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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
October 23, 2022

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

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 increase your 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!

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates: please stand, either in body or in spirit.

Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Prelude Music

**“This Is My Father’s World”
“The Church Song”**

**ELW #824
W&P #135**

Welcome and Announcements

‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

Welcome Song:

“Morning Has Broken”

ELW #556

- 1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**
- 2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**
- 3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

***Confession and Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the † cross, the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Song of Praise:

"Let there be praise"

W&P #87

**Let there be praise,
let there be joy in our hearts.
Sing to the Lord,
give God the glory. Glory.
Let there be praise,
let there be joy in our hearts.
Forevermore let His love fill the air,
and let there be praise.**

***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**

Holy God,

our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

⁸O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?

⁹Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-7

¹How dear to me is your dwelling,
O LORD of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴**Happy are they who dwell in your house!
They will always be praising you.**

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

⁷They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***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: Luke 18:9-14**

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

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

Kid's Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Brett Vander Berg

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Song of the Day:** "Make me a channel of your peace"

W&P #95

**1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

**2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

**3. O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**4. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

***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 #178

(Sung Prayer Response)

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

“Richer Than Before”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts, let us pray... Gracious God,
**in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet
of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ,
who sets a table for all. 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 Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor, ending with... “now and forever.
Amen.” The congregation responds by singing the refrain from “In the Singing”)*

“In the Singing”

ELW #466

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace;
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.**

*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

Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

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:

"Here Is Bread"

ELW #483

**1. Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine,
Christ is with us here.**

Chorus

**In this bread there is healing,
in this cup is life forever.
in this moment, by the Spirit.
Christ is with us here.**

**2. Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace,
feast on Jesus here. *Chorus***

**3. Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes
Jesus crucified. *Chorus***

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

*(Sunday School youth are invited to go to Sunday School
during the singing of the closing hymn.)*

***Sending Song:**

“Praise to you, O God of mercy”

W&P #119

**1. Praise to you, O God of mercy:
thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
thanks be to you forever!**

**2. From of old you loved and sought us:
thanks be to you forever!
Truth and justice you have taught us:
thanks be to you forever!**

Bridge

**Strong is your faithfulness,
strong is your love,
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

**3. Praise to you, O God of mercy:
thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
thanks be to you forever!
Thanks be to you forever!**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

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✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **Randy Schafer** (stroke), **Cindy Cole** (recovering from surgery—Carolyn Jensen's sister), **Marti Wegelin**, **Joyce** (severe swelling in feet—Susan Martin's cousin), **Katie Hess** (car accident—Angela Bonow's daughter & Jim & Andi Dorn's granddaughter), **Mel Knoedler** (recovering), **Mary Jane Brown** (stroke—Deb Brown's mother-in-law), **Becky Michael** (stage 1 breast cancer), **Paul Bueide** (recovering), **Kevin Feil** (sepsis & cancer—Lindsey Singer & Melissa Guerrero's father), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin's mother).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **LaDonna Schmidt**.

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson), **B.J. Carr** (deployed to Poland—Dee Brady's son-in-law).

H A P P Y
B I R T H D A Y

Carol Zier, 10/23; Rayce Walsh, 10/24; Paris Miller, 10/24;
Sable Holub, 10/25; Kipp Cochran, 10/25; Diane Vandenberg, 10/27

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



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



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FOOD PANTRY: Canned Veggies

BACKPACKS: Oatmeal

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



**CLCW OCTOBER MISSION
PROJECT:**

Habitat for Humanity

A community organization seeking to put God's love into action, by bringing people together to build homes and hope. Provides decent and affordable housing to those in need by instilling Habitat homeowners with strength and perseverance to build a better life for themselves and their families.



**"Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it"**
Proverbs 22:6

We believe that children are a precious gift from God. We invite your children to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ through Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts every Sunday @ 11 a.m.

Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.



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 (enchiladas/chips & salsa/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 at the church.

Memorial Dedications on October 30th

Please join us on October 30th as we dedicate memorial gifts. Gifts in honor of Alice Shriver made it possible to have the beautiful new Pentecost/Reformation banners in the sanctuary and the new organ bench. Gifts in honor of Merna Bowman, Art Hamburger, Wanda Quinn, Larry Janacek, Geri Bartel, Jean Hamburger, Lila Birch, Joyce Hillman-Kortum, Betty Madison, Jay Judd, Dorothy High, Rueben Gorr, Schmidt Memorial and Miriam Brown made it possible for us to upgrade the tables and chairs in the fellowship hall. We give thanks for the generosity of these families for their memorial gifts and pray these gifts would be used to God's glory and to further his kingdom for many years to come.

