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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
September 6, 2020

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: Awaken our hearts and minds to your Word, O God. Give us understanding so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we are able to do all that you command for love's sake. Gathered in Christ's name, gathered around the Word, 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.)

* 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)

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**

O Lord God,

enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

Psalm 119:33-40

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

(spoken)

Alleluia. In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. Alleluia.

2 Corinthians 5:19

***Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20**

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

¹⁵If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Sermon:

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn:**

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

**ELW #679
vv. 1&2**

**1. For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.**

**2. In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**

***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.

***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.

‡HOLY COMMUNION & DISMISSAL‡

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.

Communion Hymn:

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

**ELW #836
vv. 1&3**

**1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**

**3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!**

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.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Distribution of Communion

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Postlude

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Kent Holub, 9/7; Sydney Hinze, 9/11;
Jackie Gregory, 9/11; Hunter Christeleit, 9/12

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

✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **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 Luenenborg** (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 of thanksgiving: For the healthy birth of Cécile on August 26 (granddaughter of Bill & Mary Jo Huelle)

Prayers for comfort and peace: For the family and friends of **Jay Judd**.

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.



YOUR GIVING ONLINE

Scan the **QR code** to the right, go to our website: www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org and click on the **Give Online** button OR download the **Give+Church App** on your smartphone. It's safe and secure.





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

SEPTEMBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: soups
BACKPACKS: small cereals
Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.
Thanks for your generosity.



Our first JAM meeting will be Wednesday, September 16!
Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (hot ham/cheese sandwiches/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 first EPIC meeting will be Sunday, September 20!
Our middle school/high school youth group is for kids in 7th-12th grade. We will begin our year with an outdoor picnic/ lake party at Wally and Kathy Randall's home. We will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. and drive out to the Randall home. We will have hot dogs/chips and dessert and then have some fun swimming in their private lake. You don't want to miss out on this fun time! Bring your swimsuit, your towel and plan for a fun time!



Bible Studies

Tuesday, Sept 8th @ 8:30 a.m. - Men's Study @ Calvary Fellowship Hall & on Zoom

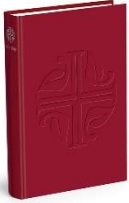
Tuesday, Sept 8th @ 9 a.m. - Esther Circle @ Ruth Harris' House

Monday, Sept 14th @ 2 p.m. - Priscilla Circle @ Calvary Fellowship Hall

Monday, Sept 14th @ 7 p.m. - Hannah Circle @ Calvary Education Wing

Tuesday, Sept 15th @ noon. - Women's Study @ Calvary Education Wing





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.

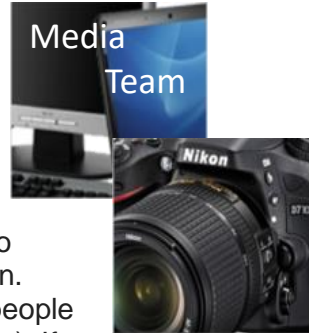


Audio Team

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!



Calvary Lutheran Church Decals!!

We now have vinyl decals available in the church office to purchase for \$5.00. All proceeds will go toward the new video/sound equipment for continued live streaming of services. Please stop by the office today to get yours!



God's Work, Our Hands Sunday September 13, 2020

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, September 13. 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!!!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – September 6

USHERS: Vicki Howell, Jack Martin

LAY READER: Dennis Gorr

COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle

POWERPOINT: Matt Payne

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

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

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

SONG LEADER: Marti Wegelin

Next Sunday – September 13

USHERS: Deb Brown, LaDonna Schmidt

LAY READER: Susan Martin

COMMUNION ASST: Dennis Gorr

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele

PIANIST: Dee Brady

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 6

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship
10:45-11:15 a.m. Drive Through Communion

Monday, September 7

Labor Day – Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study (Zoom)
9 a.m. – Esther's Circle @ Ruth Harris'
1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, September 9

11:30 a.m. – Exec. Comm.
7 p.m. – Confirmation Parent Meeting

Saturday, September 12

5:30 p.m. – In-Person Worship

Sunday, September 13

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship
10:45-11:15 a.m. Drive Through Communion