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**Worship Bulletin: Mount Calvary Lutheran Church
July 3 (5:30 PM) and July 4 (8:45 AM) 2021**

GREETING

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

A: And also with you.

GATHERING SONG

“Lord, You give the Great Commission”



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: “Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: “In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: “This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love’s true mea-sure: “Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: “I am with you



preach the word.” Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach.” That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood.” Let us all, for earth’s true glo - ry,
do, for - give.” Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end.” Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
world a - round us share your chil - dren’s lib - er - ty:
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



Refrain
With the Spir - it’s gifts em - pow’r us for the work of min - is - try.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A: Amen.

FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 5:1-5, 9-10

Already king over Judah, the southern kingdom, David here is anointed king over Israel, the northern kingdom, as well. Captured by David, Jerusalem is chosen as the political and religious center for the new combined territory. It is known ever after as "the city of David."

¹All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. ²For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." ³So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

⁹David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. ¹⁰And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

R: The word of the Lord,

A: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 48

P: Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised, in the city of our God, on the LORD's holy mountain.

A: Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is Mount Zion, the summit of the north and city of the great king.

P: God is in the citadels of Jerusalem; revealed to be the sure refuge of the city.

A: Behold, the kings assembled and marched forward together.

P: As they looked, they were astounded; dismayed, they fled in terror.

A: Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in childbirth;

P: with an east wind you shattered them like the ships of Tarshish.

A: As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God—may God establish it forever!

P: In the midst of your temple, O God, we meditate on your steadfast love.

A: Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is full of righteousness.

P: Let Mount Zion be glad and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments.

A: Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about it; count the number of the city's towers.

P: Consider well its ramparts; examine its strongholds; that you may tell those who come after.

A: Mark this—God is our God forever and ever, guiding us even to the end.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

²I know a person 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. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

R: The word of the Lord,

A: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia.

A: I will boast gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

P: Alleluia.

GOSPEL: MARK 6:1-13

P: The holy Gospel according to Mark,

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is 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. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The gospel of the Lord,

A: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

(ELW 597)



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

P: God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth.

Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

P: God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your

mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

P: God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

P: God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

P: God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries (*local ministries may be named*). Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

P: We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

A: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

A: 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

P: Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

MUSIC

"America the Beautiful"

by Ray Charles

Oh beautiful, for heroes proved,
In liberating strife,
Who more than self, our country loved,
And mercy more than life,

America, America, may God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain devined.

And you know when I was in school,
We used to sing it something like this, listen here:

Oh beautiful, for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties,
Above the fruited plain,

But now wait a minute, I'm talking about
America, sweet America,
You know, God done shed his grace on thee,
He crowned thy good, yes he did, in a brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.

You know, I wish I had somebody to help me sing this
(America, America, God shed his grace on thee)
America, I love you America, you see,
My God he done shed his grace on thee,
And you oughta love him for it,
Cause he, he, he, he, crowned thy good,
He told me he would, with brotherhood,

(From sea to shining sea).
Oh Lord, oh Lord, I thank you Lord
(Shining sea).

“God Bless America”
By Celine Dion

God bless America land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above

From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America my home sweet home

God bless America land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above

From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America my home sweet home

From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America my home sweet home
God bless America, God bless America
God bless America my home sweet home

SHARING OF COMMUNION

BLESSING

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.
A: Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

"Child of Love"
by We the Kingdom

I was walking the wayside, lost on a lonely road
I was chasing the high life, tryna satisfy my soul
All the lies I believed in, left me crying like the rain
Then I saw lightning from Heaven, and I've never been the same
I'm gonna climb a mountain
I'm gonna shout about it, I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus, I am a child of love
I've felt the sting of the fire, but I saw You in the flames
Just when I thought it was over, You broke me out of the grave
I'm gonna climb a mountain
I'm gonna shout about it, I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom, I found a friend in Jesus
I am a child of love
Yeah yeah (Yeah), oh (Oh)
I am a child of love
Yeah (Yeah), oh (Oh)
I am a child of love
Nothing can change the way You love me
Nothing can change the way
I belong to You, yes, I do
Nothing can separate
Nothing can change the way You love me
Nothing can change the way
I belong to You, yes, I do
Nothing can separate
I'm gonna climb a mountain, I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom, I am a child of love
I'm gonna climb a mountain
I'm gonna shout about it, I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom, I found a friend in Jesus
I am a child of love
Oh yeah (Yeah), oh (Oh)
I am a child of love, I am a child of love

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Let your light shine.

A: Thanks be to God.