



September 25, 2022

Sixteenth 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)*

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**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

2. When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

3. When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

WELCOME

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

New Zealand book of prayer

ONE: Hear God's word: If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and are strangers to the truth. If we confess our sins, God 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.

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.

MANY: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: Let us pray: God of presence, you remained fully with Joseph when he sat long years in a prison for a crime he did not commit. Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

MANY: Amen

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 39:1-6, 20-23

¹Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ²The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³His master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. ⁴So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge; and, with him there, he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

²⁰And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. ²¹But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. ²²The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. ²³The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

ONE: Holy wisdom, holy word.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Kjell Ferris



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

+ 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: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

After each petition respond to "God of grace," with "Hear our prayer."

ONE: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, 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 AND OFFERTORY

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

+ 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.

ONE: Holy God, you led your people by a pillar of cloud and fire. You fed them in the wilderness and you brought them to the promised land. In the same way, you feed and guide us through our wilderness times. You show us how to open our hands to receive your manna, the unexpected gifts of your mercy.

In the midst of the journey, you re-form us in mission and renew our faith. On this day we find sustenance in the meal Jesus shared with the disciples before the journey to the cross.

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ LORD'S PRAYER

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

COMMUNION BLESSING

ONE: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord..

MANY: Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

ONE: Gracious God,

MANY: You have called your servants to venture of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go Now

from "A Liturgy for Earthkeeping"



vs. 1 Filled with the Ho - ly Spir - it go now with God,
vs. 1 *Lleno del Es - pi - ri - tu San - to va - mos con Dios,*
vs. 2 Of - fer - ing a hand to a stran - ger go now with God,
vs. 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us go now with God,
vs. 4 Cross - ing ev' - ry bound'ry, ev' - ry na - tion go now with God,



go now with God. In - to the world as a serv - ant
va - mos con Dios. En - tran - do al mun - do pa - ra ser - vir
go now with God. Trust - ing in the ris - en sav - ior
go now with God. Grace on the jour - ney sur - rounds us
go now with God. Danc - ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion



go now with God, go now with God. Go now,
va - mos con Dios, va - mos con Dios. Va - mos,



go now, go now with God.
va - mos, va - mos con Dios.



Go now, go now, go now with God.
Va - mos, va - mos, va - mos con Dios.

DISMISSAL

ONE: We are called to community by the love of Jesus Christ that proceeds us on our journey.

MANY: We go out seeking justice and joy!

USING THE NARRATIVE LECTIONARY IN WORSHIP

How do we decide which story we will read from the Bible each Sunday? We use a lectionary, a listing of scripture readings appointed for worship on a given day. The first use of a lectionary was while the Jews were exiled in Babylon. Lectionaries have developed over thousands of years but have typically gone through scriptures in a logical pattern. Until the mid-1960's most churches in America used a one-year lectionary that suggested two readings, a gospel and one from the New Testament letters. In the late 1960's the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) was created. It is a three-year lectionary with four readings: Gospel, Epistle, Psalm and Old Testament. Each year corresponded with one of the synoptic gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. ("Synoptic" – forming a general summary or synopsis.) John was used during Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. This lectionary matched the gospel readings with the happening in the church year.

The RCL often tells the stories of Jesus out of chronological order and has no logical cohesiveness to the stories of God's interactions with God's people prior to Jesus. This has frustrated people and made it difficult to learn and embody the arc of the Biblical narrative—the story. About 15 years ago a group of professors at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN created a Narrative Lectionary, the one that Worship Team, Council and I have decided to use this coming school year. In the fall we start "in the beginning" with Genesis, then read the stories of Abraham and Sarah and their descendants until they arrive in Egypt. We continue reading in order the stories from the Old Testament until late December when we move into one of the four Gospels. This year reading from Matthew about Jesus birth and life, then death and resurrection at Easter. After Easter we read stories of the early church. The goal of the Narrative Lectionary is that we can better know the arc of the story of God's love for and actions on behalf of God's people.

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Prayer of the day: Kimberly Leetch, *Narrative Lectionary Worship Resources for Year 1*

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On the Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 25

10:00 a.m. Worship at St. Paul's
(in-person & online)

Friday, Sept. 30

1:30 p.m. Friday discussion group (online)

Saturday, Oct. 1

9:00 a.m. Food Shelf

Sunday, Oct 2

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

Attendance & Offering

Sept. 18 attendance: 50 (40 in person, 10 online)

This month offering: \$9,708

Monthly 2022 budget: \$14,679

Year-to-date 2022 budget: \$134,665

Year-to-date 2022 actual offering: \$126,544

Annual Budget for 2022: \$181,150

Worship Leaders

Week of	Sept. 25	Oct. 2
Presiding Minister	Pastor Kjell Ferris	Pastor Kjell Ferris
Assisting Minister	Chris Gennaula	Mark Smith
Lector	Chris Gennaula	Josh Moberg
Ushers		Sam Robson Barb Martinsen
Sacristan	Linda Mundt	Michael Luedtke
Livestream/ Sound Board	Benjamin Youngbauer	Sarah Shepherd
Musician	Ben Larson	Ben Larson

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 Chris Robson (9/25), Sarah Shepherd (9/26), Elayne Lipp (9/27), and Melissa Townsend (9/29).
- for those in our community celebrating their anniversary, including Jayne Schaecher & Heidi Schreiber (9/26), and Susan Olsen & Mark Smith (9/27).
- for family and friends we know who are recovering from surgery, ill or grieving, for their families and caregivers:

Prayers of thanksgiving for Charlie Woldt (6-year old great-nephew of Joanne Shepherd, doing much better after kidney transplant surgery and subsequent issues with rejection; he is doing so well that he has started school this fall)

Henrietta Williams (requests prayers from the community for her strength and endurance as she faces health issues)

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)

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

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

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

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