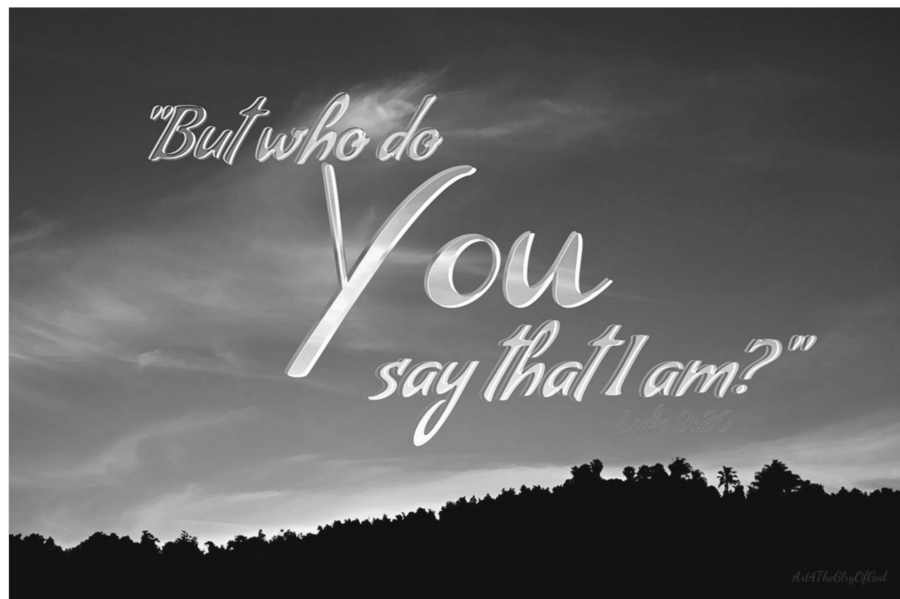


Calvary Lutheran Church

TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



The Thirteenth Weekend after Pentecost

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023 9:00 AM

Peter's rock-solid faith can seem intimidating to those of us still wrestling with questions or living faithfully with our doubts. Rocks are often more pesky than helpful. Ask anyone who is trying to till a field, dig a hole, run or walk at dusk, or bring a boat into shallower water. Rocks can get in the way. The rocks we remove during these tasks often become decorations (no longer necessary), supports (helpful in a different way), or boundaries (giving structure and shape). What bedrock elements of faith are critical to your community? What issues are now getting in the way of living and dying together in Christ and need to be moved?

Prelude Naomi Baker

Ring of the Bell (9:00)

Gathering Song *The Church's One Foundation* ELW 654 (vs. 1,3,5)

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.

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,
O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Patricia Cain

1. Je-sus name a-bove all names, beau-ti-ful Sav - ior, glo - ri-ous Lord, Em-
 2. Je-sus, lov ing shep - herd vine of the bran-ches, Son of God, man - uel God is with us, blessed re-deem-er, li - ving Word.
 Prince of Peace, Won-der-ful counse-lor Lord of the u - ni-verse, Light of world.

Psalm 138 (GNT)

- 1 I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
I sing praise to you before the gods.
 - 2 **I face your holy Temple,
bow down, and praise your name
because of your constant love and faithfulness,
because you have shown that your name and your
commands are supreme.**
 - 3 You answered me when I called to you;
with your strength you strengthened me.
 - 4 **All the kings in the world will praise you, Lord,
because they have heard your promises.**
 - 5 They will sing about what you have done
and about your great glory.
 - 6 **Even though you are so high above,
you care for the lowly,
and the proud cannot hide from you.**
 - 7 When I am surrounded by troubles,
you keep me safe.
You oppose my angry enemies
and save me by your power.
 - 8 **You will do everything you have promised;
Lord, your love is eternal.
Complete the work that you have begun.**
- Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

New Testament Lesson Romans 12:1-8 (GNT)

- 1 So then, my friends, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer. 2 Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God—what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect.

3 And because of God's gracious gift to me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you should. Instead, be modest in your thinking, and judge yourself according to the amount of faith that God has given you. 4 We have many parts in the one body, and all these parts have different functions. 5 In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body. 6 So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us. If our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it according to the faith that we have; 7 if it is to serve, we should serve; if it is to teach, we should teach; 8 if it is to encourage others, we should do so. Whoever shares with others should do it generously; whoever has authority should work hard; whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* ELW 172

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20 (GNT)

13 Jesus went to the territory near the town of Caesarea Philippi, where he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

14 "Some say John the Baptist," they answered. "Others say Elijah, while others say Jeremiah or some other prophet."

