Calvary Lutheran Church

LECTIONARY 21

TOGETHER IN CHRIST

AUGUST 22, 2021 9:00 AM

EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES

FIND US ON: FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE RADIO: SUN. 10:45 AM ON KWLM 1340AM AND 96.3FM TV: Sun. 1:00pm & 8:00pm, Tues. 9:30am & 6:30pm

WRAC CHANNEL 181 ON SPECTRUM

Prelude: Naomi Powers-Baker

Gathering Song: What Is This Place (ELW 524)

Holy Baptism: Page 227

Apostles Creed

Thanksgiving at the Font The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Welcome

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹ Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem. He called the elders, the leaders, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they came into the presence of God. ² Joshua said to all the people,

⁴ "Now then, honor the LORD and serve him sincerely and faithfully. Get rid of the gods which your ancestors used to worship in Mesopotamia and in Egypt, and serve only the LORD. ¹⁵ If you are not willing to serve him, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your ancestors worshiped in Mesopotamia or the

gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are now living. As for my family and

me, we will serve the LORD.

¹⁶ The people replied, "We would never leave the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷ The LORD our God brought our fathers and us out of slavery in Egypt, and we saw the miracles that he performed. He kept us safe wherever we went among all the nations through which we passed. ¹⁸ As we advanced into this land, the LORD drove out all the Amorites who lived here. So we also will serve the LORD; he is our God.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 6:56-69

⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me, and I live in them. ⁵⁷ The living Father sent me, and because of him I live also. In the same way whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This, then, is the bread that came down from heaven; it is not like the bread that your ancestors ate, but then later died. Those who eat this bread will live forever."

⁵⁹ Jesus said this as he taught in the synagogue in Capernaum. ⁶⁰ Many of his followers heard this and said, "This teaching is too hard. Who

can listen to it?"

⁶¹ Without being told, Jesus knew that they were grumbling about this, so he said to them, "Does this make you want to give up? ⁶² Suppose, then, that you should see the Son of Man go back up to the place where he was before? ⁶³ What gives life is God's Spirit; human power is of no use at all. The words I have spoken to you bring God's life-giving Spirit. ⁶⁴ Yet some of you do not believe." (Jesus knew from the very beginning who were the ones that would not believe and which one would betray him.) ⁶⁵ And he added, "This is the very reason I told you that no people can come to me unless the Father makes it possible for them to do so."

Because of this, many of Jesus' followers turned back and would not go him any more. ⁶⁷ So he asked the twelve disciples, "And you—would you with him any more.

also like to leave?"

68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. 69 And now we believe and know that you are the Holy One who has come from God."

The Gospel of our Lord Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: "Who Knows the Way? Pastor David Severtson

Song of the Day: *Blessed Assurance (ELW 638*)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.

Sending Song: What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (ELW 774)

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Naomi Powers-Baker

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BAPTIZED TODAY in the Christian faith and into the life of the Church is Carl Henry Willenbring, son of David & Britta Willenbring. Carl's sponsors are Andrew Willenbring & Michelle Fernholz. A monetary gift has been given to the Technical Fund in honor of Carl Willenbring's baptism by his great grandmother, Barb Backlund.

Hospitalized: Don Thompson, VA St. Cloud; Donna Haines, Maxine Sweeter, Donnie Kemnitz, Carris/Willmar; Cheryl Wasmund, Alexandria.

We Express Our Sympathy and Remember In Our Prayers: The families of Edwin Setrum, father of Eric Setrum; Wendell Carlson, brother of Lois Fostervold; Andrew Hatlestad, nephew of Naomi Baker.



All are welcome for mini donuts, coffee and fellowship!

Calvary member, Carol Berry, will have her Mini Donut truck at the East parking lot TODAY, Sunday, August 22nd from 8:00 - 10:15 AM. Free will donations will go to the Bell Restoration Fund.



As we gather for worship in response to Covid 19, the following rules are in response to the fact that the positivity rate for Kandiyohi County is 2X higher than the earlier spike during the March-May time frame. Therefore, we would like and strongly suggest the following: The signs on the doors will read "Face Masks are Strongly Encouraged". Secondly, there be no singing of hymns, but solos are encouraged. Thirdly, the offering will be taken by the 2 boxes in the rear of the sanctuary as well as

on-line and Simply Giving. At this time we are not recommending Social Distancing in the seating arrangement. No decision was made on communion as we have 3 weeks before the next communion date. We will continue to monitor the situation daily and keep all informed to the best of our ability.



The Amazing Collection Women's Bible Study will begin meeting again on Monday, September 13 at 9:00 AM in the Friendship Room. Everyone is welcome! Any questions please contact Marcia Knutson 320-295-3753 or Carolyn Gripentrog 320-979-2609.



There will be a table by the welcome center to put your clean produce to share with others.

Anyone who would like to enjoy this fresh produce is encouraged to bring a bag and take what you need.

Extra produce can be brought to the church every Friday before 4 pm.

Brought to you by Social Concerns and Creation Care



We are set for the Bell to be put in place in the Bell Tower on Thurs Sept 2 at 8:30AM and the new and improved lighting will be installed beginning on August 30, taking 4-5 days in the Sanctuary.



Join us Thursday Mornings at 9:30 AM for a **Text Study in Bethany Hall** or via Zoom. Call the Church (320-235-2508) for the Zoom link.

For Sunday, August 29, 2021 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Anniversary
150 years

Remember your loved one with a memorial to the Bell Restoration, Church Anniversary of 150 years, Lighting Fund! Contact the Church office for your memorial.

320-235-2508



This is an upgraded app to replace GivePlus Mobile. As of September 30th GivePlus Mobile will no longer be available. Flyers are located at the welcome center with easy to follow instructions.

CREATION CARE TIP



Buy Local - Support farmers' markets to supplement your own garden or what you buy at the store. Buy meat from local producers. This helps reduce your carbon footprint.

NTY: Not Through Yet

Join us for an organization meeting along with lunch on Friday, September 10 at noon. Please call the Church office 235-2508 to sign up and for any questions.



WHAT: Grief Care

WHEN: Monday, September 13 at 5:15 PM

WHERE: Friendship Room

Calvary Staff

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