

A graphic for a sermon series. It features a purple background with a subtle geometric pattern. A horizontal band of lighter purple contains the text 'JEREMIAH' in a large, black, serif font, with a thin dark line underneath. Below this, 'SERMON SERIES' is written in a smaller, black, serif font. At the bottom, a bright yellow sun with long, thin rays is rising over a green, wavy horizon line.

JEREMIAH

SERMON SERIES

August 21, 2022

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Calvary Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, MN

Welcome to

Calvary Lutheran Church

We at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith, centered in the Good News of Jesus Christ. We believe that the Gospel is God's gift to all people to be shared unconditionally.

Calvary welcomes all people who have been excluded because of cultural or ethnic background, race, physical or mental abilities, socio-economic or family status, gender, or age. This welcome includes persons who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, their partners and families.

We are a diverse group of believers, redeemed and united in the one body of Christ. This diversity enriches, nourishes and challenges our ministry. Be assured, "You are no longer strangers and aliens, but fellow citizens and members of God's household." *Ephesians 2:19*

***Calvary is a Reconciling in Christ congregation
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)***

If you are visiting Calvary, we are very pleased you came to worship with us. We extend a warm welcome to you and hope you come again soon! Please fill out a visitor card located in the pew rack. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to learn more about Calvary.

Calvary is striving to be a scent-free congregation in order to welcome and support those who are allergic/sensitive to fragrances and other chemicals. Please refrain from using scented personal care products when possible so that church services, and other Calvary events are as welcoming as possible.

As a community of faith, we at Calvary Lutheran acknowledge that our church was formed on the ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute Band and other bands of the Dakota Nation. The Dakota were forcibly removed from their homelands. With God's help, we strive to repair ongoing injustices and grow toward right relationships with Indigenous people.

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+ indicates that congregation should stand if able
 Congregation responses are in **bold**

GATHER

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold. Chords are indicated above the staff lines. The score includes a prelude, a call to worship, and a welcome section.

Staff 1: Chords: C, D, Em. Lyrics: O Je - re - mi - ah.

Staff 2: Chords: C, D, Em. Lyrics: Help us heed your word.

Staff 3: Chords: C, D, Em. Lyrics: O Je - re - mi - ah.

Staff 4: Chords: C, D, 1. Em, 2. Em. Lyrics: Point our way to the Lord. Lord.

Staff 5: Chords: Am, D. Lyrics: 1. In the womb at our so - vereign Lord knew you.
2. You stand at the gates of the tem - ple

Staff 6: Chords: G, G/F#, Em. Lyrics: But To "I'm call out too hy - po - cry - sy, you re - ply.

Staff 7: Chords: Am, D. Lyrics: do not be a - fraid my young pro - phet, pur i - fy this world's den of rob - bers

Staff 8: Chords: G, G/F#, Esus, E. Lyrics: for your word leave a house truth of in my eyes. and leave a house of sanc - ti - ty.

WELCOME

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

New Zealand Book of Prayer

ONE: Hear God's word:
If we claim to be sinless,
we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.
If we confess our sins,
God is just, and may be trusted to forgive our sins
and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

Silence for reflection

ONE: Merciful God,
MANY: I confess that I have sinned against you and against others.
I have sinned through my own fault by thought, word and deed
in things done and left undone.
I repent; for these and all my sins I am truly sorry,
and pray for forgiveness.
I firmly intend to make amends and seek for help.
I ask for strength to serve you in newness of life.

The Absolution

ONE: All things have been reconciled to God the creator through the life, death and resurrection
of God's only Son Jesus Christ,
and the Holy Spirit has been sent among us
for the forgiveness of sins.
By the authority of Christ given to the Church
I absolve you from your sins
in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
May God give you peace.
MANY: Amen.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: Let us pray.
God of hope, bless our worship this day and open our ears as you opened the ears of your
prophet Jeremiah. Remind us that in you we have always been known, and we will always be
known.
MANY: Help us to answer when we hear your call, for we are your people, forever saved by your
covenant with us. AMEN

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

A reading from Jeremiah

¹These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, ⁹for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

¹⁰For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word,

MANY: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Pastor Kjell Ferris

+ SONG OF THE DAY

You Must Pray

Composed by Chris Gennaula



Let us pray, let us pray, yes, let us pray for the ci-ty,
You will pray, you will pray, yes, you will pray for the ci-ty,
You must pray, you must pray, yes, you must pray for the ci-ty,



pray for the peace of the ci-ty, to which we have been sent, to
pray for the peace of the ci-ty, to which you have been sent, to
pray for the peace of the ci-ty, to which you have been sent, to



which we have been sent,
which you have been sent,
which you have been



sent, For in the peace of the ci-ty, you shall find your own.

+ CONFESSION OF FAITH

New Zealand Book of Prayer

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
Your love for us in Jesus Christ,
Who lived and died and rose again.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship You.
Amen.

+ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition respond to "Lord in your mercy" with, "Hear our prayer."

