



CALVARY LUTHERAN **CHURCH ELCA**

“Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ’s love.”

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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
September 27, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: Holy God, renew our hearts, refresh our spirits, and help us walk in your holy way, that we might proclaim in word and deed your love and grace for all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 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)

We gather together, whether in-person or online, as the baptized people of God in the name of the Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Trusting in the power of God to forgive and save, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

(a time for reflection and self-examination)

God of new life,

You have created and redeemed all things through the gift of your Son. Yet we often live as though it makes no difference for us. We choose to remain stuck in old patterns, cling to the familiar and safe, and refuse opportunities to step out in courage and faith. Forgive us our sin, free us from fear and help us to boldly step out in faith trusting in the power of your everlasting goodness. Amen.

Friends, hear the good news: Christ has broken the power of sin and evil and has opened to us the way of eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Rejoice that you have been forgiven and walk boldly each and every day in the strength and power of Jesus Christ. **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**

God of love,

giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the LORD is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life.

²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the LORD is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O
LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

***Gospel Acclamation**

(spoken)

**Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them and they follow me. Alleluia.**

John 10:27

***Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:23-32**

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

²³When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Kids Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Bill Huelle, PMA

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡

*** Song of the Day:**

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

OSB #115

**Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

**Jesus, loving Shepherd
Vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor
Lord of the universe, Light of the world.**

**Jesus, Way of salvation,
King of kings, Lord of Lords,
the way the truth, and the Life,
Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.**

***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.

**Gracious God, we thank you for the measure of faith you have given to each of us.
Increase in us generosity, compassion and courage so we might proclaim your
steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our
strength and our joy. 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.**

***Benediction**

The blessing of God be with you,
the love of Jesus fill you,
the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you ☩ and give you peace.
now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Sending Song:

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

ELW #538

**The Lord now sends us forth
with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth
a better place to live. *(Repeat)***

**The angels are not sent
into our world of pain
to do what we were meant
to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me
and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray,
to do your will today. *(Repeat)***

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude Music

Praise Team

Postlude

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Spencer Blomenkamp, 9/30; Angie Hinze, 9/30; Susan Martin, 9/30;
Barbara Tallmon, 10/1; Jude Walker, 10/1; Macy Schlothauer, 10/3;
Katie Newton, 10/3; Becky Martin, 10/3

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

✝In Our Thoughts and Prayers✝

Prayers for healing: **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Steve Kaufman** (recovering from eye surgery), **Kaitlyn & BJ Carr & kids** (Covid-19), **Dawsyn Buckley** (grandson of Jim & Sheila Miller), **Linda Spomer** (Aortic Valve Replacement), **Judy Lueningborg** (abdominal problems—Deanna Zweifel's sister-in-law), **Betty Kenyon** (continued growth in progress & strength—friend of Valerie Rahrs), **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 the family and friends of **Melvin Haack** (Becky Martin's father).

Prayers for our church, community, nation and world: *in this time of Covid-19 and unsettledness, firefighters and their families who are fighting the fires in California, Colorado, and anywhere fires are blazing across the states. Protect them and give them the resources they need. Special prayer to all of those taking care of foster children and to the children needing extra love and care.*

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.



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

OCTOBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: canned veggies

BACKPACKS: oatmeal

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



JAM will be on Wednesdays!

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (hot dogs/chips/fruit) at 6 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7:30 p.m. We will be practicing social distancing, and masks are encouraged, but not required. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie, Pastor Chris, or Pastor Sheryl at the church.

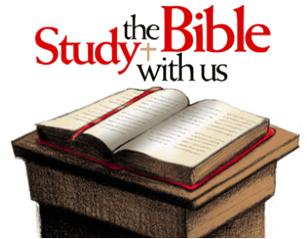
Our next EPIC meeting will be October 11th!

Our middle school/high school youth group is for kids in 7th-12th grade. We will have a Movie Night at the Hinzes! Join us for dinner at 5:30pm, Bible study, and then we will watch an outdoor movie (weather permitting). Bring your own blanket! Our address is 615 Valley View Drive in Scottsbluff.

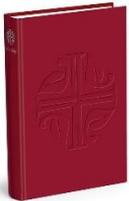


Pastors' Tuesday Evening Study begins Oct. 6th @ 7 p.m.

“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. For example, did the Samaritan woman at the well really divorce five husbands? Was Mary Magdalene really a reformed prostitute? Did Eve really cause the fall? Drawing on the latest Biblical Scholarship, the contributors dispel myths about numerous women of the Bible and demonstrate how a more accurate understanding leads us to a deeper, more biblical knowledge of God, women, and men. Plan now to join us! If interested, please sign up on the sheet on the credenza between pastors’ offices or let the church office know by Sept. 23rd, so we can make sure to order enough copies of the book. The book is also available for your e-reader if you prefer a digital copy. 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!



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 one. 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.



Are YOU using the gift's God gave you?

THESE TEAMS NEED YOU!

Our Livestream worship is up and running and we are so thankful to those who have made a commitment to our Media and Audio Teams who make the Livestream happen.

However, we are in need of a couple more people for both our Media Team and Audio Team (these are separate jobs). If interested in serving in this way, please talk to Pastors Sheryl or Chris or Dennis Gorr. Thanks!



WORSHIP LEADERS

PMA Bill Huelle

This Sunday – September 27

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Kathy Randall

COMMUNION ASST: Dennis Gorr

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

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

PIANIST: Dee Brady

Next Sunday – October 4

USHERS: Dennis & Barb Gorr

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

COMMUNION ASST:

POWERPOINT: Matt Payne

MEDIA: Colter Burkey

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

SONG LEADER: Gail Brufat

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 27

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship

10:45-11:15 a.m. – **NO** Drive Through Communion

Tuesday, September 29

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

12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary
1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, September 30

6 p.m. – JAM

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, October 3

5:30 p.m. – In-Person Worship

Sunday, October 4

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship

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