY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Oatmeal
BACKPACKS: Pudding Cups
Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.
Thanks for your generosity.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA MAY MISSION PROJECT:

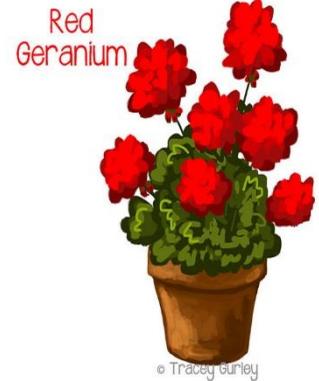
CALVARY KITCHEN SHOWER



A box will be placed in the Reception Area on the table under the Women of the ELCA bulletin board next to Pastor Chris's office to receive items needed for the kitchen. The kitchen could use the following: dish soap, scratch pads, paper towels, napkins, Country Time lemonade, salt and pepper, coffee creamer, Comet, aluminum foil, Saran Wrap or Press N Seal, (quart & gallon) Zip Lock Bags, and artificial sweetener.

Cash donations are also welcome; be sure to clearly mark them 'Kitchen Shower' when sending to or dropping off at the church. Be sure to designate WELCA on the envelope.

On the weekend of May 22nd & 23rd, we will be celebrating Pentecost. You are invited to wear red to worship, the color of the Holy Spirit. You are also invited to bring red geraniums to help decorate our sanctuary that weekend and then they will be planted in the church flower beds to remind of us of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives in the coming months.



Reminder: Scholarship Applications for 2021-2022 are due in the church office June 1, 2021.

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Lutheran Family Service Telehealth Mental Health Services Now Available Here at Calvary

2020 has been a stressful year. If you have found the disruption of the holidays the last straw in your ability to cope there is help available through Lutheran Family Services. LFS (Lutheran Family Services) has partnered with several remote sites to provide counseling and other needs through computer teleconferencing (or Telehealth).

If you would like to take advantage of these services, specifically talking with an LFS counselor, come to Calvary and we can help connect you to a counselor! Or go online at www.LFSneb.org. (You can also call LFS directly at 402-441-7940 or 1-833-903-2376.) Be prepared to spend about 15 to 30 minutes doing online paperwork, including your insurance information. Counseling fees will be handled directly through LFS, there is no fee for use of the computer here at Calvary, (it was provided by LFS) or for the use of the private space.

If life has you down, know there is someone to talk to and help you work through any of life's struggles including depression, relationship issues, parenting difficulties, abuse, as well as getting through this pandemic. Starting the process is available anytime on your home computer and scheduling an appt. with a counselor is very flexible on any computer with camera and internet capabilities. If you would like to use the computer here at Calvary or begin the process with assistance through the office, please come Monday through Thursday from 9-3 PM. (Not available Friday or Weekends.) You may also contact us for more information.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – May 16

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

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

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

SONG LEADER:

Next Sunday – May 23

USHERS: Deb Brown & Jack Martin

LAY READER: Marti Wegelin

COMMUNION ASST: Dennis Gorr

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

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

PIANIST: Dee Brady

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 16

Senior Recognition Sunday

10 a.m. – Worship

Monday, May 17

5 p.m. – Elders

6 p.m. – Worship & Music

6 p.m. – Stewards

Tuesday, May 18

12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, May 19

5:30 p.m. – Social Ministry

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, May 23

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, May 23

Pentecost Sunday

10 a.m. – Worship

MAY 16, 2021
SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Eavesdropping can nurture the Christian faith.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 17:6-19	Christ's prayer for his disciples
Monday	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Mathias replaces Judas
Tuesday	1 John 5:9-13	Knowing about eternal life
Wednesday	Acts 16:16-34	Paul and Silas in prison
Thursday	1 Chronicles 16:8-18	David's psalm of praise
Friday	Colossians 4:2-6	Never give up praying
Saturday	Psalm 1	The way of happiness
Sunday	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Work of the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." John 17:11 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Protecting God, you know the challenges in our daily lives; give us courage to love others and to trust you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may we use this food to strengthen our bodies to serve others through our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God watch over you and keep you safe through Christ our Lord.



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MAY 16, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Guide My Feet



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:

- Tell or think about a moment when you overheard a conversation not intended for you.
- Have you ever overheard someone pray? If so, what was that like for you?
- Jesus' disciples overheard him praying. How do you think that influenced their faith?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 17:6-15.

Jesus is praying for believers, present and future. The context of this prayer is helpful: the disciples overhear everything Jesus says. It is fascinating how often Christians can think back and recall moments when they overheard parents, grandparents, other family members, friends, or even strangers express their faith in ways that strengthened the eavesdropping individual. A grandparent praying or someone simply talking candidly about their faith in Christ in a way that was not trying to force on the eavesdropper a particular conviction can strengthen one's faith. Jesus' disciples overheard Jesus and recorded his words. His prayer, for the church. This recorded prayer acknowledged that Jesus is one with God the Father and that Jesus' disciples will be protected by God and cared for by one another. That is a candid message worthy of overhearing. When have you overheard someone say something that encouraged your faith in Christ? When might someone overhear you and be strengthened for a life of faith?
Pray: Loving God, strengthen us in our faith and guide us to walk in love with brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.

SERVICE

Psalm 1 makes it clear that who you gather with or who your friends are impacts your own journey in life. Being with people who are kind helps us to follow their example. Think about someone you know who is kind and in what ways they show kindness. How can you show kindness and compassion this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus knew he was going to die soon so he prayed aloud for himself and his friends. One of the benefits of you praying aloud is that others get to hear or "overhear" your words. Faith is caught more than it is taught! Is a principle of faith formation. Make it a practice this week to pray aloud for your friends and family, even when you are alone—or think you are alone. Say prayers for what is special about your friends and ask God to protect and bless them.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

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