15 "What about you?" he asked them. "Who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17 "Good for you, Simon son of John!" answered Jesus. "For this truth did not come to you from any human being, but it was given to you directly by my Father in heaven. 18 And so I tell you, Peter: you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even death will ever be able to overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven; what you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and what you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."

20 Then Jesus ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *"What is Your Reputation?"* Pastor Dean E. Johnson

Song of the Day *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* ELW 597

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 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.**

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 *O Savior, Precious Savior* ELW 820

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share God's love!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Connections with Creation

Throughout our life we reflect on the people and experiences that have impacted our faith. These pieces have come together to make a strong foundation; they are root systems that were watered and nourished for the outgrowth of our own bold confessions of faith, just like Peter. In the book *We Are the Gardeners* by Joanna Gaines, her children share the story of their work and life caring for plants. They share their successes and lessons learned, of the time and nurturing it has taken to grow their garden. The faith journey that has brought us to where we are today resembles a garden with both growing seasons and dormant seasons. Our faith is built on the bold confessions of others who come into our lives for a variety of reasons and lengths of time.

They are our gardeners; then we are sent to be gardeners for others.

Serving Today

Preaching: Pastor Dean E. Johnson
Greeters: Caleb & Kim Hanson
Dean & Joni Hanson
Lectors: Saturday - Karina Rice
Sunday - Joni Hanson
Office: Deb Lentz
Sound: Mark Bloomquist
Video: Richard Riemer

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

Weekly Attendance - 182
YouTube - 71
General Offering - \$14,678.14

The bulletin is sponsored in honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Wes & Bonnie Martinson on August 30.

Hospitalized This Week: Nathan Eckhoff, Mark Larsen

Sympathy and Prayers for:

Family of Arlo Hovda
Family of Donald Skare
Family of William "Billy" Hoffer Aitkin, son of Craig and LeeAnn Gorans

AFFILIATED AGREEMENT

Calvary and Svea Church Council have formally extended the affiliation agreement between the two congregations from August 31, 2023, to December 31, 2023. We are appreciative of the cooperative efforts.

PULPIT SUPPLY PASTOR

Pastor Wayne Kopitzke will be providing part-time weekend pulpit supply at Calvary and Svea churches as needed.

Pastor Wayne and Donna Jo Kopitzke are newly retired and live in New London, MN. Pastor Wayne recently retired after 32 years from full-time ministry, having served First Lutheran in St. James, Salem in Montevideo, and Norway Lake Lutheran Parish (East Norway Lake and First Lutheran Church of Norway Lake) for the last 19 1/2 years. Prior to full-time public ministry, Pastor Wayne taught English and Speech at Osakis, MN and Chokio/Alberta, MN. He also worked in a family-owned construction business in his hometown of Morris for several years. Pastor Wayne grew up in Morris, MN and Donna Jo grew up in Ortonville, MN

Pastor Wayne and Donna Jo are both graduates of the University of Minnesota, Morris and Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Donna Jo has worked as a lay professional (parish worker, AIM, Deacon) in several churches in the past 45 years, as well as serving as the hospice musician for Centra Care Rice Hospice for over 16 years.

RALLY SUNDAY

Sunday, September 17 will be Rally Day. Join us at 8:00 AM indoor service or 9:15 AM for outdoor service and stay for bounce houses, yard games, and FUN!

THANK YOU CALVARY!

Special thanks to Calvary for all of the school supplies donated this year. Your generosity shows how much you care! Social Kindness Committee

TREBEL FROM DOWN THE HALL

AUGUST EDITION

by Naomi Baker

Hello Friends!

Thanks for the feedback on my, "**YOUR** mercy is great.....your **MERCY** is great..... your mercy **IS** great.....your mercy is **GREAT**" suggestion during Prayers of the Church. I'm glad it's speaking to you! God's Work. Our Hands. will be Sunday, Sept., 10th following worship. There is more information in this Messenger. We hope to see MANY of you working together to do God's work at Calvary and in the community.

