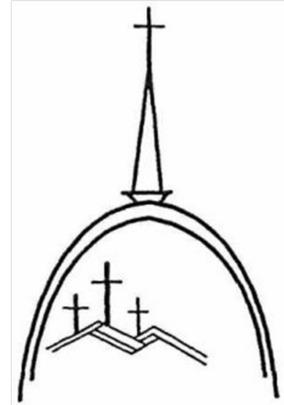


# *Calvary Lutheran Church*

TOGETHER IN CHRIST  
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



## *Thanksgiving Eve*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2022**  
**6:30 PM**

Find us on Facebook and YouTube

Radio: Sun 10:45 am on KWLM 1340 AM and 96.3 FM

TV: Sun 1:00 pm & 8:00 pm, Tues 9:30 am & 6:30 pm

WRAC Channel 181 on Spectrum

*This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.*

Prelude Naomi Baker

Welcome/Connection Cards

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.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and our neighbors.  
We have ignored voices  
that call for your justice.  
We have neglected actions  
that witness to your righteousness.  
We have spoken and acted  
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.  
We truly repent of things we have done  
and left undone.  
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Restore our troubled spirits,  
so that we may live in newness,  
follow the way of the Spirit,  
and build up the body of Christ.  
Amen.**

Rejoice and be glad!  
God hears the prayers of all who cry out,  
and restores us to life through the death  
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.  
Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Gathering Song *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (ELW 693) vs. 1, 2, 4

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together,

**Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11

"After you have occupied the land that the Lord your God is giving you and have settled there, <sup>2</sup> each of you must place in a basket the first part of each crop that you harvest and you must take it with you to the one place of worship. <sup>3</sup> Go to the priest in charge at that time and say to him, 'I now acknowledge to the Lord my God that I have entered the land that he promised our ancestors to give us.'

<sup>4</sup> "The priest will take the basket from you and place it before the altar of the Lord your God. <sup>5</sup> Then, in the Lord's presence you will recite these words: 'My ancestor was a wandering Aramean, who took his family to Egypt to live. They were few in number when they went there, but they became a large and powerful nation. <sup>6</sup> The Egyptians treated us harshly and forced us to work as slaves. <sup>7</sup> Then we cried out for help to the Lord, the God of our ancestors. He heard us and saw our suffering, hardship, and misery. <sup>8</sup> By his great power and strength he rescued us from Egypt. He worked miracles and wonders, and caused terrifying things to happen. <sup>9</sup> He brought us here and gave us this rich and fertile land. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring to the Lord the first part of the harvest that he has given me.'

"Then set the basket down in the Lord's presence and worship there. <sup>11</sup> Be grateful for the good things that the Lord your God has given you and your family; and let the Levites and the foreigners who live among you join in the celebration.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 100

Sing to the LORD, all the world!

<sup>2</sup> **Worship the LORD with joy;  
come before him with happy songs!**

<sup>3</sup> Acknowledge that the LORD is God.  
He made us, and we belong to him;  
we are his people, we are his flock.

<sup>4</sup> **Enter the Temple gates with thanksgiving;  
go into its courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him and praise him.**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is good;  
his love is eternal  
and his faithfulness lasts forever.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Reading Philippians 4:4-9

May you always be joyful in your union with the Lord. I say it again: rejoice!

<sup>5</sup> Show a gentle attitude toward everyone. The Lord is coming soon. <sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. <sup>7</sup> And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> In conclusion, my friends, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable. <sup>9</sup> Put into practice what you learned and received from me, both from my words and from my actions. And the God who gives us peace will be with you. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Special Music *Thankful* Briana Broberg

Gospel John 6: 25-35

<sup>25</sup> When the people found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, "Teacher, when did you get here?"

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, "I am telling you the truth: you are looking for me because you ate the bread and had all you wanted, not because you understood my miracles. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for food that spoils; instead, work for the food that lasts for eternal life. This is the food which the Son of Man will give you, because God, the Father, has put his mark of approval on him."

<sup>28</sup> So they asked him, "What can we do in order to do what God wants us to do?"

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "What God wants you to do is to believe in the one he sent."

