

Calvary Lutheran Church

TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



Today Jesus meets the disciples in the midst of a storm, and Peter seeks proof of Jesus' identity by trying to join him on the wind-tossed waves. After Peter falters, the storm calms as they return to the boat. Why did the storm wait until they were in the boat to stop? Why did Peter believe that Jesus could (or should) make him able to walk on water too?

The Eleventh Weekend after Pentecost

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023 9:00 AM

Gathering Music

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Song *Shout to the Lord* ELW 821

Welcome

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness - Ryan Newberg

"Come and see," You said, and we looked around –
**And we saw mountains and oceans, daisies and sunflowers;
We saw wildlife and puppies.
And we were glad.**

"Come and see," You said, and we looked around –
**And we saw luxury, trophies and medals;
We saw abundance;
And we paused.**

"Come and see," You said, and we looked around –
**We saw weapons and blood;
We saw fear and injustice;
And we were afraid.**

"Come and see," You said, and we closed our eyes –
**And we saw our own minds, so smart yet timid;
We saw our hearts, broken by the weight of the world;
We saw our souls, yearning for You yet still incomplete;
And we gave it all to You.**

"Come and see," You said, and we looked around once more –
**And we saw a hand reaching out in forgiveness;
We saw a smile where we expected knit brows;
We saw healing and mercy.
And we accepted your grace. Amen.**

Based on confession by Beth Merrill Neel.
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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together,
**O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to
be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and
daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Song of preparation *Sanctuary*

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You. (repeat)

Psalm 85:8-13

- ⁸ I am listening to what the Lord God is saying;
he promises peace to us, his own people,
if we do not go back to our foolish ways.
- ⁹ Surely he is ready to save those who honor him,
and his saving presence will remain in our land.**
- ¹⁰ Love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will embrace.
- ¹¹ Human loyalty will reach up from the earth,
and God's righteousness will look down from heaven.**
- ¹² The Lord will make us prosperous,
and our land will produce rich harvests.
- ¹³ Righteousness will go before the Lord
and prepare the path for him.**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

New Testament Lesson Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses wrote this about being put right with God by obeying the Law: "Whoever obeys the commands of the Law will live." ⁶ But what the scripture says about being put right with God through faith is this: "You are not to ask yourself, Who will go up into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down). ⁷ "Nor are you to ask, Who will go down into the world below?" (that is, to bring Christ up from death). ⁸ What it says is this: "God's message is near you, on your lips and in your heart"—that is, the message of faith that we preach. ⁹ If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from death, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is by our faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, "Whoever believes in him will not be disappointed." ¹² This includes everyone, because there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles; God is the same Lord of all and richly blesses all who call to him. ¹³ As the scripture says, "Everyone who calls out to the Lord for help will be saved."

¹⁴ But how can they call to him for help if they have not believed? And how can they believe if they have not heard the message? And how can they hear if the message is not proclaimed? ¹⁵ And how can the message be proclaimed if the messengers are not sent out? As the scripture says, "How wonderful is the coming of messengers who bring good news!"

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

22 Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people away. 23 After sending the people away, he went up a hill by himself to pray. When evening came, Jesus was there alone; 24 and by this time the boat was far out in the lake, tossed about by the waves, because the wind was blowing against it.

25 Between three and six o'clock in the morning Jesus came to the disciples, walking on the water. 26 When they saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. "It's a ghost!" they said, and screamed with fear.

27 Jesus spoke to them at once. "Courage!" he said. "It is I. Don't be afraid!"

28 Then Peter spoke up. "Lord, if it is really you, order me to come out on the water to you."

29 "Come!" answered Jesus. So Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water to Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he was afraid and started to sink down in the water. "Save me, Lord!" he cried.

31 At once Jesus reached out and grabbed hold of him and said, "What little faith you have! Why did you doubt?"

32 They both got into the boat, and the wind died down. 33 Then the disciples in the boat worshiped Jesus. "Truly you are the Son of God!" they exclaimed. The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Taking Risks" Pastor Ingrid Skilbred

Song of the Day *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

You call me out upon the waters,
The great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find You in the mystery,
In oceans deep my faith will stand.

Chorus
And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise,
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters,
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed and You won't start now. (chorus)

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour. (repeat)

I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

The Apostles' Creed (page 105)

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

The Lord's Prayer and Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music

Offering Response *Everything That We Have*
Everything that we have, everything that we are.
Every moment is a blessing from above.
It's endless love that we breathe. It's endless love that we receive.
What has freely come, we now let freely go.

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.

