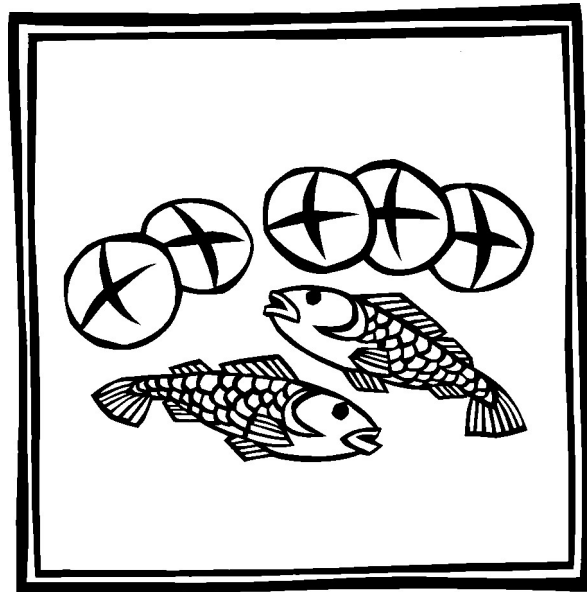


Calvary Lutheran Church

TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



The Tenth Weekend after Pentecost

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023 9:00 AM

Prelude Naomi Baker

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Song *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* ELW 461

Welcome

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

O Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together,
Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you
cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that
satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving
world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Song of Praise *You Are Holy* ELW 525

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (GNT)

⁸ The Lord is loving and merciful,
slow to become angry and full of constant love.

⁹ He is good to everyone
and has compassion on all he made.

¹⁴ He helps those who are in trouble;
he lifts those who have fallen.

**15 All living things look hopefully to you,
and you give them food when they need it.**

16 You give them enough
and satisfy the needs of all.

**17 The Lord is righteous in all he does,
merciful in all his acts.**

18 He is near to those who call to him,
who call to him with sincerity.

**19 He supplies the needs of those who honor him;
he hears their cries and saves them.**

20 He protects everyone who loves him,
but he will destroy the wicked.

**21 I will always praise the Lord;
let all his creatures praise his holy name forever.**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

New Testament Reading Romans 9:1-5 (GNT)

1 I am speaking the truth; I belong to Christ and I do not lie. My conscience, ruled by the Holy Spirit, also assures me that I am not lying 2 when I say how great is my sorrow, how endless the pain in my heart 3 for my people, my own flesh and blood! For their sake I could wish that I myself were under God's curse and separated from Christ. 4 They are God's people; he made them his children and revealed his glory to them; he made his covenants with them and gave them the Law; they have the true worship; they have received God's promises; 5 they are descended from the famous Hebrew ancestors; and Christ, as a human being, belongs to their race. May God, who rules over all, be praised forever! Amen.
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* ELW 172

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21 (GNT)

13 When Jesus heard the news about John, he left there in a boat and went to a lonely place by himself. The people heard about it, and so they left their towns and followed him by land. 14 Jesus got out of the boat, and when he saw the large crowd, his heart was filled with pity for them, and he healed their sick. 15 That evening his disciples came to him and said, "It is already very late, and this is a lonely place. Send the people away and let them go to the villages to buy food for themselves." 16 "They don't have to leave," answered Jesus. "You yourselves give them something to eat!" 17 "All we have here are five loaves and two fish," they replied. 18 "Then bring them here to me," Jesus said. 19 He ordered the people to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, and gave thanks to God. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. 20 Everyone ate and had enough. Then the disciples took up twelve baskets full of what was left over. 21 The number of men who ate was about five thousand, not counting the women and children.
Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *"Unexpected Results"* Pastor Dean E. Johnson

Song of the Day *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* ELW 733

Apostles' Creed (page 105)

Prayers of the Church (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

Sharing of Peace

Offering Music

Offering Response *We Are an Offering* ELW 692

Offering Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music	<i>Come, Let Us Eat</i>	ELW 491
	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>	ELW 656
	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	ELW 638

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Reflections from the South Dakota Youth Trip

Announcements

Sending Blessing

God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed
bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.
Amen.

Sending Song *Lead Me, Guide Me* ELW 767

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share God's love!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Serving Today

Preaching: Pastor Dean E. Johnson
Acolytes: Adyssey Barrett, Rylynn Quist
Communion Assistants: Corey & Elissa Nelson, Caleb Hanson
Greeters: Loren & Smitty Luschen, Wayne & Linda Nelson
Lectors: Saturday - Nancy Holt
Sunday - Andrew Berg
Office: Karen Rinke
Sound: Mark Johnson
Video: Chris Bennett

Calvary Staff

Pastor: Dean E. Johnson
Director of Music Ministry: Naomi Powers-Baker
Faith Formation Coordinator - Children: Erica Mathews
Faith Formation Coordinator - Youth: Victoria Larsen
Office Manager: Teri Sokulski
Office Assistant: Marie Fett
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Head Usher: Randy Novak
Kitchen Coordinator: Enola Dowdell
Calvary Cemetery Sexton: Ron Keith

2023 Calvary Council Leaders

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

Hospitalized This Week: Bonnie Cornelia

Weekly Attendance - 204
YouTube - 66
General Offering - \$6,091.20

TEXTILE RECYCLING IS STARTING AGAIN

Exciting News: We are starting to collect materials again. Reminder: Fabric/textile recycling is for **UNUSABLE** material. These are not sold for usable clothing. Thank you!

NEED ADDRESSES FOR RECENT GRADUATES

As part of God's work. Our hands., the Social Kindness Committee will be mailing goodie boxes to Calvary members' children/grandchildren who graduated from high school Spring of 2023. In order to do this, we need addresses for these young people whether they are at college or in the work force. Addresses may be sent to Naomi Baker at nbaker@calvarywillmar.org or dropped off at the office. Stay tuned, we'll be asking for home baked cookies by Sept. 10th! Thanks!
Naomi

NTY FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 AT 12:00 NOON

While we are not in the hot month of August, let's think about blizzards. Last winter was long, cold, snowy, and included several blizzards, but there have been also some deadly blizzards in Minnesota. Come to NTY on August 18th and hear Carolyn Mankell Sowinski talk about a 3-day blizzard which occurred 150 years ago. A resident of Bloomington, Indiana, Carolyn is a native of Lake Andrew Township and has written a book about this blizzard: The Great Storm: Minnesota's victims in the Blizzard of January 7, 1873. In her presentation, she will talk about the 11 deaths in Kandiyohi County-though not all lived in the county. One of the deaths was Claus Strand from Whitefield Township. Claus's son, Jens S. Strand, was confirmed at Calvary in 1884. In the book, Jens is the son and nephew of a victim, and has a role as a pastor in the 1890's. Claus' widow, Hanna, married Lars Erickson &

later they were members of Calvary. Please call the church office by 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, August 16th to register. Invite someone who has never been to NTY. Cost will be \$7.00, payable the day of NTY. Please pay when you arrive and not at the church office. (Note that cancellations after Wednesday and no-shows, will still require payment due to increased food costs.)
Thank you

CREATION CARE TIP

Oil and oil filters: Recycle oil and oil filters at the Kandiyohi County Landfill's oil recycling area or any place in the State of MN that provides oil change services. Disposal is free of charge at any location.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR KIDS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Go to Calvary's website to register online. Calvarywillmar.org

ATTENTION: 6TH - 9TH GRADES

Confirmation Registration is now open. Go to Calvary's website to register online. Calvarywillmar.org

SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

1st & 3rd Sunday of each month, open before and after the 9:00 am service.

UPCOMING RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY

Details to come, but start saving the following items:

- Empty toothpaste tubes
- Empty mouthwash containers
- Used floss picks
- Empty floss containers
- Use toothbrushes
- Used brush heads

SAVE THE DATE FOR GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

There will be opportunities/activities for all ages and abilities. More information to come.

BEFRIENDER AT CALVARY

Who it is for?

BeFriender is for anyone desiring a caring, confidential, and faith-based presence in their life. If you are experiencing loss, illness, or a major life transition, BeFriender may be for you!

BeFriender Leaders at Calvary:

Beth Bloomquist 320-905-8678

mbbloomquist@charter.net

Nancy Holt - nholt0414@gmail

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS!

We are seeking members for the Outreach Committee. One of the most important and exciting tasks of the Outreach Committee is to recommend to the Finance Committee the distribution of First Fruits which is 10% of the Calvary's General Fund. Below, you can read more about the committee. *The Board of Outreach shall be primarily responsible to develop policy for and see to the effective and spiritual carrying out of the church functions of witnessing and serving. This includes the Board of Outreach having responsibility, in consultation with the pastors, for the development of sound programs of evangelism, missions, social ministry, making recommendations to the Church Council in these areas and executing whatever action the Church Council shall delegate to it.* If you wish to serve Calvary by being a member of this committee, please contact the office or Naomi Baker.

Blessings,
Naomi

UPDATE ON STUFF THE BUS

We will be collecting school supplies for one more week. Thank you to all who have donated and to those who will be donating during this final week.
Social Kindness Committee

PREPARING OUR THOUGHTS

We are now in the month of August and we began to prepare our thoughts for the Fall activities and programs. 4-H Club members are planning and excited to exhibit their animals, grown garden products and other works at the County and State Fair. Fall sports will be in full action and preparations are being made for the beginning of the School year. Within the Church, we are preparing for Sunday School, Confirmation Classes, Grief Care, Baptisms and memorial services and weddings as these events come our way. We are reminded that we are Children of God and thru all of the planning and participation of these events, the Lord has promised to be with us. In the good times and well as the bad, He is present. On a personal note, Debbie and I want to thank the many members of Svea and Calvary Congregations for your support, encouragement and attending the Celebration of my 50th year of Ordination. Plans have been tentatively altered as I was going to retire on Aug 31, 2023, but in conversation with Calvary Leadership, I have agreed to continue as the Administration Pastor for both Svea and Calvary until Dec 31, 2023. We will be working to identify 1-2 other part time pastors to assist in the ministry of the 2 congregations as well. Your prayers and encouragement are most appreciated as we move forward together in the Kingdom of God. So, we continue to say and speak our prayers asking for the Holy Spirit to be with as a Congregations and our daily lives. The Spirit of the Lord is present with us and grants us faith in the good as well as the trying times of life. As the Psalmist proclaims, "Even though we walk thru the deep valley of life and death, I am with you and will always be Your God". Peace Be with each you and your loved ones always.
Pastor Dean

Sunday, August 6

9:00am 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, August 7

12:00pm Finance Committee Meeting
12:00pm Thrivent Quarterly Meeting - Zoom

Tuesday, August 8

5:15pm Stewardship Committee
6:00pm Council Meeting
6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181
7:00pm Zoom Pilates with Lori

Thursday, August 10

1:00pm Quilters

Friday, August 11

10:00am Visitation - Elaine deCathelineau
11:00am Memorial Service - Elaine deCathelineau

Saturday, August 12

5:30pm Chapel Service

Sunday, August 13

9:00am Worship Service
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
6:30pm Cardettes - Bethany Hall
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181