

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
TOGETHER IN CHRIST  
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
SUNDAY  
MARCH 8, 2020  
8:00 AM



### Introduction to the day

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

Prelude: Vicar David Severtson

## Gathering

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned away from you,  
knowingly and unknowingly.**

**We have wandered from your resurrection life.**

**We have strayed from your love for all people.**

**Turn us back to you, O God.**

**Give us new hearts and right spirits,  
that we may find what is pleasing to you  
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ,  
who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you. **Amen.**

Gathering Song: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (ELW 324)

### 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.**

Canticle: *Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons* (ELW 798 verse 2)

### Prayer of the Day

**O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Word

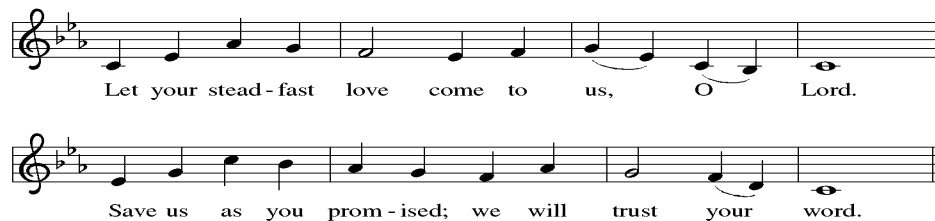
Psalm 121 (GNT Pew Bible page 737)

- <sup>1</sup> I look to the mountains;  
where will my help come from?
- <sup>2</sup> My help will come from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.
- <sup>3</sup> He will not let you fall;  
your protector is always awake.
- <sup>4</sup> The protector of Israel  
never dozes or sleeps.
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord will guard you;  
he is by your side to protect you.
- <sup>6</sup> The sun will not hurt you during the day,  
nor the moon during the night.
- <sup>7</sup> The Lord will protect you from all danger;  
he will keep you safe.
- <sup>8</sup> He will protect you as you come and go  
now and forever.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 103)



### Gospel: John 3:1-17 (GNT Pew Bible page 1268)

<sup>1</sup> There was a Jewish leader named Nicodemus, who belonged to the party of the Pharisees. <sup>2</sup> One night he went to Jesus and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher sent by God. No one could perform the miracles you are doing unless God were with him."

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "I am telling you the truth: no one can see the Kingdom of God without being born [from above]."

<sup>4</sup> "How can a grown man be born again?" Nicodemus asked. "He certainly cannot enter his mother's womb and be born a second time!"

<sup>5</sup> "I am telling you the truth," replied Jesus, "that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> A person is born physically of human parents, but is born spiritually of the Spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be surprised because I tell you that you must all be born [from above]. <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it wishes; you hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. It is like that with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> "How can this be?" asked Nicodemus.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, "You are a great teacher in Israel, and you don't know this? <sup>11</sup> I am telling you the truth: we speak of what we know and report what we have seen, yet none of you is willing to accept our message. <sup>12</sup> You do not believe me when I tell you about the things of this world; how will you ever believe me, then, when I tell you about the things of heaven? <sup>13</sup> And no one has ever gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from heaven."

<sup>14</sup> As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the desert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: *Born from Above* Pastor Tim Malek

Hymn of the Day: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (ELW 588)

The Apostles' Creed & Sharing of the Peace (ELW p. 105)

Offering: *As the Grains of Wheat* (ELW 465)

Offering Prayer, Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 112)

## **Sending**

Announcements and Blessing

Sending Song: *Lift High the Cross* (ELW 660)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### WELCOME TO CALVARY

Everyone is invited to sign the Friendship Registers at the end of each pew.

**KIDS CORNER** is a place where you can find kid-friendly items to use during Worship. It is located in the Narthex next to the coat room.

**CALVARY'S PRAYERGROUND** is located in the back of the Sanctuary. This area is designated for quiet play for children together with their parents.

**CALVARY'S NURSERY** is located on the west side of the Sanctuary and is available for your use. A nursing lounge is available in the Prayer Room located on the north end of Bethany Hall (in the basement).

### KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Mavis Larson, Anna Butler, Faye Rogers-Moen, Rice Hospital; Ralph W. Olson, St. Cloud Hospital; Vern Ashburn, Banner Baywood Hospital, Mesa, AZ.

**BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP** given by the Lindahl family, Follman family and Lee in memory of John "Fritz" Paulson who passed away 10 years ago on March 11, 2010.

