

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

LECTIONARY 23  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 9:00 AM  
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Prelude: Naomi Powers-Baker

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

God, our comforter,

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

Gathering Song: *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet* (ELW 523)

### 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, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health  
and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make  
us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Children's Message

### Scripture: James 2:1-10, 14-17

<sup>1</sup> My friends, as believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, you must never treat people in different ways according to their outward appearance. <sup>2</sup> Suppose a rich man wearing a gold ring and fine clothes comes to your meeting, and a poor man in ragged clothes also comes. <sup>3</sup> If you show more respect to the well-dressed man and say to him, "Have this best seat here," but say to the poor man, "Stand over there, or sit here on the floor by my feet," <sup>4</sup> then you are guilty of creating distinctions among yourselves and of making judgments based on evil motives.

<sup>5</sup> Listen, my dear friends! God chose the poor people of this world to be rich in faith and to possess the kingdom which he promised to those who love him. <sup>6</sup> But you dishonor the poor! Who are the ones who oppress you and drag you before the judges? The rich! <sup>7</sup> They are the ones who speak evil of that good name which has been given to you.

<sup>8</sup> You will be doing the right thing if you obey the law of the Kingdom, which is found in the scripture, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." <sup>9</sup> But if you treat people according to their outward appearance, you are guilty of sin, and the Law condemns you as a lawbreaker. <sup>10</sup> Whoever breaks one commandment is guilty of breaking them all.

<sup>14</sup> My friends, what good is it for one of you to say that you have faith if your actions do not prove it? Can that faith save you? <sup>15</sup> Suppose there are brothers or sisters who need clothes and don't have enough to eat. <sup>16</sup> What good is there in your saying to them, "God bless you! Keep warm and eat well!"—if you don't give them the necessities of life? <sup>17</sup> So it is with faith: if it is alone and includes no actions, then it is dead.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus left and went away to the territory near the city of Tyre. He went into a house and did not want anyone to know he was there, but he could not stay hidden. <sup>25</sup> A woman, whose daughter had an evil spirit in her, heard about Jesus and came to him at once and fell at his feet. <sup>26</sup> The woman was a Gentile, born in the region of Phoenicia in Syria. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> But Jesus answered, "Let us first feed the children. It isn't right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

<sup>28</sup> "Sir," she answered, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's leftovers!"

<sup>29</sup> So Jesus said to her, "Because of that answer, go back home, where you will find that the demon has gone out of your daughter!"

<sup>30</sup> She went home and found her child lying on the bed; the demon had indeed gone out of her.

<sup>31</sup> Jesus then left the neighborhood of Tyre and went on through Sidon to Lake Galilee, going by way of the territory of the Ten Towns. <sup>32</sup> Some people brought him a man who was deaf and could hardly speak, and they begged Jesus to place his hands on him. <sup>33</sup> So Jesus took him off alone, away from the crowd, put his fingers in the man's ears, spat, and touched the man's

tongue. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus looked up to heaven, gave a deep groan, and said to the man, "*Ephphatha*," which means, "Open up!"

<sup>35</sup> At once the man was able to hear, his speech impediment was removed, and he began to talk without any trouble. <sup>36</sup> Then Jesus ordered the people not to speak of it to anyone; but the more he ordered them not to, the more they told it. <sup>37</sup> And all who heard were completely amazed. "How well he does everything!" they exclaimed. "He even causes the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak!"

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

Sermon: "*Open to Change*" Pastor David Severtson

Hymn of the Day: *Light Dawns on a Weary World* (ELW 726)

The Apostles Creed

Installation of Naomi Powers-Baker as Music Director

Prayers of Intercession & Sharing of the Peace

Offering Prayer

God of abundance,  
you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain from the heavens.  
Accept the gifts you have first given us.  
Unite them with the offering of our lives  
to nourish the world you love so dearly;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Table and Lord's Prayer

Communion Music:

*Healer of Our Every Ill* (ELW 612)  
*One Bread, One Body* (ELW 496)

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Announcements

## Blessing

People of God,  
you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, + one God,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Sending Song: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (ELW 547)

## Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Naomi Powers-Baker

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**Hospitalized:** Ian Carruthers, Mike Gimpl, Maxine Sweeter, Chris Simon.