<sup>30</sup> They replied, "What miracle will you perform so that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, just as the scripture says, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

<sup>32</sup> "I am telling you the truth," Jesus said. "What Moses gave you was not<sup>[a]</sup> the bread from heaven; it is my Father who gives you the real bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread that God gives is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

<sup>34</sup> "Sir," they asked him, "give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup> "I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection For What Are You Thankful? Louise Swenson - Svea  
Kelly Welch - Calvary

Song of the Day *Praise and Thanksgiving* (ELW 689)

Apostle's Creed (page 105)

Prayers of the Church

(Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**)

Offering Music *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* (ELW 694)

Offering Response

**From Our Abundance We Give**

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The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five lines of music. The lyrics are: 'From our a - bun - dance we give, we who are blessed be - yond mea - sure grate - ful for all that we have, hearts o - ver - flow - ing with trea - sure, hum - bled by joy e - very day that we live. — From our a - bun - dance we give.' The score includes measure numbers 7, 13, and 19. There are some musical notations such as a triplet of eighth notes in measure 8 and a fermata over the final note of the piece.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, Maker of all things.  
As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,  
now gather our gifts,  
nourish us with this sacrament,  
and send us to those who hunger and thirst,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* (ELW 461)  
*United at the Table* (ELW 498)  
*O Living Bread from Heaven* (ELW 542)

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

We give you thanks, most gracious God,  
that you have fed us with the bread of heaven  
and given us a foretaste of Paradise.  
Enliven us to be your body in the world  
and to serve those who are in need;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Blessing

The God of peace,  
who creates all things and calls them good,  
who makes us alive in Jesus,  
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

Sending Song *Now Thank We All Our God* (ELW 840)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Naomi Baker

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***Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Diane Cordes,  
sister of Char Arnsdorf***

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Last week's worship attendance: 265

YouTube: 98 households

### **Serving Today**

**Pastors:** Dean E. Johnson and David Severtson  
**Speakers:** Louise Swenson (Svea) and Kelly Welch (Calvary)  
**Acolytes:** Aden Jacobson and Aubrey Hjelle  
**Communion Assistants:** Krista Willis and Michelle Fernholz  
**Sound:** Mark Bloomquist  
**Video:** Sheila Quinn

### **Calvary Staff**

**Pastors:** Dean E. Johnson and David Severtson  
**Director of Music Ministry:** Naomi Powers-Baker  
**Interim Children and Family Coordinator:** Erica Mathews  
**Office Manager:** Teri Sokulski  
**Ministry Communications:** Sheila Rohner-Quinn  
**Custodian:** Kim Schow  
**Head Usher:** Randy Novak  
**Kitchen Coordinator:** Enola Dowdell  
**Calvary Cemetery Sexton:** Ron Keith

### **Calvary Council**

**Board of Children & Family:**

Erica Mathews - Chair  
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Kaylee Jahraus

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Shawn Swenson  
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Karina Rice - Secretary  
Jen Halvorson

**2022 Executive Committee:** Kim Larson (President); Shawn Swenson (Vice President); Mary Jo de Cathelineau (Secretary); Shane Baker (Treasurer).

### Upcoming Services

**THEME: *Heaven and Nature Sing:  
Joy to the World!***

#### **1st Weekend of Advent - Hopeful Joy**

November 26th, 5:30pm  
November 27th, 8 & 10:15am

#### **Blue Christmas - Elusive Joy**

November 27th, 4pm

#### **2nd Weekend of Advent - Loving Joy**

December 3rd, 5:30pm  
December 4th, 8:00am,  
Bishop Dee Pederson  
December 4th, 10:15am,  
Bishop Dee Pederson and  
Children's Program

#### **3rd Weekend of Advent - Unabashed Joy**

December 10th, 5:30pm  
December 11th, 8 & 10:15am

#### **4th Weekend of Advent - Peaceful Joy**

December 17th, 5:30pm  
December 18th, 8 & 10:15am

#### **Christmas - Incarnate Joy**

December 24th, 3:30, 5:00, 10:00pm  
December 25th, 10:00am

### **Giving Tree**

The Social Kindness Committee is providing each of us the opportunity to give a Christmas gift to someone in need in our community. Our Giving Tree, filled with ornaments, is up! Simply choose an ornament (or two), purchase the requested gift, and return it to the church office before December 12. Please use a gift bag and attach the colored ornament to the bag. These gifts bring such joy to the recipients as well as the givers! Thank you for your participation.

