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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prayer Before Worship: Redeeming God, you call us to be one with you, as you are one with Christ. As his perfect love casts out fear, and changes it to love, unite us by your Spirit of peace, that we may be one with you, as you are one with Christ. 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.)

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.

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 68)

Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

Let us all be jubilant with joy!

Sing to God, all peoples of the world. Sing praises to God most high.

From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life and renews the face of the earth.

Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

Let us all worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

Welcome Song:

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

ELW #656

vv. 1&2

**1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.**

**2. Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

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 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, therefore let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A time for prayer and confession.

Merciful God,

You have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and towards the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen.

People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in ✠ Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both 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

O God of glory,

your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through 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‡

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: John 17:1-11

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

¹After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

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.

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

Sermon:

Pastor Sheryl

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

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.

Offertory Prayer

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 One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn:

"You Are Mine"

**ELW #581
vv. 2&3**

**2. I am hope for all who are hopeless
I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night
I will be your light
Come and rest in Me**

Chorus

**Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine**

**3. I am strength for all the despairing
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
And all will know My name**

Chorus

Dismissal

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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

‡In Our Thoughts and Prayers‡

Prayers for healing: **Mary Ellen Kropp** (pancreatitis—mother of Krista Gingrich), **Kent Zweifel**, (Recovering from surgery— Robert & Deanna Zweifel’s son), **Alice Shriver** (Recovering at Heritage), **Jean Collins** (Health Issues), **Kathy Johnson** (Health Issues), **Betty Kenyon** (recovering from emergency surgery—friend of Valerie Rahrs), **Alan** (recovery of vision after surgery—Kathy Randall’s cousin), **Kenny Shriver** (recovering), **Jordan Hein** (cancer surgery—former member of Calvary), **Steve Kaufman** (recovering), **Ron Hettinger** (heart & medical conditions—Marcy Miller’s father), **Mabel Dedlow** (healing), **Candy** (cancer treatment—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 **Larry Miller** (Lonnie Miller’s brother)

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

Jan Wylie’s daughter Sherry Belgum would like to invite her Calvary family to join in a card shower in celebration of Jan’s 85th birthday on May 25th. Please send your cards to: Jan Wylie
2211 Highland Dr
Scottsbluff, NE 69361



Reminder: Scholarship Applications for 2020-2021 are due in the church office June 1, 2020.

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



WOMEN OF THE ELCA 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. See the Tidings for details.

MAY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: oatmeal
BACKPACKS: pudding cups



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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.





The landscaping outside the building especially the courtyard could use some tender loving care. Willing to help with weeding, and/or pruning?

Please contact Bill Huelle.

Join us for Men's Bible Study every Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m in the fellowship hall or via Zoom. If you would like to join please call or email the church to let us know!



As church services resume we are encouraging the use of masks especially while entering and exiting the building. We have cloth masks now available in the church office if needed. Please call, email or stop in the church office to pick yours up today.

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 either a Zoom Coffee Hour (Wednesdays from 2 to 2:30 p.m.) or a Zoom Happy Hour (6:30 to 7 p.m.)-your choice! If you are interested, look for one of two emails from the church (if we have your email address) that says either Zoom Coffee Hour or Zoom Happy Hour and use the link provided in the email to join us. If you have never done Zoom before you may need to download some software or an app (depending on whether you are logging in on a computer or device). If we don't have your email address, you will need to contact the church office so that we can send you an invitation to join us. AND, if you need any help getting onto Zoom, please call Pastor Chris at 402/694-9182 and he would love to help you!



*We are Here
to Help You!*



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.



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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – May 24

PIANIST: Dee Brady

SONG LEADERS: Bill Huelle, Jack Martin,
Becky Martin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 24

10 a.m. – Online Worship

Tuesday, May 26

8:30 a.m. – Men's Online Bible Study

Wednesday, May 27

2:00 p.m. – Zoom Coffee Hour

6:30 p.m. – Zoom Happy Hour

Sunday, May 31

10 a.m. – Online Worship
Senior Recognition

MAY 24, 2020
SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Eternal life begins now.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 17:1-11	Jesus prays for his disciples
Monday	Acts 1:6-14	Ascension of Jesus
Tuesday	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	Tending the flock of God
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 5:13-28	Paul's encouraging words
Thursday	Deuteronomy 8:1-10	God's protection
Friday	Ephesians 4:11-16	Unity in the body of Christ
Saturday	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	Praise and thanksgiving
Sunday	John 20:19-23	Jesus appears to his disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. **John 17:3 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Eternal God, give us the Spirit of Christ that we may know you and live with you today and with one another in love. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord of orphans and protector of widows, as we enjoy this meal, we pray for food for all people. Amen. (Psalm 68:5)

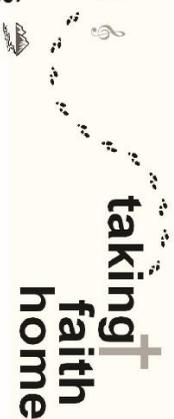
A Blessing to Give:

May the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ support and strengthen you. (1 Peter 5:10)



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MAY 24, 2020
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Change My Heart,
O God



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:

- Describe what a best day in your life would look like.
- What role do friends and family have in your life when you describe your best day?
- What do you think God would want as part of your best day?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 17:1-11.

Being with God in eternity seems to be something we anticipate after we die, but not in the Gospel of John. Eternity is understood as a life that begins now and is experienced through faith in "the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (v. 3). Jesus speaks of his glory (vv. 1, 4, 5, 10). The hour of his glory is his suffering, death, and resurrection. We participate in Jesus' glory as those who remain in the world now protected by God (v. 11). Eternal life is experienced as a life of glory that knows suffering but also knows God in Christ. A personal relationship with Jesus is not private. We live in eternity now as the body of Christ in the world together. Therefore, Jesus prays that all of his followers "may be one, as we are one," that is, as Jesus and the Father are one. Eternal life involves a relationship to God that knows, trusts, and believes in Jesus as the one who is with the Father. One may ask, "How do you think you will experience eternity after you have died?" John's question would be, "How do you experience eternity now, living with God and with one another in a world that God loves?"

Pray: Eternal God, we thank you for the gift of faith that we may experience your presence in our lives through the body of Christ. Amen.

SERVICE

In 1 Peter 5:9, we are reminded to be steadfast in our faith. There are many places in the world today where Christians are suffering and being persecuted. Be aware of this suffering by learning more about it and be in prayer for those who cannot express their faith freely. Pray for missionaries working in those parts of the world that they will remain steadfast in their faith.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The disciples watched Jesus ascend to heaven as a cloud took him out of sight. Jesus told the disciples they would be his witnesses (Acts 1:8). Make a desert in a glass alternating blue gailath with whipped cream to symbolize the sky, clouds, and Jesus' ascension. Talk about ways you have been or can be a witness for Jesus. After you finish, say the Lord's Prayer.



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

For a larger printable 'Taking Faith Home' go to our website calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org