



## **CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – August 2, 2020

## SERVICE OF PRAYER & PREACHING

**As we gather ..... Matt. 14:17-18 – “They said to him, ‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ ”** When the disciples held on to the five loaves and two fish, that’s exactly what they had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes were fed. Apart from Jesus all we do and all we have is nothing. But, in Jesus, all we do and have is blessed to be used by the Lord for His gracious work.

### OPENING HYMN – #904 *“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”*

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word  
We are gathered all to hear You.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear You,  
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love You solely.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till Your Spirit breaks our night  
With the beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us;  
You must work all good within us.
- 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind;  
Help us by Your Spirit’s pleading.  
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

△4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,  
Praise to You and adoration!  
Grant that we may trust Your Word,  
Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing Your praises yonder.

### OPENING VERSICLES

- P**: This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C**: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
**P**: From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C**: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

- P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C** **Teach me Your paths.**
- P** Sanctify us in You truth.
- C** **Your Word is truth.**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **The name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE – #790 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief  
Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

## **THE OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 55:1–5** (*pew Bible p. 615*)

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.

## **THE EPISTLE – Romans 9:1–13** (*pew Bible p. 945*)

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 14:13–21** (*pew Bible p. 820*) (*Please stand.*)

Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], He withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by Himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Him on foot from the towns. When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to Him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And He said, “Bring them here to Me.” Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

## **THE RESPONSORY**

- P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life  $\dagger$  everlasting. 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.



## THE HYMN OF THE DAY – #789 *“Praise and Thanksgiving”*

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving,  
    Father, we offer  
For all things living,  
    Created good:  
Harvest of sown fields,  
    Fruits of the orchard,  
Hay from the mown fields,  
    Blossom and wood.
  
- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor  
    We bring to serve You  
That with our neighbor  
    We may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling,  
    We would work with You,  
Harvesting, milling  
    For daily bread.
  
- 3 Father, providing  
    Food for Your children,  
By Your wise guiding  
    Teach us to share  
One with another,  
    So that, rejoicing  
With us, all others  
    May know Your care.

SERMON –

Pastor Garry Wickert

### THE PRAYER

**P:** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the sick and dying (especially ...) and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C:** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## THE COLLECT

**P:** Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

**C:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**P:** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C:** **Amen.**



## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE CLOSING HYMN – #895 “*Now Thank We All Our God*”

1 Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next!

△3 All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

***SERVING TODAY is Pastor Micah Wildauer.  
We give thanks for his service.***

*In order to comply with Marshall County Health Department's Executive order, please wear a face covering to church. Once in the sanctuary and seated 6 feet apart from others, you may remove the face covering (or leave it on). Please maintain the 6-foot distance when going up for Holy Communion.*



**WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION**

*The 3 service format, 8:15, 9:30, & 10:45 a.m., will continue through Sunday, August 9.*

*Starting August, 16, services will be at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.  
Adult Bible Class will meet in the sanctuary and  
Confirmation Class will meet in the gym at 9:30 a.m.*



***CHURCH OFFICE HOURS next week will be  
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.***



## ANNOUNCEMENTS August 2, 2020



**WE WELCOME YOU** as honored guests or treasured members.  
*Before the service, speak to the Lord in prayer.*  
*During the service, listen as the Lord speaks to you through His Holy Word. After the service, speak to one another.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** is a Service of Prayer and Preaching. Refer to the *Worship Insert* for Opening Versicles, readings, and hymns to guide you through the service. A triangle  $\Delta$  preceding a hymn stanza indicates that we stand for the verse(s).

**CHANCEL PARAMENTS** are green for the season of Pentecost to symbolize the new life in Christ's church.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by **Brenda Meyers** in celebration and thanksgiving of all our blessings.

**PARENTS, FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE...** A **CRY ROOM** is located at the back of the nave. Please do not leave children unattended. All the restrooms are equipped with changing tables.