**ADULT FORUM** at 9:05 AM today and March 29, Pastor Tim will talk on "A Closer Look at Matthew."

### FIRST COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Just a reminder...today's class with Barry Carlson has been cancelled. We will reschedule when he is feeling better.

**CREATIVE HEART - Just a reminder**...there is No Creative Heart on Wednesdays during Lent.

### ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

You are invited to join us next Sunday at 9:05 AM in Bethany Hall, as we learn together about Jesus' Sacrifice through the Stations of the Cross. Remember, there is no regular classroom Sunday School.

### CALVARY'S BOOK CLUB: A PLACE TO BELONG & THRIVE

**March's book will be "The Alice Network" – by Kate Quinn.** *"The Alice Network" is a notable historical fiction novel that brings the readers back to the Great War. Author Kate Quinn tells a story of two women in wartime Europe. One is an American socialite Charlie St. Clair. Her pregnancy forces her to leave her country and move to Europe in search of a cousin who disappeared in France during the Nazi occupation. The second is a female spy Eve Gardiner who became a part of France's Alice Network during the Great War.*

Our group meets once a month to discuss that month's book. Next meeting Monday, March 16 at 7:00 PM in the Friendship Room at Calvary. Everyone is welcome; join us when it fits your schedule. If you have questions or would like to be added to our Facebook group please contact Sara Bennett (320) 444-3769/ sarabennett26@gmail.com



**Wednesday, March 11**

**5:30 PM** – Lenten Supper  
Bethany Hall

**6:30 PM - Worship**  
**Sharing our Stories of Faith**

Guest Speaker: Bridget Pederson  
Designated Offering: GLLM

**DON'T FORGET TO SCHEDULE YOUR PHOTO SESSION FOR THE CALVARY CHURCH DIRECTORY** To register on line go to [Calvarylutheran@calvarywillmar.org](mailto:Calvarylutheran@calvarywillmar.org) and click on the Sign Up for Calvary Picture Button or if you have questions you can contact Erica Mathews at 320-444-0626. Next photo session is April 29 Through May 1st from 2-9 and Sat May 2nd from 10-4. **This is the LAST CHANCE for pictures!**

**MARCH IS KANDIYOHI COUNTY FOOD SHELF MONTH!** March is Food Shelf month. This month we emphasize the need to donate non-perishable food and/or money donations to the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf. We encourage donations all month with food placed in the grocery cart and money put in envelopes found in the cart and left at the office. Donations brought to church on Saturday, March 28 will be placed in the grocery cart. Then all of the donations for the month will be placed at the Altar on Sunday, March 29 at both services.

*The Social Concerns Committee*

### **EASTER PLANTS**

Every Easter, Calvary likes to fill the Sanctuary with flowers, provided in honor and in memory of your loved ones. You're invited to purchase plants for \$10/plant to express your love and appreciation. Order forms are available at the church office. Please have your forms submitted to the office by **Sunday, March 29!** Thank you!



### **HELP WANTED!**

We are looking for 2 more adults to help chaperone the Senior High Youth Trip to Denver, CO. We need at least one male and another adult 21+. Also we are looking to rent/use bigger vehicles for the Youth Trip. Please let Pastor Naomi or KJ know if you can help with either of these two requests!

### **NOT THROUGH YET: NTY IS BACK!**

Friday, April 3, 2020 from 12-2 PM in Bethany Hall. Sign up at the church office or call 235-2508 by Wednesday, April 1! Program information coming soon.

### **A Measure of Our Faithfulness Worship Attendance**

Saturday, February 29		40
Sunday, March 1	8:00	88
	10:15	212
Wednesday, March 4	6:30	154
<b>Total:</b>		<b>494</b>

### **Next Sunday—March 15**

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5: 1-11

John 4: 5-42

## **Calvary Staff**

Pastors: Tim Malek, Naomi Mahler,  
Dean E. Johnson  
Vicar: David Severtson  
Faith Formation Coordinator: Janel Skindellen  
Ministry Associates: KJ Farhat, Karina Rice  
Office Manager: Teri Sokulski  
Ministry Coordinator: Dawn Fisch  
Assistant Bookkeeper: Keith Neumann  
Custodian: Bruce Laffen, Debbie Petersen,  
Jasmine Rankin  
Head Usher: Randy Novak  
Prayer Ministry: Sandi Bennett, Julie Neumann,  
Dianne Plahn  
Kitchen Coordinator: Enola Dowdell  
Calvary Cemetery Sexton: Ron Keith

