



# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**November 8, 2020**

## Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

**Prayer Before Worship:** Eternal God, you are our hope and salvation, for in Jesus Christ you have conquered death. Baptized in him, we are raised to new life. Increase in us our faith and keep us watchful that we may welcome Christ with joy when he comes to set the whole world free. 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 = Worship hymnal (cranberry)

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 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, as the baptized people of God in the name of the Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Whatever good we may have done is nothing compared to the righteousness of Christ. Whatever wrong we may have done is nothing compared to the grace of God. With faith in Christ's righteousness and confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin in the presence of one another and of God.

*(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs and wants before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, forgive our sins, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **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 justice and love,

**you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**†GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US†**

**First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 70**

**Read Responsively**

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;  
O LORD, make haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup>**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me  
turn back because of their shame.

<sup>4</sup>**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;  
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”**

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.  
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Spoken*

**Alleluia. Keep awake and be ready,  
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.**

*(Matt. 24: 42, 44)*

**\*Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'  
<sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'  
<sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

<sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Chris**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡**

**\*Song of the Day:**

**“Blessed Assurance”**

**ELW #638  
vv. 1&3**

**1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**Refrain**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

**Refrain**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**\*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.**

**\*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.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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**

Come, for the gifts of God are ready for the people of God.

### **Distribution of Communion:**

*For those interested in receiving Holy Communion, please meet the communion servers in the parking lot for Drive-Through Communion: We will be serving communion immediately following the worship service this morning from approximately 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.*

**"Grace"**

**Choir**

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**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 Song:**

**“Soon and Very Soon”**

**ELW #439**

**vv. 1&3**

**1. Soon and very soon  
We are going to see the King  
Soon and very soon  
We are going to see the King  
Soon and very soon  
We are going to see the King  
Hallelujah hallelujah  
We're going to see the King**

**3. No more dying there  
We are going to see the King  
No more dying there  
We are going to see the King  
No more dying there  
We are going to see the King  
Hallelujah hallelujah  
We're going to see the King**



## \*Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor as Christ loves you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Janet Miller, 11/9; Judy Keller, 11/9; Joyce Fulk, 11/11; Marcy Miller, 11/12

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

## ✚In Our Thoughts and Prayers✚

**Prayers for healing:** **Amber** (fighting COVID-19), **Myron Loseke**, **Barb Michael** (Broken Hip—Bill Michael's mom), **Jerry Weekes** (recovering from a horse accident), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Alan** (recovery of vision—Kathy Randall's cousin), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **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).

**Prayers for comfort and peace for:** Family and friends of **Dorothy Kraft** (Trisha Foote's mom), **Shirley Loos** (friend of Kathy Johnson & Jean Collins), **Frank Vetter** (Mary Jo Huelle's cousin), **Tom Walsh** (Nannie Walsh's father in-law)

**Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world:** in this time of Covid-19, fires, natural disasters 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, during the week you may notify Christy in the church office, let us know by filling out the online Attendance and Prayer Request card under the worship tab on our website or on Sunday morning, inform one of the ushers of your prayer request and they will make a list and give those to the pastor before worship begins.

## NOVEMBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** baking supplies

**BACKPACKS:** granola bars

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



## **WOMEN OF THE ELCA NOVEMBER MISSION PROJECT:**

Our mission project for November is our “**THANKOFFERINGS.**” Every day throughout the year, we have many things to be thankful for.



### **JAM on Wednesdays!**

Due to COVID-19 concerns JAM has been suspended until further notice.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie, Pastor Chris, or Pastor Sheryl at the church.

### **EPIC Youth Group**

Due to COVID-19 concerns Epic Movie Night Take Two has been cancelled. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie, Pastor Chris, or Pastor Sheryl at the church.



### **Pastors' Tuesday Evening Study**

“Vindicating the Vixens” is the study book for this fall’s Tuesday evening study. This book takes a deep look at several of the women in the Bible and challenges how we often interpret their stories. Interested in the study but would prefer to Zoom-in? Let us know and we’ll send you the Zoom link. Plan now to join us!





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wherever disaster strikes, you are there through the work of Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), not only in the immediate aftermath but also long after the disaster has faded from the headlines. Your donations to the work of LDR are critical in allowing LDR to make a difference when disaster strikes. If you have not already done so, please consider making a donation to Lutheran Disaster Response either by going to: <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response> or by making a donation to Calvary specifically earmarked for Lutheran Disaster Response or if you wish you can even be more specific by writing 'wildfires', 'hurricanes', etc. in your memo line. And remember, 100% of what you donate will go for disaster response!



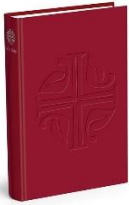
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<https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/>, talk to Pastors Chris or Sheryl or talk to your Thrivent agent.





## Hymnal Available to Borrow

Do you miss being able to follow along with the music when we sing a hymn or song during worship? Hymnals are available to borrow for those who wish to. We only ask, per Governor Ricketts health directives if worshipping with us in person, that you bring it with you to worship and take it home with you after, rather than leaving it in the pew. Want to borrow a hymnal talk to Pastors Chris or Sheryl or one of the ushers.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer**

**This Sunday – November 8**

**USHERS:** Deb Brown & Jack Martin

**LAY READER:** Susan Martin

**COMMUNION ASST:** Barb Jensen

**POWERPOINT:** Matt Payne

**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

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

**PIANIST:** Dee Brady

**Next Sunday – November 15**

**USHERS:** Dennis & Barb Gorr

**LAY READER:** Kathy Randall

**COMMUNION ASST:** Bill Huelle

**POWERPOINT:** Mary Jo Huelle

**MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten

**ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele

**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher

**SONG LEADER:** Val Rahrs

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, November 8**

10 a.m. – Worship

10:45-11:15 a.m. – Drive Through Communion

**Monday, November 9**

2 p.m. – Priscilla Circle @ Calvary's Education Wing

6 p.m. – Council

7 p.m. – Hannah Circle @ Calvary's Education Wing

**Tuesday, November 10**

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study @ Calvary's Fellowship Hall & on Zoom

9 a.m. – Esther Circle @ Ruth Harris'

12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary

1 p.m. – Quilting

7 p.m. – Pastor's Bible Study

**Wednesday, November 11**

6 - 7 p.m. – **NO JAM**

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

**Sunday, November 8**

**Consecration Sunday**

10 a.m. – Worship

10:45-11:15 a.m. – Drive Through Communion