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**Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
July 28, 2024**

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Prayer Before Worship: Holy God, may the reading of your Word be for us the bread you send from heaven that gives life to the world. Amen.

Prelude Music

**“I Love to Tell the Story”
“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”**

ELW #661

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

Welcome Song:

“Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In”

**ACS #950
vv. 1,2,5&6**

- 1. Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.**
- 2. Oh, when the Lord in glory comes
Oh, when the Lord in glory comes
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When the Lord in glory comes.**

5. Oh, when they crown him King of kings
Oh, when they crown him King of kings
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When they crown him King of kings.

6. And on that hallelujah day
And on that hallelujah day
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

***Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross † the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Song of Praise:

"Lord, I lift your name on high"

W&P #90

**Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high. *(Repeat All)***

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Gracious God,

you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: 1 Samuel 9:1-3, 15-18, 10:1

¹There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish son of Abiel son of Zeror son of Becorath son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a man of wealth. ²He had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he; he stood head and shoulders above everyone else.

³Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, had strayed. So Kish said to his son Saul, "Take one of the boys with you; go and look for the donkeys." ¹⁵Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed to Samuel: ¹⁶Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be ruler over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines; for I have seen the suffering of my people, because their outcry has come to me. ¹⁷When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD told him, "Here is the man of whom I spoke to you. He it is who shall rule over my people." ¹⁸Then Saul approached Samuel inside the gate, and said, "Tell me, please, where is the house of the seer?"

¹Samuel took a vial of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him; he said, "The LORD has anointed you ruler over his people Israel. You shall reign over the people of the LORD and you will save them from the hand of their enemies all around. Now this shall be the sign to you that the LORD has anointed you ruler over his heritage.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:23-31

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied.
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

**³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:8-13

⁸Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Quite apart from us you have become kings! Indeed, I wish that you had become kings, so that we might be kings with you! ⁹For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. ¹⁰We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. ¹¹To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, ¹²and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; ¹³when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

"Open our eyes, Lord"

W&P #113

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

***Gospel: Luke 19:11-27**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹As they were listening to this, he went on to tell a parable, because he was near Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. ¹²So he said, "A nobleman went to a distant country to get royal power for himself and then return. ¹³He summoned ten of his slaves, and gave them ten pounds, and said to them, 'Do business with these until I come back.' ¹⁴But the citizens of his country hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to rule over us.' ¹⁵When he returned, having received royal power, he ordered these slaves, to whom he had given the money, to be summoned so that he might find out what they had gained by trading. ¹⁶The first came forward and said, 'Lord, your pound has made ten more pounds.' ¹⁷He said to him, 'Well done, good slave! Because you have been trustworthy in a very small thing, take charge of ten cities.' ¹⁸Then the second came, saying, 'Lord, your pound has made five pounds.' ¹⁹He said to him, 'And you, rule over five cities.' ²⁰Then the other came, saying, 'Lord, here is your pound. I wrapped it up in a piece of cloth, ²¹for I was afraid of you, because you are a harsh man; you take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' ²²He said to him, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked slave! You knew, did you, that I was a harsh man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? ²³Why then did you not put my money into the bank? Then when I returned, I could have collected it with interest.' ²⁴He said to the bystanders, 'Take the pound from him and give it to the one who has ten pounds.' ²⁵(And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten pounds!') ²⁶I tell you, to all those who have, more will be given; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ²⁷But as for these enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them — bring them here and slaughter them in my presence."

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection from the Youth Gathering

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡

***Song of the Day:**

“Ten Thousand Reasons”

ACS #1097

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before,
O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

3. And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore! *Refrain*

I'll worship Your holy name.
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

***Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Prayers of the Church**

ELW #752

(Sung Prayer Response)

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

***Offertory Song:**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

**ELW #654
vv. 1,2&5**

**1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**2. Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.**

5. Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.

***Offertory Prayer**

Jesus, Bread of life,

**you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to
be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*** Words of Institution**

Holy, mighty and merciful Lord ... be all honor and glory, now and forever. **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.

