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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
October 24, 2021

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: Generous God, let this time of worship nourish and inspire us, sharing the love we have found in you with others. Enrich us with your grace, that we might shower this world with the abundance you have given us; in your gracious name, we pray. 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. 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 minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin and heals our lives. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for prayer and reflection.

Have mercy, O God,

Against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Song of Praise:

"We Are an Offering"

ELW #692

Chorus

**We lift our voices,
We lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You:
We are an offering.
Lord use our voices,
Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives,
They are Yours:
We are an offering.**

**All that we have,
All that we are,
All that we hope to be,
We give to You,
We give to You.
We lift our voices,
We lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You:
We are an offering,
We are an offering.**

***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,

Creator of heaven and earth in whom all things are possible, have mercy on us and heal us, that sustained by the power of your word and by the constant intercession of our Lord and Savior, we may draw near to you and follow in your way as faithful and generous disciples; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

¹Then Job answered the LORD:

²"I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

³'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

⁴Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.'

⁵I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;

⁶therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes."

¹⁰And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. ¹²The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. ¹⁷And Job died, old and full of days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-8

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

²³Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

“Celebrate Jesus”

**Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.
Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.
Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.
Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.**

**He is risen, He is risen
And He lives forevermore.
He is risen, He is risen;
Come on and celebrate
The resurrection of our Lord.**

***Gospel: Luke 6:35-38**

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

³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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†

***Song of the Day:**

"Rise, Shine, You People"

ELW #665 vv. 1, 3-4

- 1. Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.**

**3. Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.**

**4. Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
God's new creation.**

***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.

“Be Still and Know”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Thank you for continuing to support the work of Christ through Calvary Lutheran. The act of offering is an act of worship, wherever and whenever it is done. Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, let us pray.

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through 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. Come to enjoy what we could not earn, and what the world cannot take from us.

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:

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

ELW #612

*Refrain: Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.*

**1. You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.**

Refrain

**2. In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.**

Refrain

**3. Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.**

Refrain

**4. You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.**

Refrain

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive God's blessing:
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ‡ give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Song:**

"We Are Called"

ELW #720

**1. Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

Refrain

**We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

**2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more.**

Refrain

**3. Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.**

Refrain

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Be generous and compassionate as God has been with us.
Thanks be to God.

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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: **Jennifer & Isla** (Covid—Pastor Chris & Pastor Sheryl's daughter & granddaughter), **Mary Jo Huelle** (Covid), **Wally Randall** (Covid), **Maeve Singer** (Medical Issues—Nick & Lindsey Singer's 6 month old daughter), **Alice Braaten** (hospitalized), **Gina Mattley** (heart attack—mother of Nannie Walsh's coworker), **Kathy Rahrs** (recovering from back surgery—Val Rahrs' mother), **Patty** (Health Reasons—Lonnie Miller's sister), **Marj Nikont** (Rehab), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **Tom Bosshardt** (Back Surgery), **Elmer Haas** (Health Issues—Elnora Sell's brother-in-law), **Jean Collins** (hip replacement surgery), **Liam** (diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy—Jude Walker's great grandson), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for: **Austin & Teighlor** (facing hard decision in regard to son Liam—Jude Walker's granddaughter & husband).



Rayce Walsh, 10/24; Paris Miller, 10/24;
Sable Holub, 10/25; Diane Vandenberg, 10/27

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

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Please note: if you have been using the Give+ app for your donations, you will need to download the new Vanco Mobile app after Sept. 30th to make any future donations in this manner.

OCTOBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Canned Veggies

BACKPACKS: Oatmeal

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT: CatPack and PupPack program

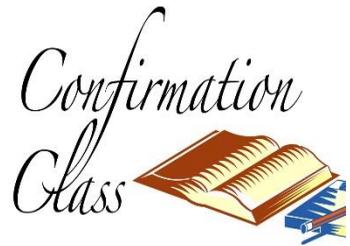
JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (ravioli bake/bread/dessert) at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie, Pastor Chris, or Pastor Sheryl at the church.



Confirmation Classes

Classes will convene each Wednesday evening from 6–7 p.m. Please refer to the letter you received last month from Pastor Chris for details. Parents are asked to be involved in the confirmation program. Dinner will be provided. For any questions or concerns, please see Pastor Chris.



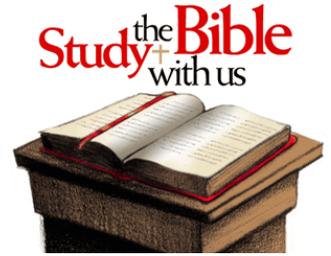
Today we will see God's generosity poured down, shaken together, and overflowing. Then on Oct. 31st, Reformation Sunday, we will celebrate our own generosity by returning our pledges for the coming year.



Come celebrate our Compassionate and Generous God!!

Pastors' Tuesday Evening Study @ 7 p.m.

