



# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**September 12, 2021**

## Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Prayer Before Worship:** Lord, we come to you on this day and ask that you pour out your spirit upon us as we worship you. You are the one true God. You alone are worthy of our praise. You alone have the words of life for us. Focus us this day on the truth that you have blessed us with every spiritual and heavenly blessing. Stir within our hearts this day faith and gratitude. Convict us for that which we need to change and challenge us to grow in you; 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 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, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for prayer and reflection.*

Good and loving God,

**You made your abundant creation for the use and enjoyment of all people. We confess that we have often held the things you have given us too closely and have not shared freely with all in need. Help us to receive your gracious word and to practice generosity in our daily lives. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.  
**Amen.**

**Song of Praise:**

**“Give Thanks”**

**W&P #41**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

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Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” Let the poor say  
“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”**

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“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”**

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**Give thanks.**

## **\*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**

Generous God,

**We bring our praise and thanks for your steadfast love. As we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nebraska Synod we give you thanks that through the Holy Spirit you called and gathered your people into this church and through the same Spirit you enlightened them, opening their eyes to ministries in this Synod and congregation that have blessed so many. Continue to guide us as we seek to be faithful to that to which you have called us; in the name of your dear Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡**

### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 5-9**

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. <sup>5</sup>See, just as the LORD my God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. <sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the  
world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end  
of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over  
me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your  
sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in  
God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a  
holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,  
"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner."

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: Mark 7:1-2, 5-8, 14-15, 21-23**

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

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

**Kids Sermon/Bible Presentation:**

**Angie Hinze**

**Sermon:**

**Bishop Brian Maas**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**Installation Service of Bill Huelle to Synod Candidacy Committee**

**✚WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD✚**

**\*Song of the Day:**

**“Will You Come and Follow Me”**

**ELW #798  
vv. 1,4-5**

**1. "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?"**

**4. "Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"**

**5. Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.**

**\*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.**

**“Step by Step with Lead Me, Lord”**

**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**

All who hunger and thirst, come.

The table is ready.

### **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.)*

**1. We come to the hungry feast  
hungry for a word of peace.  
To hungry hearts unsatisfied  
the love of God is not denied.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**2. We come to the hungry feast  
hungry for a world released  
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,  
the poor in body, poor in mind.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**3. We come to the hungry feast  
hungry that the hunger cease,  
and knowing, though we eat our fill,  
the hunger will stay with us; still  
we come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

Gracious God, through the gift of this meal you heal our brokenness and strengthen our spirits. Increase our faith in you, that the power of this holy sacrament might bring us to new life in Jesus Christ our 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.**

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou has been, thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:* **Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!**  
**Morning by morning new mercies I see;**  
**all I have needed thy hand hath provided;**  
**great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Refrain*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Refrain*

\*Dismissal

Go in peace. Welcome others as Christ has welcomed you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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## ✝️ In Our Thoughts and Prayers ✝️

*Prayers for healing:* **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).

### 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.)



Hunter Christleit, 9/12; Aaron Martin, 9/13;  
Angie Aguallo, 9/13; Jacob Aguallo, 9/15

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



### YOUR GIVING ONLINE

Scan the **QR code** to the right, go to our website: [www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org](http://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.

### SEPTEMBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** Soups

**BACKPACKS:** Small Cereals

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



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

#### **Pastors' Tuesday Evening Study @ 7 p.m.**

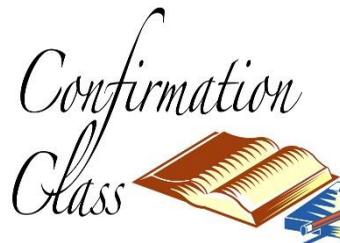
Join us on Tuesday evenings @ 7 p.m. for a study using Max Lucado's book: *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*. *Anxious for Nothing* invites readers to delve into Philippians 4:6-7 "*Do not be anxious about anything...*" Join us in the fellowship hall or on Zoom by giving Christy your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

Study <sup>the</sup> Bible  
with us



#### **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.





### **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 (sloppy joes/chips/pickles/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.

### **EPIC meeting will be TODAY, September 12!**

Our middle school/high school youth group is for kids in 7th-12<sup>th</sup> 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. Bring a friend and don't miss out on this fun time! Bring your swimsuit, your towel and plan for a fun time!



### **Celebrate Generosity Event & Ice Cream Social**



Join us TODAY for our first ever Celebrate Generosity Event starting at 9 a.m., worship service at 10 a.m. and then following worship we will be having an ice cream social hosted by the Council.

### **3rd, 6th & 7th Grade BIBLE PRESENTATIONS**

**SUNDAY, September 12th**

Celebrate with us as our third, sixth and seventh graders receive their Bibles during worship.



**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 in October (exact date still to be decided). 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.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

### This Sunday – September 12

**USHERS:** Kent & Dawn Holub

**LAY READER:** Angie Hinze

**COMMUNION ASST:** Dennis Gorr

**POWERPOINT:** Matt Payne

**ACOLYTE:** Merrick Walsh

**MEDIA:** Chris Jensen

**ALTAR GUILD:** Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

**PIANIST:** Dee Brady

### Next Sunday – September 19

**USHERS:** Dennis & Barb Gorr

**LAY READER:** Shari Copsey

**COMMUNION ASST:** Barb Jensen

**POWERPOINT:** Mary Jo Huelle

**ACOLYTE:** Draven Bowman

**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

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

**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, September 12

#### *Bible Presentations*

9 a.m. – Celebrate Generosity Event  
10 a.m. – Worship  
Following Worship – Ice Cream Social  
12 p.m. – Epic @ Randall's

### Monday, September 13

2 p.m. – Priscilla Circle @ Calvary  
6 p.m. – Council Meeting  
7 p.m. – Hannah Circle @ Calvary's  
Education Wing

### Tuesday, September 14

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, September 15

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

### Saturday, September 18

9 a.m. – Trustees  
5:30 p.m. – Worship

### Sunday, September 19

10 a.m. – Worship