

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

LECTIONARY 25
SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 5:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 8:00 AM

FIND US ON: FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE
RADIO: SUN. 10:45 AM ON KWLM 1340AM AND 96.3FM
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Prelude: Naomi 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: *What is this Place* (ELW 524)

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

**O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us
as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition,
that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as
servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

Children's Sermon

Reading: Jeremiah 11: 18-20

¹⁸ The LORD informed me of the plots that my enemies were making against me.

¹⁹ I was like a trusting lamb taken out to be killed, and I did not know that it was against me that they were planning evil things. They were saying, "Let's chop down the tree while it is still healthy; ²⁰ let's kill him so that no one will remember him any more."

²⁰ Then I prayed, "Almighty LORD, you are a just judge; you test people's thoughts and feelings. I have placed my cause in your hands; so let me watch you take revenge on these people."

²¹ The people of Anathoth wanted me killed, and they told me that they would kill me if I kept on proclaiming the LORD's message. ²² So the LORD Almighty said, "I will punish them! Their young men will be killed in war; their children will die of starvation. ²³ I have set a time for bringing disaster on the people of Anathoth, and when that time comes, none of them will survive."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

³⁰ Jesus and his disciples left that place and went on through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where he was, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples: "The Son of Man will be handed over to those who will kill him. Three days later, however, he will rise to life."

³² But they did not understand what this teaching meant, and they were afraid to ask him.

Who Is the Greatest?

³³ They came to Capernaum, and after going indoors Jesus asked his disciples, "What were you arguing about on the road?"

³⁴ But they would not answer him, because on the road they had been arguing among themselves about who was the greatest. ³⁵ Jesus sat down, called the twelve disciples, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must place himself last of all and be the servant of all." ³⁶ Then he took a child and had him stand in front of them. He put his arms around him and said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes in my name one of these children, welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not only me but also the one who sent me."

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: "Afraid to Ask"

Song of the Day: *All Are Welcome* (ELW 641)

Apostles Creed

Prayers of Intercession and 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:

Break Now the Bread of Life (ELW 515)

Here is Bread (ELW 483)

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

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: *Go My Children, with My Blessing* (ELW543)

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Naomi Baker



TODAY IS RALLY DAY!!

We are so EXCITED to kick-off our new Faith Formation year!

9:15AM - Outdoor Worship Service west of the church with Bible presentation for 3 year old and 3rd grade children and installation of Sunday School teachers and Confirmation small group leaders.

***Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs!!**

10:15AM - Rally day Events! Join us for a fun time of CONNECTION and FUN outdoors! We will have Carnival games, Bouncy houses, mini donuts, popcorn, coffee

and water!

*In case of rain, Worship will be in the Sanctuary and the Rally Day Event in Bethany Hall.



SAVE THE DATE

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is September 26th
9:00AM Reception and 10:15AM Worship Service.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

One teacher position is open-
helpers always welcome

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



SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Calvary Council at the September meeting voted to enter an interim partnership with Svea Lutheran Church effective immediately until the end of 2021. Under the agreement, Calvary Pastors will provide leadership for Worship, Pastoral Care, and Faith Formation for both churches. Calvary will hire an interim, part-time minister, Pastor Ingrid Skilbred to help with this

agreement, and Svea Lutheran will provide a monthly contribution to cover this expense. Near the end of this interim period, leadership from Calvary and Svea will discuss whether or not to continue this partnership.

COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE

Singing in Worship with masking highly recommended: After further consideration, Calvary Council voted to allow congregational singing in worship and faith formation, effective immediately. Calvary's Covid Task Force will continue to monitor the local situation, to provide advisory measures to the council. Thank you for your patience as we navigate these issues!



A Special Congregational meeting of Calvary Lutheran Church, Willmar, MN will be held on Sunday October 10, 2021 at 9AM in Bethany Hall. The purpose of the meeting is for the members of Calvary Lutheran to consider and vote on the selling of the Jerry Anderson farm of 408 acres. The selling price shall be no less than \$8500 per acre. The sale shall be sold by public auction or sealed bids. The proceeds shall be directed to pay off the outstanding debt of

approximately \$700,000 which was for the purchase of the Bethesda Property. The remaining balance from the sale shall be deposited into the Jerry Anderson Capital Fund Account to be used in accordance with the terms of his bequest.

Two informational meeting will be held on Sunday October 3, 2021 at 9:05 AM & 6:30 PM in Bethany Hall. A copy of the presentation may be picked up in the main office. Please address any comments or questions to Kevin Hanson, Chair of the Finance Committee. The Resolution was passed unanimously by the Calvary Church Council on September 14, 2021.



BELL CHOIR

Calvary is seeking to have the Bell Choir ready for the Advent/Christmas Season. Practices will begin in October.

No experience is necessary-if interested or have questions please contact Naomi Baker -
320-235-2508 or email her at
nbaker@calvarywillmar.org

Naomi is looking forward to hearing from you!



Beginning September 12 and going through Sunday, October 3, we will be collecting personal needs items to be donated to the Salvation Army for their upcoming fall and winter season. Items needed are:

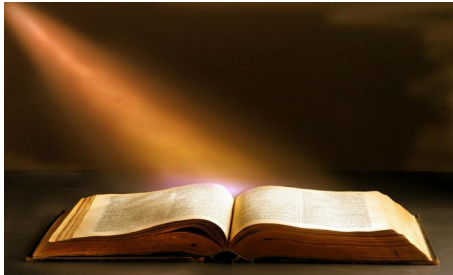
Combs, Soap, Hairbrushes, Shampoo & Conditioner, Lotion, Shaving Cream, razors, Deodorant, Kleenex, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Diapers, Feminine Products, Etc.

The list of needs will also be posted in the Narthex next to sign. Thank you in advance for your donations toward these needs.

Social Kindness Committee
(formally Social Concerns)



Boys and Girls K-12th grade are invited to join Cub Scouts/Scouts BSA. We meet Monday nights here at Calvary. Learn life long skills, meet new friends and enjoy the outdoors. Call/Text Heather Bonnema for more information at 320-212-3720.



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, September 19, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 9: 38-50**



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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



WHAT: Grief Care

WHEN: Monday's, 5:15 - 6:30 PM

WHERE: Bethany Hall

**Volunteer
Video and Computer
Help Needed**



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



FALL WORSHIP & EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 18 - 5:30 PM Chapel

Sunday, September 19 - 8:00 AM Worship

9:15 AM Outdoor Worship with Faith Formation

Saturday, September 25 - 5:30 PM Chapel

Sunday, September 26 - 8:00 AM & 10:15AM Worship

9:05 AM Faith Formation

*ALSO On Sunday, September 19 Carol Berry will be back with her MINI Donut Truck and also there will be other activities going on for Rally Sunday.

Calvary Staff

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

Director of Music Ministry: Naomi Powers-Baker

Faith Formation Coordinators : Janel Skindelian

Office Manager: Teri Sokulski

Ministry Coordinator: Dawn Fisch

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