

Calvary Lutheran Church (virtual) worship ~ Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Let us give our thanks and praise to God! May our worship lift up and praise the name of Jesus and may our entire lives be a blessing to others. We continue to connect virtually, trusting God's presence is in all places, with all people. Please let us know your prayer requests, life happenings, feedback on worship and programs, and stories of where you see God working in this time. Let us worship church...

Gathering Songs: [Nobody ~ Casting Crowns](#) & [Beautifully Broken ~ Plumb](#)

Welcome, Announcements, Invocation: [Welcome video](#)

Opening Litany: *pick one family member to read the Leader line (L), everyone else responds with the Congregation (C) line.*

L: For those whose lives are broken by distress:

C: May the Lord bless you in your brokenness.

L: For those whose lives are broken by fear:

C: May the Lord bless you in your brokenness

L: For those whose lives are broken by anger:

C: May the Lord bless you in your brokenness.

L: For those whose lives are broken by pain:

C: May the Lord bless you in your brokenness.

L: For those whose lives are broken by illness:

C: May the Lord bless you in your brokenness.

L: For those whose lives are broken by sin:

C: May the Lord bless you in your brokenness.

L: God of blessing, gently touch these lives with your Spirit. Bring warmth and comfort, life and wholeness, and full restoration into our fractured lives and souls. In Jesus' name we pray. All: Amen.

Opening Song: [The Same Love ~ Paul Baloche](#)

Prayer of the Day: God of life, you have created us for relationships. During this time of distance, may we find ways to reach out and be connected through the power of your Holy Spirit. May we find communion with you and with each other today, and always. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Offering: Please click to give your offering in order to support God's mission in our church.

Your continued financial support for Calvary is vital during these challenging times as we seek to be a presence and blessing in Christ for the sake of the world.



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Scripture reading: [Matthew 26:26-29](#)

Intro to the video: [BASIC 7: Communion](#)

[Video - BASIC 7: Communion](#)

Questions for conversation: *We encourage you to have some dialogue in your family utilizing these questions. If you would like to include a Lent Confirmation Mentor or another Calvary friend in your conversation, you could always call over the phone and talk!*

Conversation Questions

1. Share a high and a low from this previous week.
2. What are some clubs, activities, groups or organizations that you are a part of?
3. What do you like about belonging to these groups? What makes it difficult?
4. How does that fit in with belonging to the church?
5. When you think of Holy Communion (The Lord's Supper), what thoughts comes to mind? How does taking communion make you feel?
6. We gather around a "table" for the Lord's Supper. Have you ever thought about Communion being a meal around a table?
7. How does Communion bring us together?
8. Why do you think God makes such a big deal about his people gathering together?
9. We say that communion is a "foretaste of the feast to come". What does that mean to you?
10. What excites you about coming to church? What stops you from coming to church?
11. How are you staying connected to God and to others during this time of distance?
12. How have you experienced God's presence over the last few weeks?

Focus Song: [Brokenness Aside](#)

Prayers of the People: choose a leader for each petition (take turns), and then everyone else respond together.

L: Almighty God, Giver of all things, we give thanks today for Your creation, for Your mercy and grace, and for the gift of a Savior. We give You thanks for Your Holy Spirit, for Your Word, for the gift of faith, for the promise of everlasting life and for friends and family to share life with.

All: In our brokenness, you make us beautiful.

We pray, O Lord, that You may remove from us selfishness, prejudice, fear, and hate; turn our hearts to You and our neighbors in need. May all people learn and follow Your Word. And may the places we reside be areas of blessing and love and Light, where Jesus' name is lifted high.

All: In our brokenness, you make us beautiful.

We pray, O Lord, for comfort, aid, healing and peace for the sick, vulnerable or those facing afflictions. We pray for medical staff and researches who are tirelessly working for the good of the world. We pray for first responders, EMT's, officers and firefighters who risk their lives for their neighbor's life. We pray for leaders to make wise and godly decisions. We pray for those who struggle with adversity and sorrow and grief, including _____ (*name any personal people or situations*).

All: In our brokenness, you make us beautiful.

All these things and everything else we need, let us pray to the Lord in the name of Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All: In our brokenness, you make us beautiful.

Say the Lord's Prayer as a family.

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.

Benediction: Make the sign of the cross on the forehead of a family member and say, **"You are broken, and a beautiful child of God"**.

Sending Song: [Mighty to Save](#)