### PLEASE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

**Pastor Ahlemeyer & family**

**Don Day**

**Helen Forks**

**Ken Shabino**

**Polly Wolf**

**The Family of Nelson Reaker**

**Linda Fark Duff**

**Pat Jaeger**

**George Skibbe**

**Bev Brummett**

**Elizabeth DuVall**

**Stephanie Krone**

**Marlis Snyder**

**Harold Cox**

**Conrad Forks**

**Paul Matzat**

**Carolyn Tanner**

**The Family of Beverly 'Jean' (Grolich) Taylor**

Military: **Haley (Hampton) & Jesse Luna**

Miller's Merry Manor (Plymouth): **Vaneada Brettin**

Autumn Trace: **Betty Wade**

Miller's Assisted Living: **Shirley Johnson**

*Thank you to all who valiantly pray for the needs of those on our prayer list every day! We are all comforted when others pray for us. May we always be willing to stand in the gap!*

### **MATCHING EXTRA ORDINARY DONATION OPPORTUNITY**

An anonymous donor has agreed to match all Extra Ordinary gifts, up to a total of \$50,000, until Thanksgiving 2020. These gifts will be used to pay off the mortgage and secure a sound financial future for Calvary. Extra Ordinary envelopes are available on the cabinet in the Narthex.

**As of today, we have collected \$30,486.02 that will be matched.**

*Thank you for your continued faithfulness through giving.*

### **PASTORAL COVERAGE**

As Pastor Ahlemeyer takes some vacation time, Pastor Micah Wildauer will be covering any Pastoral Care concerns. If you have a concern, please call Gene Matzat (574-292-3148), John Ott (574-232-4645), or the church office.

**GOD'S BLESSINGS** and congratulations to **Nick & Kelsey Gurbick** on the birth of their son, **Cooper Andrew**, born on July 16. May God keep **Cooper** in His loving care until he can be brought to the living waters of Holy Baptism.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** and Christian love is extended to the family of **Nelson Reaker**. Nelson died on July 19. There was a graveside service on Thursday, July 23, at the Bremen Cemetery. Please keep his family in your prayers.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** and Christian love is extended to the family of **Beverly 'Jean' (Grollich) Taylor**. **Jean** died on Monday, July 20. There was a graveside service following the viewing on Monday, July 27, at New Oakhill Cemetery. Please keep **Dawn Seifer** and the rest of her family, in your prayers.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

We are looking for Sunday school teachers to teach our younger kids this fall. Please prayerfully consider serving in this ministry. If you have any questions or are willing to help, please contact the church office.

### **CALENDARS**

The August birthday and anniversary calendars are on the table with the bulletins. Be sure to take one.

### **HEARTFELT THANK YOU**

~ Thank you to the anonymous person who left me a thank you card with a gift. What a great Monday surprise it was. Your thoughtfulness is very humbling. **Sonia Williams**

~ A BIG thank you to **Cheryl Geik & Alice Huff** for straightening up the children's ministry storage area. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

~ Thank you to the trustees who worked on the court yard and for putting tables up for the Trash & Treasure sale. We appreciate ALL that you do.

~ Thank you to the ladies who helped make the Trash and Treasure a **HUGE** success. Before the doors opened on Friday, they had sold almost \$1,000 worth of items. Thank you to all of you who brought your items into the church. The Women's Guild depends on this sale for a majority of their money that they use for many projects and to support many worthwhile things.

### **PASTOR AHLEMEYER'S 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION**

On August 13, 2000, Pastor Ahlemeyer was ordained in the holy ministry at Messiah Lutheran Church in Aspen, Colorado. Twenty years later, we are blessed to have him here at Calvary.

On Sunday, August 16, we will have a reception following the 10:45 a.m. service. To help Pastor Ahlemeyer celebrate we would like to shower him with cards and anything else you would like to give. Let's show Pastor how much his service means to us.

***(It's a surprise!!)***



## **MISSION STATEMENT OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*"To bring alive The Triune God's plan of salvation in the congregation, community, and world (Matthew 28:19-20) by providing an atmosphere for spiritual growth, embracing the Spirit, and sharing our God-given gifts in Christian love."*

## **WELCOME TO CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

The people of God at Calvary extend to you a most warm and friendly welcome. Please join us again soon. A "Visitors Packet" is available from an usher. If you are interested in further information about the church, or if you desire to become a member, please contact the church office at 936-2903. Thank you for worshiping at Calvary.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

**PHONE NUMBER:** (574) 936-2903

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**WEBSITE:** [www.calvarylutheranplymouth.org](http://www.calvarylutheranplymouth.org)

### **PASTOR**

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**CELL PHONE NUMBER:** 812-525-3800

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** For Your Convenience, Open Every Sunday  
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

- 8:15 a.m. Worship/Divine Service
- 9:30 a.m. Worship/Divine Service
- 10:45 a.m. Worship/Divine Service

### **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words and repent of all their sins. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or are not members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are asked to refrain from partaking of the Sacrament and speak to pastor.