**We Express Our Sympathy and Remember In Our Prayers:** The families of Donald Thompson; Melinda Link, mother of Kayla Link & Brittney Krueger.



### OFFICIAL NOTICE:

On Sunday, September 12, 2021 Calvary Lutheran Church, Willmar, MN at 9:30AM in Bethany Hall, is a special congregational meeting for the purpose of voting and calling Pastor David Severtson to be an Associate Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church. Pastor David has been under a one year term call which concludes on September 30, 2021.



### THE BELL IS BACK

Thursday was an exciting day as the bell returned to its home. It will be great to hear it ring again.



### **Gather Bible Study-September 15th**

Celtic Christians likened the Holy Spirit not to a dove, but to a goose. In these three sessions of the fall *Gather* Bible study, the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith, associate pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa, will lead us on our own divine Wild Goose chase. We'll track the Holy Spirit's actions throughout the Bible and throughout our lives. We'll explore how the Spirit moves God's people into

adventures and lives we would never dare risk on our own. 3 seasons September, October, and November. Join for one or all.



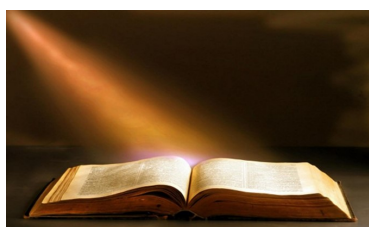
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### **SHARE THE BOUNTY**

Beginning today, Sunday, August 15th, there will be a table near the Church office with donated excess garden produce. These items will be free and all are welcome to take what you need.

Anyone with extra bounty and herbs can bring their clean produce to the Church before 4:00pm on Fridays or on Sunday mornings. On Monday mornings any leftovers will be delivered to the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf.

We ask that you bring a reusable bag to carry your produce home, but if you forget, there will be bags available for you to use. Thanks to all who share the bounty!



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

**For Sunday, September 12, 2021**  
**Sixteenth Sunday in Pentecost**  
**Mark 8: 27-38**



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### **NTY: Not Through Yet**

Join us for a "Potluck" organizational meeting on Friday, September 10 at noon. Please call the Church office 235-2508 to sign up and for any questions.



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!!**

We are searching for Sunday School teachers for the upcoming 2021/2022 Sunday School year. If interested or have any questions, please contact Janel Skindelen 320-235-2508. Come join the fun and help make a difference in a child's life!



## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

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

A graphic with the text "Volunteer Video and Computer Help Needed" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the text is a close-up image of a red keyboard key with the text "F1 Help" on it. The background of the graphic is a light green color with a subtle pattern of thin, dark lines.

**HELP NEEDED!**  
**Immediate Need for Video Operators willing to serve to Live Stream Worship or for Funeral Services.**

Feel free to come up for a visit before or after a service for more information. Training provided.

Or contact the Church Office for more Information.  
**320-235-2508**



**WHAT:** Grief Care

**WHEN:** Monday, September 13

5:15– 6:30

**WHERE:** Bethany Hall



### **Serving Today**

**Preaching:** Pastor David Severtson

**Assisting:** Pastor Dean Johnson & Pastor Naomi Mahler

**Communion Assistants:** Shawn Swenson & Jena Berget

**Greeters:** Dean & Joni Hanson, Gerald & Eileen Sweep

**Office Volunteer:** Mary Ellen deCathelineau

**Sound:** Kim Larson

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### **Calvary Staff**

**Pastors:** Dean E. Johnson, Naomi Mahler, David Severtson

**Director of Music Ministry:** Naomi Powers-Baker

**Faith Formation Coordinators:** Janel Skindelen

**Office Manager:** Teri Sokulski

**Ministry Coordinator:** Dawn Fisch

**Custodian:** Kim Schow

**Head Usher:** Randy Novak

**Kitchen Coordinator:** Enola Dowdell

**Calvary Cemetery Sexton:** Ron Keith