### **Calvary's 150th Anniversary Celebration Weekend**

**December 3/4, 2022**

Join us to decorate in Bethany Hall on December 1st and 2nd any time between 10 am and 7 pm. All are welcome! Wish to volunteer for something else? **Please contact Krista Willis (320-905-2946) or Jean Berg (320-295-8321).**

### **Christmas Poinsettias**

Every year, Calvary decorates the sanctuary with poinsettias for the Christmas season. You can buy one for just \$10, in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please stop at the office to make your payment and fill out the form. Deadline is November 29th. Let's fill the sanctuary with beautiful flowers!

### **Library Registration**

Our check-out system is now computerized, so please stop by the library and fill out a form for us if you'd like to check out any books. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **The Amazing Collection**

Join our Bible study on Mondays at 9:00 am in the Friendship Room. Everyone is welcome!

### **Grief Care**

Grief Care meets in the Friendship Room on Mondays from 5:15-6:30 pm. All are welcome.

**West Central Singers at Calvary**  
December 11th, 4 pm

**Text Bible Study**

Join us on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the Friendship Room. All are welcome!

**Reminder—Annual Reports**

Annual reports are due by December 1st! Please email to: [teri@calvarywillmar.org](mailto:teri@calvarywillmar.org). Thank you!

**Need a Name Tag?**

We encourage you to wear your name tags at church. Don't have one? Please stop by the office and we will order one for you!

**Confirmation Dinner Menu**

November 3 - Tater tot hotdish

**Thanksgiving Office Hours**

The Church office will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th. Happy Thanksgiving!

**NTY**

**Friday, November 9th - Noon**

If you like Christmas music (and who doesn't like Christmas music?!!) then you'll enjoy Terry Shaw and his Christmas music program at the December NTY. Bring a guest and enjoy a good lunch followed by a fun musical presentation by Terry.

Please call the church office by Wednesday, December 7th to register. Cost is \$7.00 payable the day of NTY.

Note: Please bring a few Christmas goodies to share for dessert. If you're unable to, please come anyway! There is always enough.

**Memorial Tree**

***Honoring the memory of those we have lost***

Calvary's Memorial Tree will be set up at the east entrance on Monday, November 28th. You may add your ornaments during regular office hours, M-F, 8-4. Please pick them back up by January 6th, or they will be stored for next time. Thank you!

**2022 Financials October & YTD**

	October Budget	October Actual	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Income	\$ 72,110.40	\$ 61,461.32	\$ (10,649.08)	\$ 721,104.20	\$ 634,891.71
1 time only ERC (Employee Retention Credit)					\$ 73,844.64
Expenses	\$ 75,329.03	\$ 67,988.44	\$ (7,340.59)	\$ 753,289.97	\$ 752,963.17
	\$ (3,218.63)	\$ (6,527.12)	\$ (3,308.49)	\$ (32,185.77)	\$ (44,226.82)



