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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
October 3, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors, but in these last days God has spoken to us by his son, Jesus Christ. O Lord, open our hearts and minds to your Word, that we may see your glory. 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)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Glory to God:**

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. 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**

Sovereign God,

you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸Then the Lord GOD said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord GOD formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord GOD caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord GOD had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

¹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**
⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
⁹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

^{1:1}Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?"

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

***Gospel: Mark 10:2-16**

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

²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Kids Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Sheryl

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn of the Day:**

“Jesus Loves Me!”

**ELW #595
vv. 1-2**

**1. Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.**

Refrain

**Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.**

**2. Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in.**

Refrain

***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:**

Each petition ends with:

Lord, in your mercy....**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.

“Days of Elijah” with “All Hail the Power”

Choir (congregation join)

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

CORONATION
Words by EDWARD PERRONET
Music by OLIVER HOLDEN

Congregation: (on cue)

The musical score is written on five staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.

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***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.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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:

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.)

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

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.**

‡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

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."

2. "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

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. Welcome others as Christ welcomes you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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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: **Kathy Rahrs** (recovering from back surgery—Val Rahrs' mother), **Becky Michael** (Covid), **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), **Jennifer Randall** (Recovering from a car accident—Wally & Kathy Randall's daughter-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 regards to son Liam—Jude Walker's granddaughter & husband).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Macy Schlothauer, 10/3; Katie Newton, 10/3; Becky Martin, 10/3;
Jennifer Sibal, 10/4; Emma Foote, 10/5; Linda Lojka, 10/5;
George Schlothauer, 10/6; Leah Nikont, 10/7; Gail Koenig, 10/8;
Kurt Nikont, 10/9; Janet Miller, 10/9; Willard Rusch, 10/9; Rueben Gorr, 10/9

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



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www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org and click on the
Give Online button OR download the **Vanco Now**
App on your smartphone. It's safe and secure.



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

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.

Study ^{the} Bible
with us



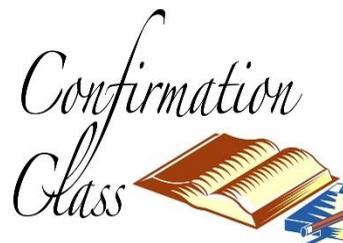
JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (meatball sandwiches/chips/fruit /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.



God's Work, Our Hands Sunday October 10, 2021 Lutheran World Relief School Kits

For 'God's Work, Our Hands' Sunday, we will again be assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are asking you to collect school supplies which we will assemble on Sunday, October 10. The list is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office and in the August newsletter. Reminder: Nothing can have religious messaging, patriotic symbols, or camouflage. Collection boxes will be outside the office door. Start collecting now and take advantage of all the 'Back to School' sales!!!



First Communion Class in October



Parents: if you have a child who is not yet receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion and is interested in doing so, we are planning a First Communion class October 10th from 1 to 3p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. At Calvary, there is no specific age at which a child may begin receiving Communion; it is at the parent's discretion. However, if we understand that in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, we receive the gift of Christ's forgiveness and promise of his presence and love, then it is never too early to begin receiving communion. If interested, or if you have questions, please talk with either Pastor Chris or Sheryl.



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.

Plan now to join us Sunday October 10th at 9 a.m. for our second event. We will begin by celebrating God's and our generosity with a packing party of our LWR School Kits. Then in worship we will celebrate God's compassion toward all of God's creation. On Oct. 17th we will see God's generosity poured down, shaken together and overflowing. Finally on Oct. 24th, Reformation Sunday, we will celebrate our own generosity by returning our pledges for the coming year.



Come celebrate our Compassionate and Generous God!!



OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

October 6 @ Noon

Join us for "Singing for Supper" John Mentgen's non-profit organization. We will have meatball sandwiches, chips, and dessert. Angie will share a devotion and we will just sit back and enjoy some great music!



Mark Your Calendars: 2021 CROP Walk

The 2021 CROP Walk will be on Sunday, Oct. 10th @ 2 p.m. starting at the parking lot on the Pathway at the back of the zoo.

Jack Martin will be available Sundays after worship to collect any donations, to sign you up as a walker, or help you become a sponsor.

If the weather is wet and miserable that day, the walk will be canceled, and walkers will be asked to walk another day or to go out to the mall and do a few laps inside.



Plan now to join us on October 10th & October 17th to say thank you to Pastors Chris and Sheryl. Please join the Elders and Council, in the Fellowship Hall on these 2 Sundays to say 'Thank You' to our Pastors. Cake and coffee will be provided.



Calling all pet owners! There will be an ecumenical Blessing of the Animals Service at Centennial Park in Scottsbluff, this Sunday, October 3rd at 2 p.m. In case of rain, the service will be moved to St. Francis Episcopal Church's Parish Hall. The service should last around 20 to 30 minutes.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – October 3

USHERS: Deb Brown & Jack Martin

LAY READER: LaDonna Schmidt

COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

ACOLYTE: Max Judy

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

Next Sunday – October 10

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

COMMUNION ASST: Dennis Gorr

POWERPOINT: Matt Payne

ACOLYTE: Brynlee Payne

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

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

PIANIST: Dee Brady

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 3

10 a.m. – Worship

2 p.m. – Blessing of the Animals
Service @ Centennial Park

Monday, October 4

7 p.m. – Hannah Circle

Tuesday, October 5

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 6

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

Saturday, October 9

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, October 10

9 a.m. – Celebrate Generosity & God's
Work, Our Hands Sunday
10 a.m. – Worship
11 a.m. – Pastor Appreciation Reception
1-3 p.m. – 1st Communion Class
2 p.m. – CROPWALK