

# *Calvary Lutheran Church*

TOGETHER IN CHRIST  
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



## *The Baptism of Our Lord*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023—5:30 PM**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 — 8:00 AM & 10:15 AM**

*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

Prelude Sharon Willen

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 makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

Gathering Song *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* (ELW 310)

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together,

**O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD, you heavenly beings;  
praise his glory and power.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD's glorious name;  
bow down before the Holy One when he appears.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is heard on the seas;  
the glorious God thunders,  
and his voice echoes over the ocean.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is heard  
in all its might and majesty.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars,  
even the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup>**He makes the mountains of Lebanon jump like calves  
and makes Mount Hermon leap like a young bull.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the lightning flash.

<sup>8</sup>**His voice makes the desert shake;  
he shakes the desert of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD's voice shakes the oaks  
and strips the leaves from the trees  
while everyone in his Temple shouts, "Glory to God!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD rules over the deep waters;  
he rules as king forever.**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD gives strength to his people  
and blesses them with peace.

## New Testament Reading Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak: "I now realize that it is true that God treats everyone on the same basis. <sup>35</sup>Those who fear him and do what is right are acceptable to him, no matter what race they belong to. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, proclaiming the Good News of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>You know of the great event that took place throughout the land of Israel, beginning in Galilee after John preached his message of baptism. <sup>38</sup>You know about Jesus of Nazareth and how God poured out on him the Holy Spirit and power. He went everywhere, doing good and healing all who were under the power of the Devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses of everything that he did in the land of Israel and in Jerusalem. Then they put him to death by nailing him to a cross. <sup>40</sup>But God raised him from death three days later and caused him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to everyone, but only to the witnesses

that God had already chosen, that is, to us who ate and drank with him after he rose from death. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach the gospel to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God has appointed judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets spoke about him, saying that all who believe in him will have their sins forgiven through the power of his name."

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

Children's Message (10:15)

Gospel Acclamation *Word of God, Come Down on Earth* (ELW 510) v. 1

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup> At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to make him change his mind. "I ought to be baptized by you," John said, "and yet you have come to me!"

<sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so for now. For in this way we shall do all that God requires." So John agreed.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him. <sup>17</sup> Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased."

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

Sermon "*Why Baptism?*" Pastor David Severtson

Song of the Day *When Jesus Came to Jordan* (ELW 305)

Apostle's Creed (page 105)

Prayers of the Church  
(Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music

Offering Response *We Are an Offering* (ELW 692)

### Offering Prayer

Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,  
**Amen.**

### Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* (ELW 304)  
*Spirit of Gentleness* (ELW 396)  
*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* (ELW 488)

### Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Holy One,  
we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you.  
**Amen.**

### Blessing of Homebound Communion

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care:  
As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set  
forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound,  
and imprisoned.  
In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this  
sacrament,  
and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and  
blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### Announcements

#### Sending Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.  
**Amen.**

Sending Song *God, Whose Almighty Word* (ELW 673)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus!

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Sharon Willen

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Hospitalized This Week: Robbie Hjelle, Dale Hanson

Last weekend's worship attendance: 259      YouTube: 155 households

### 2022 Financials December & YTD

	December Budget	December Actual	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 72,110.40	\$ 104,863.84	\$ 32,753.44	\$ 865,325.00	\$ 819,240.06	\$ (46,084.94)
1 time only ERC (Employee Retention Credit)					\$ 73,844.64	
Expenses	\$ 75,329.03	\$ 70,163.35	\$ (5,165.68)	\$ 903,948.03	\$ 883,015.23	\$ (20,932.80)
	\$ (3,218.63)	\$ 34,700.49	\$ 37,919.12	\$ (38,623.03)	\$ 10,069.47	\$ 48,692.50

### Serving Today

**Preaching:** Pastor David Severtson

**Acolytes:** 8:00 - Kiana Eichhorst and Maddie George  
10:15 - Christian and Domminick Moist

**Lectors:** Saturday - Susan Roepke  
8:00 - Kevin Christianson  
10:15 - Andrew Berg

**Communion Assistants:** 8:00 - Elissa Nelson and Pam DeKraai  
10:15 - Rae and Emery Holwerda

**Greeters:** 8:00 - Loren & Smitty Luschen, Jack & Caryn Behr  
10:15 - Jeff & Jane Miller, Sue Martin

**Office:** 8:00 - Sally Olson; 10:15 - Marcia Knutson

**Sound:** 8:00 - Shawn Swenson; 10:15 - Mark Johnson

**Video:** Jody Skindelien

### 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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Jen Halvorson

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

### **Annual Meeting**

Calvary's Annual Meeting is coming up next Sunday, **January 22nd**. Join us at 11:15 am in Bethany Hall, after the second service. Light lunch available.

### **Camp registration is open!**

Join us for our week at The Shores of St Andrew (week 3), June 25th - 29th. Calvary has spots reserved for your children, but they are only guaranteed until Feb 16th - so register early! Calvary will also pay \$160 for Half Blast or \$320 for Andy's Gang or Trailblazers. When you register, make sure you are using the grade your child will be completing, not what they will be in the fall. If you register by Feb 16th, you will receive an early bird discount of \$50, and you can use code "Launch 23" for an extra \$10 off! We want all of Calvary's kids to be able to go to camp. Go to [gllm.org](http://gllm.org) to get started.

*If you need help, contact Erica Mathews: 320-444-0626 - [erica@calvarywillmar.org](mailto:erica@calvarywillmar.org)*

### **Be a Sponsor!**

Want to help a kid go to camp this summer? Check out the insert in this week's bulletin or pick up a form at the office.

### **Grief Care**

Grief Care support group meets on Mondays at 5:15 pm in The Friendship Room. All are welcome.

### **Bell Choir**

Bell Choir will resume on Monday, January 16th, 5-6pm. New members welcome. No experience necessary!

### **Text Bible Study**

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

### **Weekly Devotionals**

Attention: If you'd like to keep receiving the weekly "Taking Faith Home" devotional to your email, please let us know at: [calvarylutheran@calvarywillmar.org](mailto:calvarylutheran@calvarywillmar.org). Thank you!

### **Textile Recycling**

Reminder: our textile recycling is for UNUSABLE materials only. These items are ground up for insulation, not sold as usable clothing. Thank you!

### **Confirmation Dinner Menu**

January 18—French toast, sausage, potatoes, and applesauce

January 25—Chicken patty on a bun, chips, pickles, fruit, and vegetable

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)

**Sunday, January 15**

8:00am Worship Service  
9:05am Coffee with Council  
9:05am Sunday School  
10:15am Worship Service  
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm  
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181  
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

**Monday, January 16**

9:00am The Amazing Collection  
1:30pm BeFrienders  
5:00pm Bell Choir  
5:15pm Grief Care  
6:30pm Cub Scouts  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, January 17**

9:00am Humility Circle  
6:30pm Creation Care  
6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181  
7:00pm Zoom Pilates with Lori

**Wednesday, January 18**

10:00am Gather Bible Study  
6:00pm Confirmation

**Thursday, January 19**

9:30am Text Bible Study  
1:00pm Quilters  
6:30pm Faith Formation Transition Team

**Saturday, January 21**

10:00am Praise Band  
5:30pm Chapel Service

**Sunday, January 22**

8:00am Worship Service  
9:05am Sunday School  
10:15am Worship Service  
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm  
11:15am Annual Meeting  
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181  
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

**Monday, January 23**

9:00am The Amazing Collection  
5:00pm Bell Choir  
5:15pm Grief Care  
6:30pm Cub Scouts  
7:00pm Boy Scouts





