



... One Nation Under God ...

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – July 4, 2021

As we gather2 Corinthians 12:10 – “For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.” Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time as somehow being from the hand of the Father who wants to bless us. Sometimes it’s hard to see how things like hardships, calamities, and insults will turn out for a blessing, but that is why Paul found this contentment in Christ and not in his own wisdom.

Opening Hymn – #966 “Before You, Lord, We Bow”

Divine Service, Setting One with The Lord’s Supper – p. 151ff

Kyrie – “Lord, Have Mercy” p. 152

Hymn of Praise – “This Is the Feast” p. 155

Old Testament – Ezekiel 2:1–5 (pew Bible p. 693)

He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” And as He spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me. And He said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against Me. They and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them

Epistle – 2 Corinthians 12:1–10 (pew Bible p. 959)

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Alleluia and Verse – p. 156

Holy Gospel – Mark 6:1–13 (*pew Bible p. 841*) (*Please stand.*)

[Jesus] went away from there and came to His hometown, and His disciples followed Him. And on the Sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? What is the wisdom given to Him? How are such mighty works done by His hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief. And He went about among the villages teaching. And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And He said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

Hymn of the Day – (*Please be seated.*) **#770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

Sermon – "How Shall We Be Known?" based on Ezekiel 2:1-5

Rev. Roger Rohde

Nicene Creed – p. 158

Prayer of the Church – (*Please kneel.*)

Preface – p. 160

The Lord's Prayer – p. 162

Agnus Dei – p. 163

A NOTE REGARDING OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE: As we celebrate the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper, all confirmed Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod guests are invited to partake with us. After kneeling, please open your mouth or hold out your hand to receive the bread from the Pastor. The wine is offered in the chalice by the Elder. Please assist him with the chalice by placing your hand under the cup and tilting it until you receive a drink of the wine. If you desire an individual plastic container, please take one when the assistant passes.

PURPLE COMMUNION CUPS

Located in the center of the individual communion cup tray are 3 purple cups. These are filled with water diluted wine for those who have medical issues. These cups are offered every time the Sacrament is celebrated.

Distribution Hymns –

#623 “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

#628 “Your Table I Approach”

Post Communion Canticle – “Thank the Lord” – p. 164

Greeting and Announcements

Closing Hymn – (Please be seated.) #965 “God Bless Our Native Land”

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WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Mark 10:45

*For even the Son of Man came
not to be served but to serve, and
to give his life as a ransom for many.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS July 4, 2021



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...Divine Service, Setting One with The Lord's Supper, page 151 of *Lutheran Service Book*. Refer to the *Worship Insert* for Introit, 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 by **Don & Deb Buchtel**, praying God will continue to bless this country and it's people.

SERVING TODAY is retired pastor, Rev. Roger Rohde. Pastor Rohde served at St. Paul's in Bremen for 39 years . We give thanks for his service as he leads worship, Adult Bible class and covers for Pastor Ahlemeyer. Please welcome him and his wife, Loretta, to Calvary.

OFFERING

While we practice social distancing, we will not be passing the offering plate. The offering plate is located at the back of the sanctuary.

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.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available on the table in the Narthex with the bulletins.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES...meet at 9:30 a.m.

- **ADULT CLASS**...meets in Classroom A. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.

PLEASE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Pastor Michael Ahlemeyer

Harold Cox

Helen Forks

Gisela Newell

Marlis Snyder

Polly Wolf

Don Day

Velma Freed

Pastor Ron Rasmus

Joan Walter

Fred Avery

Dusty Eckman

Laurie Hayn

Ken Shabino

Phil Walter

Bev Brummett

Conrad Forks

Stephanie Krone

Cathy Shearer

Caleb Wegeler

Military: Haley (Hampton) & Jesse Luna

Autumn Trace: Betty Wade

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!

Pastor Ahlemeyer will be out of the office until July 6. Pastor Roger Rohde will be covering our worship services, Bible study, and any Pastoral cares. If you have a concern, please call Gene Matzat (574-292-3148) or the church office (574-936-2903).

Pastor and his family will be on vacation. Please pray that during this time he will be rejuvenated.

CALENDAR

The July calendar and birthdays and anniversaries list are in the church mailboxes. Extra copies are on the cabinet in the Narthex.

POTENTIAL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & PARENTS

On Sunday, July 18, after the 2nd service, there will be a meeting for the parents and students who are interested in joining the Fall Confirmation class (grades 5 and up). We will be discussing information for the coming year.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council will meet on Thursday, July 22, at 7:00 a.m. If you are the chair of a board or committee, please make every effort to attend. If you have items to present at the Voters' meeting, please bring it to the Church Council meeting for approval.



VOTERS' MEETINGS

Calvary's next Voters' meeting will be on Sunday, July 25, following the 2nd worship service. All members are encouraged to attend and be a part of the decision making. In order to be a voting member you must sign the church's constitution. It will be available for signatures.

20th ICE CREAM SOCIAL & Dinner 20th

SAVE THE DATE

The Ice Cream Social will be held
Saturday, August 7, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

In order for us to have a successful Ice Cream Social this year, we need LOTS of volunteers to help with this fundraiser.

If you have questions, please contact the church office or Cheryl Geik.

Sign-up sheets are on
on the table in the
Narthex.

Tickets will be available next Sunday, July 11.

Sign up NOW!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, July 6

9:00 a.m./1:00 p.m. Braille

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, July 13

9:00 a.m./1:00 p.m. Braille

5:00 p.m. Board of Preschool Education

6:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

HELP WANTED

Your help is needed! We are looking for some volunteers to help usher both services on Sundays. There is a sign up list on the usher shelf in back of the church, and if willing, you can sign up for multiple services. Any questions or concerns just ask!

