



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – July 12, 2020

As we gather Romans 8:12 – “So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.” We owe the flesh, the world, and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ’s kingdom – servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord’s plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

✠ THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE ✠

THE HYMN: #921 “*On What Has Now Been Sown*”

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| 1 On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow’r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise! | 2 To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow’rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give. | 3 O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav’n, our home.
E’en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come! |
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THE INVOCATION:

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS:

- P**: Let us then confess our sins unto God our Father.
C: I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins.
I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most.
My Lord’s name I have not honored as I should;
my worship and prayers have faltered.
I have not let His love have its way with me,
and so my love for others has failed.
There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help.
My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.
I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.

ABSOLUTION:

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 55:10–13 (*pew Bible p. 615*)

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

THE EPISTLE: Romans 8:12–17 (*pew Bible p. 944*)

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23 (*pew Bible p. 818*) (*Please stand.*)

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And He told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on

rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.” . . . “Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

THE NICENE CREED:

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

THE HYMN: #577 “*Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast*”

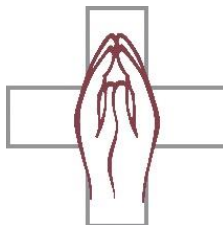
- 1 Almighty God, Your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav’n descend
And righteous fruits abound.
- 2 Let not the sly satanic foe
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev’ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.
- 3 Let not the world’s deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.
- 4 So when the precious seed is sown,
Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving pow’r may know.

THE SERMON:

“Plowed Under”

Pastor Eric Ahlemeyer

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



THE PREFACE:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are His children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

C **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.**

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PAX DOMINI:

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI: #633 "At the Lamb's High Feast" (Verses 1-4)

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His piercèd side.
Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!

THE DISTRIBUTION



THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION:

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
- P** 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.
- C** Amen.


GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CLOSING HYMN: #923 *“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”*

- 1 Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!
- 2 We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav’n appear.
- 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION

*The 3 service format, 8:15, 9:30, & 10:45 a.m., will continue
through the entire month of July.*





ANNOUNCEMENTS July 12, 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 printed Divine Service. Refer to the *Worship Insert* for readings, hymns and 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 with love by Sean & Liz Hatfield in celebration of their 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	Pat Jaeger
Stephanie Krone	Paul Matzat	Ken Shabino	George Skibbe
Marlis Snyder	Brandon Stuckwish	Carolyn Tanner	Polly Wolf

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!

INFORMATION FOR PASTOR AHLEMEYER...Sunday mornings are busy for Pastor Ahlemeyer and he appreciates all the information you give to him. So he won't forget anything, please email him, call the church office, or write down your information on a piece of paper.

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 July 5, we have collected \$25,869.30 that will be matched.

VOTERS' MEETING

Our next Voters' meeting will be Sunday, July 26, following the 10:45 a.m. service, at approximately 11:45 a.m. There are important decisions to be voted on at this meeting. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

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

HEARTFELT THANK YOU

~Thank you for your prayers and cards sent to Paul Matzat for his 65th birthday. He received more than 40 cards and many more greetings on social media. Paul was diagnosed with ALS in July 2019 and is now confined to his chair. He can no longer speak or swallow & must be fed through a feeding tube. Please pray for the prompt acquisition of a hospital bed and hooyer lift. Your continued prayers are very much appreciated. A picture of Paul and his siblings is on the bulletin board.

Gene Matzat

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. You may start bringing in your items the middle of July. The church office is open 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday. Items should be put on the west wall.

Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board.

10% of all sales from the Trash & Treasure go directly to Mites. Mites are coins put in a mite box and given to Women's Guild. We then send the money to Indiana District LWML and support the Mission Grants that are chosen at convention. A list of the new missions will be on the LWML Board, as well as the list of the new officers for the new biennium starting June 2020 to June 2022. 25% of the mites collected in the Indiana District LWML is kept by the district and 75% is sent on to the National LWML which is also channeled into mission grants on a national level.

The mite box will be out in the next few weeks, along with small mite boxes anyone can take. The mite box is a reminder of the Widow's mite when she gave all she had in thankfulness. We ask for your change, not all you have. Those mites do great work for the Lord in our area and in the world. Millions of dollars have been raised by LWML for over 78 years. We help students preparing to be pastors and teachers and give money to help many mission projects in our area and all over the United States. Mites are mighty, as is our God who uses them and us to perform good things. I am reminded of the Bethel Bible Studies and Blessed to be a Blessing and the LWML is that indeed.

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

Classes are filling up fast. If you have a child or know of a family looking for preschool this fall, please share information about our preschool. Registration forms are located in the Narthex by the church office window.

*Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:6

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.

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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.