Announcements

Sending Blessing
The 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 *When Peace Like a River* ELW 785

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share God's love!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Connections with Creation

"Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth. . . . The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase" (Ps. 85:11-12). These words from Psalm 85 use beautiful imagery of God's creation and harvest. God has given and is giving what is good, but in our call to be stewards of this immense gift God has given us, we are to care for the earth, to tend and nurture it, so it will be fruitful. God has given us all the tools we need, but we must use them as God intends. God has intricately created this web of creatures that work together for the good of one another, but when it is thrown off balance, there are detrimental effects. All of creation rejoices when we care for one another and for this precious gift of Earth.

Preaching:

Assisting:

Greeters:

Lectors:

Office:

Sound:

Video:

Serving Today

Pastor Ingrid Skilbred

Pastor Dean E. Johnson

Mary Ellen deCathelineau

Christa & Carolyn Gripentrog

Saturday - Julie Neumann

Sunday - Kevin Christianson

Krista Willis

Kim Larson

Troy Pederson

The bulletin is sponsored in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Luverne & Vicky Schueler on August 15.

Hospitalized This Week: Dan Giese, Karla Peterson

Prayers for: Pastor Naomi Mahler

Weekly Attendance - 222
YouTube - 79
General Offering - \$17,927.64

2023 Financials July & YTD						
	July Budget	July Actual	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 67,779.17	\$ 61,724.91	\$ (6,054.26)	\$ 474,454.15	\$ 461,843.95	\$ (12,610.20)
Expenses	\$ 69,140.08	\$ 59,319.07	\$ (9,821.01)	\$ 483,980.33	\$ 444,984.59	\$ (38,995.74)
	\$ (1,360.91)	\$ 2,405.84	\$ 3,766.75	\$ (9,526.18)	\$ 16,859.36	\$ 26,385.54

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

Custodian: Kim Schow & Ken Newberg

Head Usher: Randy Novak

Kitchen Coordinator: Enola Dowdell

Calvary Cemetery Sexton: Ron Keith

2023 Calvary Council Leaders

Shawn Swenson - Congregational President

Mary Jo de Cathelineau - Vice President

Bridget Pederson - Secretary

Shane Baker

Caleb Hanson

Brian Henrickson

Corey Nelson

Janel Skindellen

Amber Willis

FANTASTIC NEWS!

Two - \$20,000 anonymous gifts have been given to Calvary to be used to upgrade our technology and sound system. We are indeed grateful for the generosity of these two families! One contribution by a non-member and one from a long time member family. These resources are to be matched up to \$100,000 from the Jerry Anderson Estate. The bid process is being worked on and it is estimated to be \$150,000 - \$160,000. If you would like to contribute, please contact Pastor Dean

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time watering our beautiful outdoor flower containers. To keep these flowers showing their beauty, we would like to get additional volunteers to continue to water through September. Please call the office to sign up for a specific week.

CALVARY KIDS

This summer Calvary was able to support 80 kids in camps and youth trips. 80 young lives are a little closer to God thanks to all of you.

10TH GRADE CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

10th Grade Confirmation class and parent orientation will be on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 from 6:15 to 7:00 pm in the Friendship Room. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. The class will be taught by Pastor Dean. The regular 10th grade class will begin on September 6th. Confirmation is on Sunday, October 8th.

10TH GRADE CONFIRMANDS

Confirmation gown order forms have been sent out by email. Please fill out and return to the church office by August 31. Thank you!

GRIEF CARE

We will resume the Grief Care Group on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:15 to 6:30 pm in the Friendship Room. Pastor Dean will lead the discussion. Members - Guests - Relatives - Neighbors are all welcome! Bring a friend.

WE NEED YOU!

Singing for fun questionnaire:

- I don't want anyone to know I like to sing.
- I like to sing.
- I don't want to admit I like to sing.
- I don't think I sing well.
- I'm not good enough.
- I only like singing familiar songs.
- I would sing in a group if there were no expectations.
- I would sing in a group if there were no performances.
- I would sing in a group if it didn't meet every week.

If you answered "yes" to any of the above, you are qualified to join "singing for fun" and you should contact Naomi for more information!

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 and/or 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

LIBRARY NEWS

Can a robot survive in the wilderness? In *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown, the robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time and discovers that she is all alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is--but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a violent storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home--until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her. This is a new book in our library and is the first of two in the Calvary library and can be found in the Chapter Books section. Be the first to check out this new book!

SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

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

CREATION CARE TIP

Run full dishwasher loads – Save up to \$10 per year. Your dishwasher uses a great deal of energy, especially for heating water. There are several steps you can take starting today—with no investment—to reduce your bills associated with dishwashing.

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

**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

TEXTILE RECYCLING

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!

**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
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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

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

Tuesday, August 15

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

Wednesday, August 16

10:00am Gather Bible Study
12:00pm Audio/Video Meeting

Thursday, August 17

1:00pm Quilters

Friday, August 18

12:00pm NTY - Bethany Hall

Saturday, August 19

5:30pm Chapel Service

Sunday, August 20

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