*Vintage Church Basement  
Celebration Meal*

**December 3, 2022  
6:30 pm (following chapel service)  
in Bethany Hall**

Family-style, Limited seating

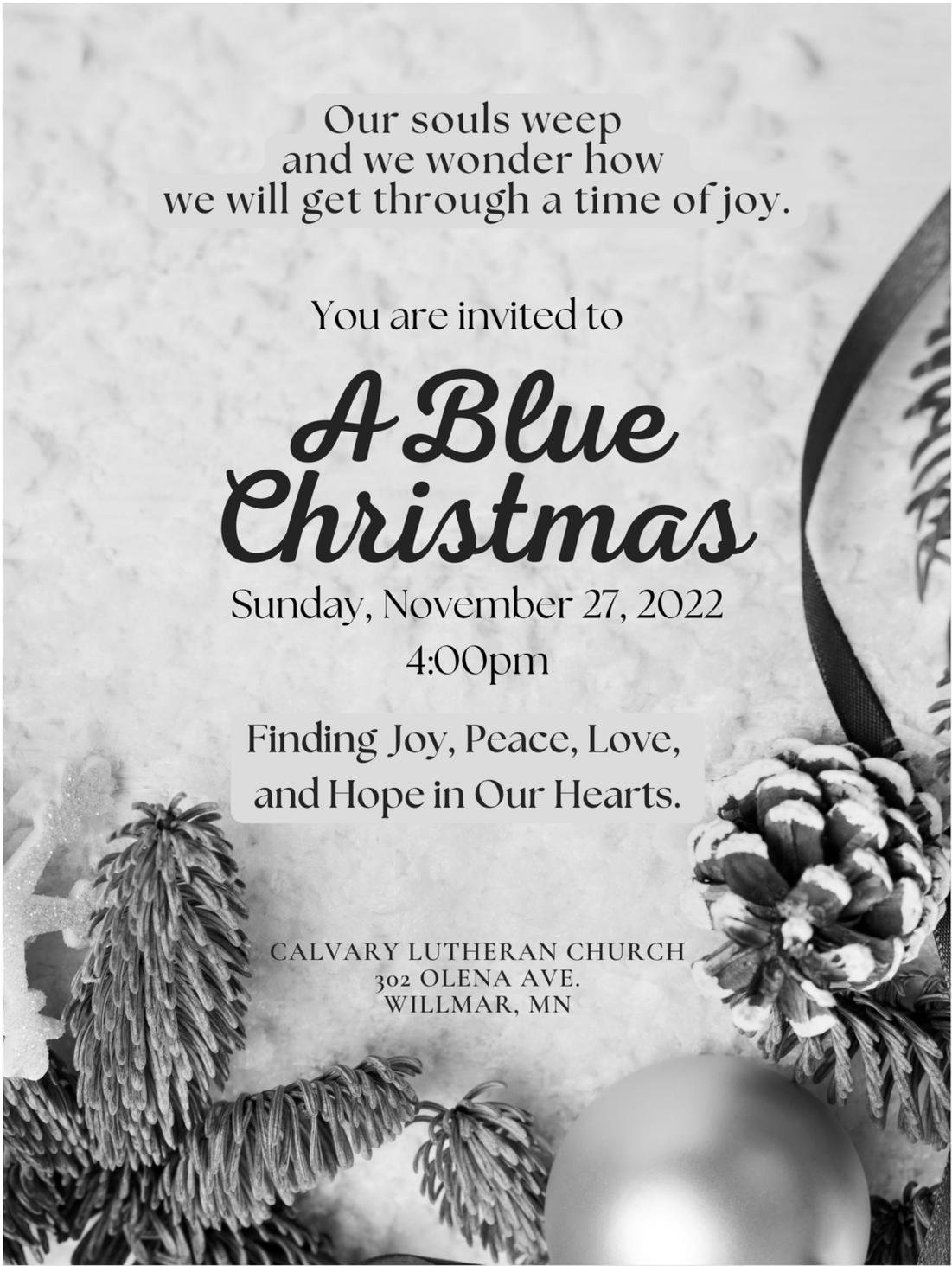
Attendees are encouraged to wear  
your vintage or Norwegian apparel.

*Get your tickets at the office!*

*Only \$5.00\**

*Children under 5 are free*

*\*Thank you to the many donors whose sponsorship made this price possible.*



Our souls weep  
and we wonder how  
we will get through a time of joy.

You are invited to

# *A Blue Christmas*

Sunday, November 27, 2022

4:00pm

Finding Joy, Peace, Love,  
and Hope in Our Hearts.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
302 OLENA AVE.  
WILLMAR, MN

**Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25**

Office Closed

**Saturday, November 26**

10:00am Praise Band

5:30pm Chapel Service

**Sunday, November 27**

8:00am Worship Service

9:05am Adult Forum

10:15am Worship Service

10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm

1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

4:00pm Blue Christmas Service

8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

**Monday, November 28**

9:00am The Amazing Collection

5:00pm Bell Choir

5:15pm Grief Care

6:30pm Cub Scouts

7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, November 29**

6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181

7:00pm Zoom Pilates with Lori

**Wednesday, November 30**

6:00pm Confirmation

**Thursday, December 1**

9:30am Text Bible Study

10:00am 150th Anniversary Decorating

12:30pm Board of Worship

6:00pm Girl Scouts - Troop 3655

**Friday, December 2**

10:00am 150th Anniversary Decorating

**Saturday, December 3**

10:00am Praise Band

5:30pm Chapel Service

6:30pm 150th Anniversary Dinner

**Sunday, December 4**

8:00am Worship Service

9:05am Adult Forum

9:05am Early Childhood Sunday School

10:15am Worship Service

10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm