

Calvary Lutheran Church

TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



The Transfiguration of Our Lord

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023 — 10:15 AM

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

Gathering Music *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* ELW 789
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW 807
What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine ELW 774

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.

And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

As we look upon your face transformed by the light of Love,

**we confess that we have chosen to walk in the darkness of fear,
prejudice, selfishness, shame and pride.**

**As we marvel at your ability to forgive and heal, reconcile and make
new, we confess that we have chosen to hold fast to anger and
resentment, to cling stubbornly to how things have always been.**

As we prepare to come to the table to remember how you lived your life for
others and to receive your gift of grace,

we confess that we allow greed and fear to drive our actions.

In your mercy, free us from the bonds of evil.

**Liberate our minds from the shackles of insecurity and fear, hatred
and greed.**

Shine the light of your love upon us —

that by that light we may know we are already forgiven, called by name and
beloved.

Amen.

Gathering Song *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* ELW 631

Prayer of the Day

O God, **in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries
of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from
the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed
our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory,
and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up the mountain to me, and while you are
here, I will give you two stone tablets which contain all the laws that I have
written for the instruction of the people." ¹³Moses and his helper Joshua got

ready, and Moses began^[a] to go up the holy mountain. ¹⁴ Moses said to the leaders, "Wait here in the camp for us until we come back. Aaron and Hur are here with you; and so whoever has a dispute to settle can go to them."

¹⁵ Moses went up Mount Sinai, and a cloud covered it. ¹⁶⁻¹⁷ The dazzling light of the LORD's presence came down on the mountain. To the Israelites the light looked like a fire burning on top of the mountain. The cloud covered the mountain for six days, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from the cloud. ¹⁸ Moses went on up the mountain into the cloud. There he stayed for forty days and nights.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2

Why do the nations plan rebellion?

Why do people make their useless plots?

² **Their kings revolt,
their rulers plot together against the Lord
and against the king he chose.**

³ "Let us free ourselves from their rule," they say;
"let us throw off their control."

⁴ **From his throne in heaven the Lord laughs
and mocks their feeble plans.**

⁵ Then he warns them in anger
and terrifies them with his fury.

⁶ **"On Zion my sacred hill," he says,
"I have installed my king."**

⁷ "I will announce," says the king, "what the Lord has declared.
He said to me: 'You are my son;
today I have become your father.'

⁸ **Ask, and I will give you all the nations;
the whole earth will be yours.**

⁹ You will break them with an iron rod;
you will shatter them in pieces like a clay pot.'"

¹⁰ **Now listen to this warning, you kings;
learn this lesson, you rulers of the world:**

¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear;

¹² **tremble and bow down to him
or else his anger will be quickly aroused,
and you will suddenly die.**

Happy are all who go to him for protection.

New Testament Reading 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶We have not depended on made-up stories in making known to you the mighty coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. With our own eyes we saw his greatness. ¹⁷We were there when he was given honor and glory by God the Father, when the voice came to him from the Supreme Glory, saying, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased!" ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice coming from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we are even more confident of the message proclaimed by the prophets. You will do well to pay attention to it, because it is like a lamp shining in a dark place until the Day dawns and the light of the morning star shines in your hearts. ²⁰Above all else, however, remember that none of us can explain by ourselves a prophecy in the Scriptures. ²¹For no prophetic message ever came just from the human will, but people were under the control of the Holy Spirit as they spoke the message that came from God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People* ELW 519 v.1

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter and the brothers James and John and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. ²As they looked on, a change came over Jesus: his face was shining like the sun, and his clothes were dazzling white. ³Then the three disciples saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. ⁴So Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁵While he was talking, a shining cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased—listen to him!"

⁶When the disciples heard the voice, they were so terrified that they threw themselves face downward on the ground. ⁷Jesus came to them and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid!" ⁸So they looked up and saw no one there but Jesus.

⁹As they came down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Don't tell anyone about this vision you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from death."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "He Can Change Us" Pastor Dean E. Johnson

Song of the Day *You Are Holy* ELW 525

Children's Message Pastor David Severtson

Apostle's Creed (page 105)

Prayers of the Church

(Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* ELW 759

Offering Response *Lord, Be Glorified* ELW 744 vs 1,4

Offering Prayer

God of joy,

thank you for all that we have.

