



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – July 26, 2020

SERVICE OF PRAYER & PREACHING

As we gather Matthew 13:45-46 – “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Indeed, Jesus redeemed us and purchased us back from sin and death with all that He had. We belong to Him now. And this is the foundation for our own generosity: imitating the out-sized generosity of Jesus.

OPENING HYMN – #571 *“God Loved the World So That He Gave”*

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.
 - 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
 - 3 God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs.
 - 4 Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus’ blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.
 - 5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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 Your 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 EPISTLE – Romans 8:28–39 (*pew Bible p. 944*)

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 13:44–52 (*pew Bible p. 819*) (*Please stand.*)

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes." And He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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 ✝ 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 – #566 *“By Grace I’m Saved”*

- 1 By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.
- 3 By grace God’s Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.
- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation’s furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father’s heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I’ll rest when dying;
In Jesus’ promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart’s condition,
I also know my Savior’s voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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 GRADUATES' BLESSING

Miranda Cole – Loy Norrix High School

Lauren Hampton – Argos Jr. Sr. High School

Nathan Kluszczynski – John Glenn High School

Konnor Ray – Plymouth High School

Dreama Richard – Argos Jr. Sr. High School

Garrett Schrameyer – Plymouth High School

Claire Tanner – Plymouth High School



THE CLOSING HYMN – #744 *“Amazing Grace”*

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.

- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS *during the month of July will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS July 26, 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 Δ 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 **Ed & Rhonda Wesselman** in celebration of their 16th wedding anniversary.

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

Dawn Beery	Bev Brummett	Harold Cox	Don Day
Linda Fark Duff	Elizabeth DuVall	Conrad Forks	Helen Forks
Pat Jaeger	Stephanie Krone	Paul Matzat	Ken Shabino
George Skibbe	Marlis Snyder	Carolyn Tanner	Polly Wolf
The Family of Nelson Reaker		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 \$29,379.30 that will be matched.

VOTERS' MEETING

Our next Voters' meeting is **TODAY** following the 10:45 a.m. service, at approximately 11:45 a.m., in the sanctuary. Please remember to social distance.

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' (Grolich) Taylor**. **Jean** died on Monday, July 20. There will be a viewing on Monday, July 27, 1:00-2:30 p.m., at Deaton-Clemens Van Gilder funeral home and then a graveside service following 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.

TRASH & TREASURE

The Women's Guild Trash & Treasure Sale will be July 31 – August 1. This is a great time to clean out your closets, basement, and garage. Donations of your gently used items are appreciated. Items should be put on the west wall.

Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board. We still need help the days of the sale.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will meet on Thursday, July 30, at 7:00 p.m. to put the finishing touches on the Trash & Treasure. Be sure to come. This will give you a chance to shop before the crowds on Friday morning.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Time is getting near and our classes are filling up fast. Preschool will begin early this year. Our first day will be August 12, but there's still time to register. Please share information about our preschool. Registration forms are located in the Narthex by the church office window.

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.

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.

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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.