



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 13, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: O Lord God, your forgiveness is beyond our understanding. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts of grace and teach us how to be gracious as you yourself show grace to all. In Jesus' name 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.)

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. Please join us again soon!*

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.**

Temple Talk

**Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries
Dennis Remmington**

***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**

Merciful God,

In love you made us and by love you have redeemed us. Make your love for us bear fruit in our forgiveness of others, that in this life we may know your all-embracing compassion and in the world to come receive the everlasting joy of fellowship you share with your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-4, 8-13

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁸LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

⁹**you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.**

¹⁰You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

¹¹**For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.**

¹²As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

¹³**As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

Spoken

**Alleluia. We have an advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous; your sins are forgiven
on account of his name. Alleluia.**

(1 John 2:1, 12)

***Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

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

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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‡

***Song of the Day:**

“Change My Heart, O God”

ELW #801

**Change my heart, oh God. Make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God. May I be like you.
 You are the potter; I am the clay.
 Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, oh God. Make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God. May I be like you.**

***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.

‡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.**

Communion Invitation

Come, for the gifts of God are ready for the people of God.

Communion Song: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

**ELW #608
vv. 1&2**

**1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.**

Refrain

"Come home, (*Come home,*)
come home! (*come home!*)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?

Refrain

"Come home, (*Come home,*)
come home! (*come home!*)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

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.**

Dismissal

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

Distribution of Communion

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Praise Team

Postlude

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Aaron Martin, 9/13; Angie Aguallo, 9/13;
Jacob Aguallo, 9/15; Clare Schlothauer, 9/19

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 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!



**TODAY - God's Work, Our Hands Sunday
Lutheran World Relief School Kits**

For 'God's Work, Our Hands' Sunday, we are asking you to collect school supplies which we will assemble today, **Sunday, September 13, following worship.**

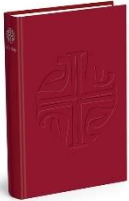




Bible Studies

Monday, Sept 14th @ 2 p.m. - Priscilla Circle @ Calvary Education Wing
Monday, Sept 14th @ 7 p.m. - Hannah Circle @ Calvary Education Wing
Tuesday, Sept 15th @ noon. - Women's Study @ Calvary Education Wing
Tuesday, Sept 15th @ 8:30 a.m. - Men's Study @ Calvary Fellowship Hall
& on Zoom

Hymnal Available to Borrow



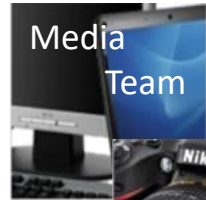
Do you miss being able to follow along with the music when we sing a hymn or song during worship? Hymnals are available to borrow for those who wish one. We only ask, per Governor Ricketts health directives if worshipping with us in person, that you bring it with you to worship and take it home with 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!



Audio Team



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!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This 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

Next Sunday – September 20

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Marti Wegelin

COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Carmen
Kleager, Shelly Koehler, Jessica Laughlin

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

SONG LEADER:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 13

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship

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

11 a.m. – God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

Monday, September 14

10 a.m.-12 p.m. – The Heart of the Hills

Cookies & Conversation event

2 p.m. – Priscilla Circle @ Calvary's
Education Wing

6 p.m. – Council Meeting

7 p.m. – Hannah Circle @ Calvary's
Education Wing

Tuesday, September 15

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 16

5:30 p.m. – Social Ministry

6 p.m. – JAM Kickoff

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7 p.m. – Parish Ed

Thursday, September 17

1:30 p.m. – Parkinson's Support

Saturday, September 19

8 a.m. – Trustees

5:30 p.m. – In-Person Worship

Sunday, September 20

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship

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

11:30 – EPIC at Randall's