ONE: Into your hands, gracious God, we common all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Chris, our Savior.

MANY: AMEN

+ SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you always.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ONE: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.

MANY: Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

MANY: We lift them to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

MANY: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

MANY: Our Mother Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. AMEN

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

DISTRIBUTION

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEND

+ BENEDICTION

Jeremiah 29: 11-14

ONE: We hear the words of Jeremiah:

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations.

MANY: Thanks be to God!



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

+ DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

On the Calendar

Sunday, Aug. 21

10:00 a.m. Worship (in-person & online)

Saturday, August 27

9:00 a.m. Food Shelf distribution

Sunday, August 28

10:00 a.m. Worship (in-person & online)

Attendance & Offering

August 14 attendance: 53 (40 in person, 13 online)

This month offering: \$

Monthly 2022 budget: \$14,679

Year-to-date 2022 budget: \$

Year-to-date 2022 actual offering: \$

Annual Budget for 2022: \$181,150

Worship Leaders

Week of	August 21	August 28
Presiding Minister	Pastor Kjell Ferris	Pastor Kjell Ferris
Assisting Minister	Linda Mundt	Joani Moberg
Lector	Chris Gennaula	Felecia Boone
Ushers	Judi Linder Jaiana Leggett	Moberg family
Sacristan	Sam Robson	Joani Moberg Caleb Moberg
Livestream/ Sound Board	Benjamin Youngbauer	Caleb Moberg
Musician	Ben Larson	Ben Larson
Counters	No counters	Carol Rue Judith Glass

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TRANSITION NOTES: WE'RE ON THE MOVE...!



With thanks for the helpful hands, hearts, and thoughtful minds of our staff and so many of our members - we continue to make good progress preparing to leave our buildings. A wonderful day of celebration and remembering is taking shape for September 11 worship (we will begin worshipping at St. Paul's on September 18). Specifics are under review for a Food Shelf operation prospect. And details too numerous to mention are being attended to!

Over the last three weeks we have also sought input on Call Committee candidates. While we received great recommendations, the Council emerged from its discernment this past Monday evening with the question: "Are we trying to move too quickly?" Historically, Calvary worship attendance is quite low during summer months so some of us may not even be aware of the invitation for recommendations. The Transition Team has been working hard to pull together a clear sense of the congregation for our Ministry Site Profile, but after these last two years of the pandemic many questions remain such as: "Who are we in terms of ministry focus moving forward? How many members remain engaged at Calvary? What will our financial picture look like on the other side of the property sale?" The Council united around slowing down the process of forming a Call Committee and keeping our immediate focus acutely attuned to settling into temporary worship and program space over the next two months and asked the Transition Team to consider this approach at its meeting held this past Tuesday. They wholeheartedly agreed. The two teams are planning to meet in October and review a revised timeline around the formation of a Call Committee. More information will be shared in coming weeks.

We are still working on getting additional information posted to the Calvary website and greatly appreciate all questions raised – please keep them coming, along with your thoughts and ideas to:

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Our goals are to keep people as informed as possible and to make this next stage of transition as smooth and efficient as we can. Thank you to all who are doing so much to help "carry the load" during this part of our journey!

In Our Prayers

- for those with compromised immune systems or health conditions that make them vulnerable
- for those who live alone and are separated from their family and friends
- for all who live in fear at this time: immigrants, the disabled/ differently-abled, the LGBTQ community, Muslims, Latinos, those working on eco-justice and climate change, the poor and vulnerable, Blacks & African Americans
- for the people of our sister synods, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Nigeria, and the Lutheran Church in Leipzig
- for those in our community celebrating birthdays, including Suzi Starks (8/21), Emilie Bouvier (8/23), Nancy Lee Nelson (8/23), and Anders Davidson (8/26).
- for those in our community celebrating their anniversary, including Jeremy & Sarah Shepherd (8/25).
- for family and friends we know who are recovering from surgery, ill or grieving, for their families and caregivers:

Siobhan Nelson (niece-in-law of Mary & Karen Nelson, has experienced a recurrence of cancerous tumors and is resuming a treatment plan)

Robert Bowers (recovering from COVID, dealing with lack of energy following his illness)

Fred Beamish (receiving chemotherapy, seeking assistance with transportation to medical appointments)

Bonnie Rae (in transitional care)

Nancy Lee Nelson (dealing with lung damage)

Julie Anderson (dealing with chronic pain)

George Robson, Chris, Sam, and Donny (as George recovers from a stroke)

Pat (the wife of Fred Beamish's good friend, has been diagnosed with advanced cancer)

David Thompson (Deb Paulsrud's brother, recovering from a heart attack)

Kay Paulsrud (Deb's sister-in-law receiving treatment for breast cancer)

Mimi (friend of Nancy Lee Nelson)

Valerie Estrada (colleague of Felecia Boone, diagnosed with brain cancer, is now in remission)

Roger Anderson (father of Laura Huff)

Charlie Woldt (great-nephew of Joanne Shepherd)

*If you wish to add or remove a prayer request,
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