## **Missionaries**

Rev. Philip & Lou Knutson, Southern Africa  
Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania  
Rev. Alex LaChapelle, Kenya

## **2020 Executive Committee**

President: Mike Haugsby; Vice President: Sara  
Bennett; Secretary: Holly Ulrich; Treasurer: Craig  
Holmgren; Pastors

### **Board of Children & Family    Board of Stewardship**

Kaylee Jahraus (18-21)	Mike Haugsby (18-21)
Michelle Kotrba (19-22)	Charles Ulrich (19-22)
Elissa Nelson (20-23)	Kim Larson (20-23)

### **Board of Finance**

Craig Holmgren (18-21)  
Jena Berget (19-22)  
Shane Baker (20-23)

### **Board of Worship**

Jeremy Schmidt (18-21)  
Britta Willenbring (18-21)  
Jeanne Ashburn (19-22)  
Sandy Hanson (20-23)

### **Board of Outreach**

John Kappers (18-21)  
Nikki Erickson (19-22)  
Holly Ulrich (19-22)

### **Board of Youth & Family**

Sara Bennett (19-22)  
Michael Newberg (19-22)  
Karen Loge (20-23)

## **Serving Today**

Preaching: Pastor Tim Malek  
Worship Assistants: Pastor Naomi Mahler  
Vicar David Severtson

### **Acolytes:**

8:00 - Deiken Carruthers, Alexandria Eckhoff  
10:15 - Ryley Gulbranson, Emery Holwerda

### **Greeters:**

8:00 - Gerald & Eileen Sweep  
Peter & Carla Fostervold  
10:15 - Dean & Joni Hanson  
Leon & Deb Lentz

### **Lectors:**

5:30 - Lee Paulson  
8:00 - Nancy Hultgren  
10:15 - Wayne Nelson

### **Office Volunteer:**

8:00 - Marie Fett  
10:15 - Karen Giese

### **Sound:**

8:00 - Doug Sawatzky  
10:15 - Mark Johnson

Video - Gary Wyffels

March Altar Guild: Olive Beck, Linda Broberg,  
Karin Gilbertson, Linda Laffen, Sharon Mrzena

## Our Week at Calvary

<b>Sunday 8</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT</b>
	8:00 AM First Word Worship
	9:05 AM Sunday School
	9:05 AM Forum
	10:15 AM Foundation & Praise Worship
	3:00 PM Girl Scouts Troop 3500
	3:30 PM Mystery Movie - Redeemer Lutheran Church
<b>Monday 9</b>	
	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study "Amazing Collection"
	10:30 AM Prayer Time
	5:15 PM Grief Care
	5:45 PM Bell Choir
	6:30 PM Planning Team
	6:30 PM Cub Scouts
	7:00 PM Scouting BSA
<b>Tuesday 10</b>	
	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
	10:00 AM Staff Meeting
	10:30 AM Program Staff Meeting
	5:30 PM Board of Children & Family
	5:45 PM Board of Finance
	6:00 PM Board of Outreach
	6:00 PM Board of Worship
	6:00 PM Board of Youth & Family
	6:00 PM Daisy Girl Scouts Troop 3655
	7:00 PM Church Council
<b>Wednesday 11</b>	
	9:00 AM Beliveau Women's Bible Study
	10:00 AM Christ Care (Kopitzke)
	5:00 PM Choir
	5:30 PM Lenten Meal
	6:30 PM Lenten Worship
<b>Thursday 12</b>	
	9:30 AM Bible Study
	1:00 PM Doing Days/Quilting
	6:30 PM Girl Scouts Troop 3516
	6:30 PM Trailblazers
	7:00 AM Altar Guild Meeting
<b>Friday 13</b>	
	12:15 PM Yoga
<b>Saturday 14</b>	
	9:00 AM Foundation & Praise Rehearsal
	9:00 AM Hagemeyer/Nichols Wedding
	5:30 PM Chapel Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 15</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT</b>
	8:00 AM First Word Worship with Holy Communion
	9:05 AM All Ages Sunday School
	10:15 AM Foundation & Praise Worship with Holy Communion
	6:30 PM Sr. High Youth Group