Receive these gifts, given with joy and thanksgiving.

May they support the work of the faithful to bring justice and joy to all people. **Amen.**

Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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Beautiful Savior ELW 838
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW 815

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

God of gentleness, thank you for relieving our burdens and for filling our emptiness with the Bread of Life. Create of us the living Body of Christ, that in these challenging times we might witness the power and possibility of your love and peace in our world today.

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

Awakened to the treasure within and around us,
To bring transformation, challenge and hope to the world,
May the abundant blessings of God, Source, Savior and Spirit
Be yours today and always.

Amen.

Sending Song *Shine, Jesus, Shine* ELW 671

Dismissal

Let us go out in peace and joy!

Thanks be to God!

Departure

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Hospitalized This week: Rob Hjelle, Wayne Johnson, Marilyn Nordstrom, Maxine Sweeter
Mike Gimpl

Our prayers and sympathy to the families of Russell Onnen, Father of Linda Weitzel,
Doug Kveene family for the loss of his mother.

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)

Serving Today

Preaching:	Pastor Dean E. Johnson
Assisting:	Pastor David Severtson
Acolytes:	8:00 - Beau Dirksen & Aubrey Hjelle 10:15 - Logan Madsen
Communion Assistants	8:00 - Bob & Connie Dickerson 10:15 - Keelan Darger & Mary Jo de Cathelineau
Greeters:	8:00 - Bruce & Phillis DeBlicke, Gregg & Karen Laurence 10:15 - Vern & Linda Broberg, Carolyn & Christa Gripentrog
Lectors:	Saturday - Julie Neumann 8:00 - Joni Hanson 10:15 - Brad Rice
Office:	8:00 - Nancy Fritz; 10:15 - Carol Toutge
Sound:	8:00 - Mark Bloomquist; 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
Custodian: Kim Schow & Ken Newberg
Head Usher: Randy Novak
Kitchen Coordinator: Enola Dowdell
Calvary Cemetery Sexton: Ron Keith

2023 Calvary Council Leaders & Members

Shawn Swenson - Congregational President	Brian Henrickson
Mary Jo de Cathelineau - Vice President	Corey Nelson
Bridget Pederson - Secretary	Janel Skindelien
Shane Baker	Amber Willis
Caleb Hanson	

Living as Saints – Lent 2023

Lent is a time of renewal. Join us Wednesday evenings as we remember that we are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection and reborn saints, beloved children of God. We'll hear from various speakers about their lives as saints. Our weekly themes will be:

- Feb.22 – Marked with the Cross
- Mar.1 – Inheritance of Faith
- Mar.8 – Perseverance with Endurance
- Mar.15 – Faithful in Prayer
- Mar.22 – Striving for Justice
- Mar.29 – Dying and Rising with Christ.

A free-will offering meal of soup and sandwiches will be served at 5:15. Then, worship with Holden Evening Prayer will be held at 6:15.

2023 Lenten Offerings

February 22 Ash Wednesday—Lutheran Social Service

March 1—Calvary Creation Care

March 8—Calvary Family Promise

March 15—Calvary Camp Scholarships

March 22—Lutheran Disaster Response for the Ukraine

March 29—Safe Avenues

April 6—Calvary Youth and Eagles Nest.

LEAD PASTOR

Calvary Lutheran Church, an ELCA congregation is seeking a Lead Administrative Pastor.

The Congregation has 2586 baptized members with 1992 confirmed members as of 12/31/22. Please share this information in order to reach out to possible candidates.

The church's Ministry Site Profile is available on the Southwestern Minnesota Synod website and the ELCA website.

Questions can be directed to Wayne Nelson, Chairperson of the Call Committee at 320-212-7987 or Bishop Dee Pederson at 507-637-3904.