*Invitation to Communion

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. All is ready and all are welcome.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

APPLE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Song:

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW #471

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Post-Communion Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your
own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

✠WE DEPART TO SERVE✠

*Benediction

Brave, authentic, free, and disruptive siblings: You have been created to use your voice,
to be a presence of hope, to let your actions reveal the love of Christ throughout God's
creation. May the blessing of God almighty, creator, ✠ redeemer, and sustainer, send
you forth to do amazing things, as creative and faithful disciples. **Amen. Thanks be to
God.**

***Sending Song:**

“Soul On Fire”

Third Day

**God, I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
Till I am a soul on fire
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire
Till I am a soul on fire**

**God, I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
Till I am a soul on fire
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire
Till I am a soul on fire**

**Lord, restore the joy I had
I have wandered, bring me back
In this darkness, lead me through
Until all I see is You**

**God, I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
Till I am a soul on fire
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire
Till I am a soul on fire**

***Dismissal**

**Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers†

Prayers for healing: **Sheila Miller** (health issues), **Rod Hansen** (hospice—friend of Pastor Kathy), **Colton** (PTSD- Laurie Ruzicka’s nephew) **Darryl, Shirley Schuldies** (shingles), **Catherine Rahrs** (major medical issues—Val Rahrs’ mother), **Drew Selck** (cancer treatment), **Vicki Schmidt** (continued cancer treatment).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Steve Crittenden** (friend of Pastor Kathy)

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit’s son and Jim & Sheila Miller’s grandson).



Lansen Fleenor, 8/2; Deanna Zweifel, 8/2; Travis Miller, 8/4;
 Sheila Miller, 8/4; Jo Heidingsfelder, 8/4

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.



AUGUST FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Peanut Butter & Jelly

BACKPACKS: 16 oz Jars of Peanut Butter
Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW August Mission Project **Cat & Pup Packs Program**

The Calvary Lutheran Church Worship Committee is conducting a survey to gather feedback on various aspects of worship, from Saturday service to musical selections. Please offer your insights to us as we evaluate various needs by taking the survey online: <https://tinyurl.com/churchsurveyCL>. Printed surveys are available outside the church office. The deadline to submit your response is July 28.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Kathy

This Sunday – July 28

USHERS: Deb Brown & Tracy Steele

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Vicki Howell

COMMUNION ASSTS: Chris Thomas & Marlene Downer

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

ACOLYTES: Merrick Walsh & DaKota Newsom

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Andi Dorn

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler, Allisha Wetzel

PIANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

Next Sunday – August 3

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Gretchen Foster

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Shari Copsey

COMMUNION ASSTS: Abby Newsom & Chris Thomas

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

ACOLYTES: Brody & Mattea Weitzel

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks

AUDIO: Jim Dorn

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Barb Jensen, Maunette Loeks, Nannie Walsh

ORGANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 28

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

Tuesday, July 30

1 p.m. – Quilting

Saturday, August 3

NO Worship

Sunday, August 4

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

JULY 28, 2024
TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



God shows us the abundant life through Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 6:1-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand
Monday	2 Kings 4:42-44	Elisha feeds one hundred
Tuesday	Ephesians 3:14-21	Christ's love for us
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Generous giving
Thursday	Deuteronomy 28:1-14	Blessings for obedience
Friday	Isaiah 30:18-22	God's promise to Zion
Saturday	Psalms 145:10-18	The Lord is kind and merciful
Sunday	John 6:24-35	Christ, the bread of life

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.
John 6:11 (NRSV)*

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, give us generous hearts that reach out to others with compassion so that we may know and experience abundant life through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for providing us with this food and opening your hand to satisfy the desire of all living things. In Christ's name we pray, amen. (Psalm 145:15-16)

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with abundant life through Jesus Christ.



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JULY 28, 2024
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What would you do if you had invited three guests for dinner and instead, six showed up?
- Describe what an abundant life looks like. How do you experience an abundant life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 6:1-21.

God's creation produces enough to feed the world. There are times when our own stewardship of God's bounty creates fear that we will not have enough to survive. Some go hungry and suffer poor health while others suffer poor health from consuming too much. In this reading, Jesus takes five loaves and two fish, gives thanks, and feeds five thousand people. He shows the power of giving thanks for God's abundance. This story is about more than gratitude and abundance. It is a sign—a divine example—of the unique character of Jesus that is also seen in Jesus walking on water and bringing the disciples to a safe shore (vv. 16-20). Jesus provides the abundant life and safe harbor because of who he is, the Word made flesh, the Son of God who came to save us. He is worthy of our trust and our praise.

Discuss: How does the story of the feeding of the five thousand help you understand God's abundance?

Pray: Dear God, take away our fears and give us the joy of life in your presence that we may be filled with generous hearts through Christ Jesus, our savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you be generous to others by sharing your resources?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Having enough food to eat is a God-given blessing. Providing a meal and enjoying it with others is a way to celebrate the God of abundance. This week prepare and share a meal with others. Begin the meal by sharing highs and lows with one another. Then start the meal with prayer: Dear God, we give you thanks for the fruit of the earth and for the delight of joining with others to eat and be satisfied. We thank you for the joy of living in your presence through Jesus Christ, the one who fed the five thousand and gives us the abundant life. Amen. After the meal pray the Lord's Prayer together.



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