Join us on Tuesday evenings @ 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a study using Max Lucado's book: *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*. *Anxious for Nothing* invites readers to delve into Philippians 4:6-7 "*Do not be anxious about anything...*" If you would like the church to order you a book, please contact the church office or you may purchase it yourself or download it to your favorite e-reader.



What is Laundry Love? Laundry Love is a ministry that offers free use of washers, dryers, detergent, and dryer sheets to individuals and families who are hard-pressed to cover the cost of basic necessities by partnering with a local laundromat and churches. We would be partnering with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in **our** community (our commitment would be 2 to 3 hours every third month). The Social Ministry Committee has provided us with \$200 seed money to get us started but first we need people willing to get this ministry off the ground. If interested or if you have questions, please talk to one of the pastors.



Reformation/Consecration Weekend

On October 30th & 31st, you are invited to wear red, the liturgical color for the Holy Spirit, to worship. And since it is also Consecration Weekend, we invite you not only to bring your pledge cards but a can or package of food with red on it for the food pantry or pup/cat packs as we celebrate our generous and compassionate God with our own generosity.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – October 24

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey
LAY READER: Chris Jensen
COMMUNION ASST: Dennis Gorr
POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn
ACOLYTE: Jacey Cochran
MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten
ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler
PIANIST: Dee Brady

Next Sunday – October 31

USHERS: Dennis & Barb Gorr
LAY READER: Kathy Randall
COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle
POWERPOINT: Jack Martin
ACOLYTE: Micaela Hess
MEDIA: Chris Jensen
ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette
Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie
Walsh

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 24

10 a.m. – Worship

Monday, October 25

5 p.m. – Parish Ed

Tuesday, October 26

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study @ Calvary
12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary
1 p.m. – Quilting
7 p.m. – Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 27

5:30 p.m. – JAM
6 p.m. – Confirmation
7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, October 30

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, October 31

Reformation/Consecration Sunday

10 a.m. – Worship

OCTOBER 24, 2021
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

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Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 10:46-52	Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus
Monday	Jeremiah 31:7-9	Israel will return to its land
Tuesday	Hebrews 7:23-28	Our Lord is a priest
Wednesday	Psalms 25:1-10	A prayer for guidance
Thursday	2 Chronicles 30:1-9	Hezekiah prepares for Passover
Friday	Proverbs 28:10-13	The law of God makes sense
Saturday	Psalms 126	Song of joy
Sunday	Mark 12:28-34	Love God and neighbor

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Jesus said to [Bartimaeus], "Go; your faith has made you well."
Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.
Mark 10:52 (NRSV)*

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen. (Mark 10:48)

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, we thank you for restoring us in body and soul as you bless us with the gift of this food today. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May the Lord give you a heart to dream and a voice filled with shouts of joy. (Psalms 126:1-2)



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OCTOBER 24, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK
To Be Your Presence

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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:

- What is something you dream might happen in your life?
- Is it easy or hard for you to admit when you need help? Explain.
- At times, faith can feel like pleading to God for help. Give an example from your life.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 10:46-52

In Mark 8:22-26 Jesus heals another blind man. However, in that instance, it took a couple of tries and the man is sent away back to his home. With Bartimaeus, Jesus heals the blindness instantly, and, this time, the man joins Jesus immediately. Something is happening. Jesus is now closer to Jerusalem and the real testing of his identity as Savior. Bartimaeus utters words that the church will expand and recite throughout its history. Those words are called the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Jesus acknowledges Bartimaeus' faith. It involves the life experience of need, of hope, of a dream, just like people have experienced through Psalm 126. As Jesus approaches Jerusalem and his trial, suffering, and death, he clarifies what it means to be a disciple. It looks like someone much like Bartimaeus, someone in great need with great hopes and dreams, someone seeing hope realized in Jesus, the Son of David, Lord of lords, King of kings. What do you need from Jesus?
Pray: God of mercy and hope, give us faith to trust in you and joy to follow you all the days of our lives through Christ Jesus, our Savior and God. Amen.

SERVICE

Statistics from the World Health Organization state that there are at least 2.2 billion people globally who are blind or have a vision impairment. At least one million of them could have been prevented. Used eyeglasses can be donated to a variety of organizations to be recycled and distributed to those in need or uninsured. Do you or someone you know have eyeglasses they no longer use that could be donated to a local organization?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Statistics from the World Health Organization state that there are at least 2.2 billion people globally who are blind or have a vision impairment. At least one million of them could have been prevented. Used eyeglasses can be donated to a variety of organizations to be recycled and distributed to those in need or uninsured. Do you or someone you know have eyeglasses they no longer use that could be donated to a local organization?

Rituals and Traditions: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Pray this prayer daily before reading Psalm 126, a song of joy. Confessing our need for God is freeing, healing, and meant to be filled with joy, yes, leading us even to laughter.



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