Reformation Weekend

On October 29th & 30th, you are invited to wear red, the liturgical color for the Holy Spirit, to worship.

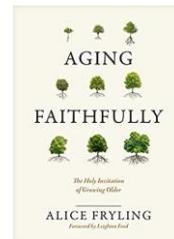


Scholarship Renewal

Reminder for Scholarship applications for second semester 2022-2023 are due at the church office by November 1st, 2022

NEW Sunday Morning Study starting November 6th

You are invited to join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM from November 6 - December 4 as we go through "Aging Faithfully" by Alice Fryling. As many at Calvary Lutheran enter later seasons of life, questions of life and faith take on new meaning. Aging faithfully doesn't 'just happen,' but there are wise guides who have modelled the way into this uncharted land. The group will be facilitated by Pastor Brett.



If interested, please sign up on the sheet outside the office so we can make sure to have enough study books.



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WNCC Theatre is proud to present its fall musical, "The Pajama Game". Based on the book 7 1/2 Cents by Richard Bissell, this comedic and heartwarming musical follows the story of the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory and its battle for a 7 1/2 cent raise for their workers.

Performances are on **Oct. 21st & 22nd at 7:30 pm** and **Oct. 23rd at 2:00 pm**. Tickets can be purchased online through the WNCC website, or at the door. Prices are \$8 for students, \$10 for seniors, and \$12 for general admission. Hope to see you at the factory!

Western Nebraska Community College's Collegiate Chorale and Varsity Vocalise would like to invite you to their fall concert "Then Sings My Soul" on **November 4th at 7:00 pm**. Tickets for that are \$8 for students and seniors and \$10 for general admission. Come enjoy a concert full of spirituality and love!



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WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Brett Vander Berg

This Sunday – October 23

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey

LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

COMMUNION ASSTS: Chris Jensen

POWERPOINT: Matt Payne

ACOLYTES: Merrick Walsh & Max Judy

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Trea Hess

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

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

Next Sunday – October 30

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle

COMMUNION ASSTS: Marissa Wright, Abby Newsom

POWERPOINT: Angela Bonow

ACOLYTES: Alli Baer & Clare Schlothauer

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

AUDIO: Jack Martin

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

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 23

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 24

5 p.m. – Parish Ed

Tuesday, October 25

Noon – Women's Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, October 26

5:30 p.m. – JAM

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, October 29

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, October 30

Reformation Sunday

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

OCTOBER 23, 2022
TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

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Prayer and humility.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 18:9-14	A Pharisee and tax collector pray
Monday	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22	Jeremiah prays to the Lord
Tuesday	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Paul's instruction to Timothy
Wednesday	James 4:5-10	Surrender to God
Thursday	Psalms 25:1-10	A prayer for guidance
Friday	Matthew 23:1-12	The example of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 84:1-7	The joy of worship
Sunday	Luke 19:1-10	Jesus visits Zacchaeus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'" Luke 18:13 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of amazing grace, we thank you that we can be honest with you, knowing our broken lives are made whole in your love through Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for this gift of food and for all the ways you strengthen us, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus rescue you from any harm, any where, any time.



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OCTOBER 23, 2022

HYMN OF THE WEEK
Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright

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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:

- How would you describe a life lived with humility?
- When you pray, what requests or confessions do you make to God?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 18:9-14.

This parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector is a story of contrasts with a caution. The Pharisee offers a prayer of thanksgiving. However, he seems to be praying to himself as he demeans another soul. The tax collector, on the other hand, does not look around for comparisons; he doesn't even look up. He beats his breast with sorrow and, in so doing, gains the favor of Jesus. The tax collector's words, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (v. 13), have been handed down throughout the centuries as a model prayer for us all. As an act of repentance and humility, the caution is for us not to praise the posture and prayer of the Pharisee, saying to ourselves, "Thank God I am not like that person!" Repentance and humility promote a way of life that does not draw attention to oneself nor claim to have the sole possession of what is true, right, and beautiful. Living faithfully does not give us bragging rights. This parable leads us away from judgment and toward openness to the presence of God and others.

Discuss: In what ways can you show repentance and humility in your 'life of prayer'?
Pray: Merciful God, give us faith to trust in you with a humble heart, to confess our brokenness to you, and to care for others through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how might you pray for the needs of others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Luke 18:13 is one of the foundational texts for the Jesus Prayer. This prayer has been widely taught in the Orthodox Church as a monastic prayer but is not only limited to monks and clergy; it is a prayer for all people of all ages. This week, kneel as a sign of humility and pray the Jesus Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen.



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