Thank you for prayerfully considering this - -

**Paul and Steve Skibbe,
Co-Head Ushers**

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

During the summer, the church office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday,
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

ALTAR GUILD

July – Deb Buchtel

ELDERS

Sunday, July 4

8:15 – Mel Sims, Ray Uhlig

10:45 – Don Buchtel, Mel Sims

Sunday, July 11

8:15 – Gene Matzat, Dan Tanner

10:45 – Ron Geik, Kurt Richeson

ORGANIST

Sunday, July 4 – Sarah Rippy

Sunday, July 11 – Linda Matzat

TELLERS

Sunday, July 4

Jan Rusch, Damaris Story

Sunday, July 11

Jim Stuckmeyer

USHERS

Sunday, July 4

8:15 – Bob Schiefelbein, Dennis Rippy

10:45 – Doug Snyder, Ralph Wille

Sunday, July 11

8:15 – TBD

10:45 – TBD

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for the freedom that You earned for us, that You give by grace to us. Let us joyfully receive that freedom by faith and share it with anyone who will receive it! Amen!

Galatians 6:9-10

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.





SUMMER SERMON SERIES

“Brave by Faith: How to Have God-Sized Confidence in a World Gone Crazy”

Starting on Sunday, July 11th, we will begin an eight-week sermon series that will cover the first seven chapters of the book of Daniel.

This series will not call us to be like Daniel, but to trust in Daniel’s God. We know we are saved by faith. Now it’s time to learn how to be brave by faith.

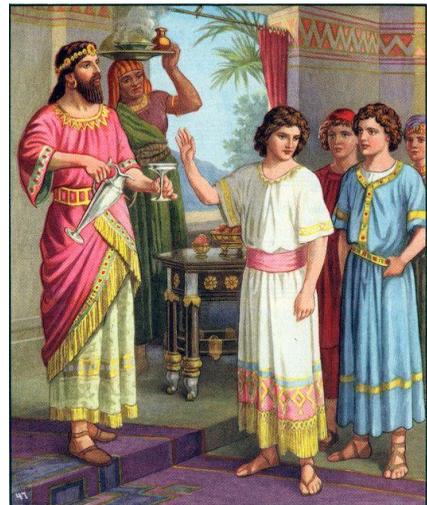
Why do we need to be brave by faith? Our culture and country is changing rapidly, and we are starting to feel like strangers in our own land. It’s tempting to grow angry, get depressed, or give up altogether.

But this isn’t the first time God’s people have had to figure out how to live confidently and faithfully in a society that opposes God’s ways and God’s word. We have done it before and we can do it again!

This series will refresh and strengthen your courage and your hope. Don’t miss it!

But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king’s food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself. And God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs.

Daniel 1:8-9

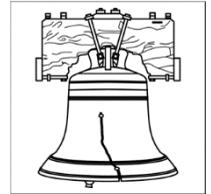


LUTHERANS IN HISTORY

Here are some little known facts about the important role Lutherans played in the early history of the United States of America:



1. Lutherans came to America seven years before the Pilgrims.
2. The first book translated into any American Indian Language was *Luther's Small Catechism*.
3. The first "Stars & Stripes" was made by Sara Austin and the Ladies Aid Society of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Philadelphia.
4. The Statue of Liberty was made by a French Lutheran, Frederick Bartholdi.
5. It was a Lutheran boy who called a Lutheran Sexton to ring the Liberty Bell. The Bell was hauled from Philadelphia to Allentown, PA. by a Lutheran, Frederick Leiser in 1777, to be hidden from the British under the floor of Zion Lutheran Church.
6. The first President of the Continental Congress was a Lutheran, John Hanson of Maryland, who served until Washington was inaugurated.
7. A Lutheran, Michael Hilligar, became the first Treasurer of the United States, serving until Alexander Hamilton took office.
8. A Lutheran pastor, Frederick Muhlenberg, was the first Speaker of the House of Representatives. He also signed The Bill of Rights.
9. Another Lutheran pastor, Peter Muhlenberg, was responsible for the Virginia Legislature's passage of a bill establishing religious freedom in 1785. It resulted in the First Amendment to the Constitution.
10. The second oldest military unit in the country was formed by 137 men from St. John's Lutheran Church, Charlestown, SC, in 1775.



"God's Patience"

Ezekiel 2:1-5 - And He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." And as He spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me. And He said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against Me. They and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' and whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."

The reading we have for today tells us about how God called Ezekiel to serve as His prophet. But it's a very strange way to call a prophet, at least in my eyes. It isn't at all encouraging. God says, "I send you to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against Me." He uses words like "impudent" and "stubborn" to describe them, and He warns Ezekiel that they may just plain decide not to listen. This isn't exactly what you want to hear, your first day on the job!

Small wonder if Ezekiel felt discouraged. But the strange thing is, for us who read this story today, the passage is full of encouragement. For what does it say? It says that our God is a God who will not give up; even when we rebel, He comes looking for us. He sends prophets and teachers to reach us. He knows we probably won't listen, but He keeps trying anyway. There is nowhere we can go that He will not come after us, calling us home.

We see this most clearly, of course, in Jesus Christ our Savior. In Jesus, God Himself came into the world to find and save His rebellious people. Now God is not calling prophets or teachers anymore; God is coming Himself, a baby in a manger, a Man walking the roads of Palestine—a Man hanging on a cross. Now God is fighting the powers of sin and death on our behalf—and winning. And now we have become God's freed, forgiven people, no longer rebels but beloved children—sharing in Jesus' resurrection and everlasting life.



This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Kari Vo.

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 SUMMER HOURS: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday- 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. Adult Bible Class
- 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.