Thank you

Faith Formation Coordinator - P/T

Calvary Lutheran is searching for a Faith Formation Coordinator to provide leadership for our Sixth Grade to young adult ministry. This work involves collaborating with the Pastor of Faith Formation, the faith formation committees, and others in the congregation to provide young people and their families opportunities for growth and connection within a safe and nurturing environment. This is a 20-25 hours per week position compensated on an hourly basis. Please contact Pastor David Severtson if you are interested: pastordavids@calvarywillmar.org, 920-264-4764. (posted 1/23/2023).

Office Assistant - P/T

Calvary Lutheran is looking for a part time paid office position. If interested Please contact Pastor Dean E. Johnson at pastordean@calvarywillmar.org or call 320-260-3642.

Calvary Easter Choir

Keep watch for information on a Calvary Easter Choir! Plans are to rehearse Wednesday evenings after Lenten services.

Library News

Stop by the library and check out this new book: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* is a picture-book interpretation of one of America's best-known songs, focusing on landscapes and images of a boy and his family. Includes printed melody-line and all four verses.

First Communion

Please join us in congratulating the 2nd grade class as they will have their 1st Communion on Sunday, March 5th at 10:15 am. In the Narthex are the prayer boxes they have decorated. We would love for the congregation to write them a special prayer or a favorite bible verse and place them in their prayer boxes. Paper is available on the table by the boxes

Gather Bible Study for Women

Third Wednesday each month, 10:00 am, in the Friendship Room.

Grief Care

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

Bell Choir

Bell Choir meets on Mondays, from 5-6pm. New members welcome. No experience necessary!

EXCITING NEWS!

Our church leadership has decided it is time for a new directory. Our dates for photography will be March 21st – 24th from 2pm – 8:30pm and Sat March 25th from 10:30 – 5pm. Don't worry, we have additional dates in May for those of you not able to join us in March. Please note we prefer to fill the March dates first. There are 2 ways to schedule; To make an appointment online go to www.ucdir.com or use the QR code posted, click on the Photography appt login, enter church code mn340 and the password is photos. Both are case sensitive. The second would be to sign up between services or after the 10:15am service on Feb 12th, 19th or 26th. We will need volunteers to help with the sign up process between the 8am and 10:15 service, and after the 10:15am service to sit by the laptops and help sign families up. We will also need hosts and hostesses for the days of photography. Please let the church office know if you can be of help. If you have questions please direct to Naomi Baker or Erica Mathews.



Ready Set Glow

Grades 2nd - 4th are invited to a glow party March 19th, 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Cost is \$5.00 per child and includes hot dogs, chips and water. Registration can be picked up in the office or contact Erica Mathews.

Adult Forum

Sunday February 19th, 9:05am in the Friendship Room by Pastor Dean, The Ten Commandments Revisited.

Text Bible Study

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

Pizza & Game Night Grades 5th & 6th

Join us for a night of Pizza and Games at Calvary on March 24th, 6pm - 8pm. Cost is \$5.00 per student. Registration forms can be pick up in the office or contact Erica Mathews.

Creation Care Tip

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – Notice the order! Reducing is the most important and reusing is next. It actually takes a lot of energy to recycle. Try to think about reusing something before putting it in the recycle bin.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt At Calvary

Is fast approaching. Last year we filled 2500 eggs, this year we have 5000 to fill! This event is truly made possible by the generous donations from our congregation. If you would like to donate to the egg hunt, you can drop off your contribution at the office or with Erica Mathews.

Sunday, February 19

» 12:30am Confirmation Winter Retreat Returns
8:00am Worship Service
9:05am Adult Forum
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, February 20

5:00pm Bell Choir
5:15pm Grief Care
6:30pm Call Committee Meeting
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 21

9:00am Humility Circle
1:30pm BeFrienders
6:30pm Creation Care
6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181
7:00pm Zoom Pilates with Lori

Wednesday, February 22

5:15pm Ash Wednesday Dinner
6:15pm Ash Wednesday Service with Communion

Thursday, February 23

9:30am Text Bible Study
1:00pm Quilters
6:00pm Girl Scouts - Troop 3655
6:30pm Girl Scouts #3656

Saturday, February 25

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

Sunday, February 26

8:00am Worship Service
9:05am Adult Forum
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
2:00pm Setup for Pinewood Derby - Boy Scouts
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