Have you ever listened to the song, "Holes In The Floor of Heaven" by Steve Wariner? (<https://youtu.be/Pc1AWYFsAMU>) It is a powerful song that reminds us our loved ones in heaven are still with us. The first time I heard it, my children and I were driving down from the mountains on Beartooth Highway in Montana. We drove into a massive thunderstorm. At the base of the mountain there was flooding. We made it out safely but there was some anxiety attached to the experience. Later, as we drove through the night, this song came on the radio. It was a sign to us that my husband/their dad was watching over us. God is good.

As always, you are welcome to stop by and chat or drop me an email at nbaker@calvarywillmar.org Until next time, make a noise!

"There's a song in you and it wants to live outside of you. The world and you both win when you express it." John Jacobson

OFFICE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 4

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

TEXT STUDY

Thursday September 7th at 9:30 text study will resume.

NTY - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

On Friday, September 8th, we will have our very own Calvary Member, Beth Novak, daughter of Randy & Clarice Novak, speak about her life and work experiences as an assistant lab officer on Jodies Resolution science ship. Please welcome Beth back to Calvary. Call the church office by 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, September 6th to register, all are welcome. 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.

PARENTS OF SPRING 2023 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

CALVARY YOUTH WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Sunday, September 10th is God's Work Our Hands at Calvary. We are going to Robbins Island to collect trash from 10:15am to 11:15am. Please meet in the parking lot across from the park. Parents: You are welcome to stay and help or come back to pick up youth. Thank you everyone!

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Following 9:00 Service Opportunities for ALL!

- Clean our Sanctuary
- Assemble LSS Kids Kits
- Assemble Goodie Boxes for Recent Graduates
- Make Greeting Cards
- Community Cleanup at Robbins Island
- Install Fence at Pollinator Plot

BELL CHOIR

Bell Choir will begin Monday, Sept. 11th 5-6pm

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.

DO YOU LIKE READING?

Do you enjoy reading? Are you looking for a new volunteer opportunity? The Calvary library is in need of volunteers for Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour. There will be an informational meeting and training on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 5:15 and another option on Sunday, Sept. 24 during the Sunday School hour. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings but are still interested in volunteering, please contact the church office.

THANK YOU VICTORIA!

We thank Victoria Larsen for her time with us as one of the Faith Formation Coordinators. Because of scheduling and other responsibilities, she has concluded her time with us. Victoria will continue to be a Small Group Leader and Sound System Operator. We thank Victoria for her efforts.

LIBRARY NEWS

School is starting in the forest, but Chester Raccoon does not want to go. To help ease Chester's fears, Mrs. Raccoon shares a family secret called the Kissing Hand to give him the reassurance of her love any time his world feels a little scary. *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn is a heartwarming book that has become a children's classic that has touched the lives of millions of children and their parents, especially at times of separation, whether starting school, entering daycare, or going to camp.

SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

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

CREATION CARE TIP

Recycle Styrofoam – Clean Styrofoam can be recycled in Hutchinson, MN at McLeod County Recycling. Styrofoam and paper shredding is available during regular business hours (Monday-Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm) at 1065 5th Ave. SE, Hutchinson. Call with questions at [\(320\) 484-4300](tel:3204844300).

COULD YOU HELP WATER FLOWERS

Please help keep our outside flowers beautiful. Additional volunteers are needed through September. Please call the office to sign up for a specific week. 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
mbbloomquist@charter.net
Nancy Holt - nholt0414@gmail

KEEP RECYCLING PLASTICS

We have earned our 4th composite bench from plastic recycling! Since November 2021, Calvary has kept 3355 pounds of plastic out of our landfills! Keep up the good stewardship!

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

- **Bell Choir** - Mondays 5-6 pm beginning September 11. New members welcome. No experience necessary. Sense of humor is required.
- **Singing for Fun** - Once a month, dates/times to be determined by those Interested - Morning? Afternoon? Evening?
- **Praise Band** - We lead 10:15 Worship. We typically rehearse Saturdays 10-11am (but we can be flexible)
- **Ukulele or Guitar Anyone?** If you are interested in learning or refining these skills, let's get together!
- **Special Music** - Saturday evening and/or Sunday morning

If you are interested in any of these character building opportunities, contact Naomi Baker nbaker@calvarywillmar.org

Sunday, August 27

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 28

6:00pm Trinity Group - Friendship Room
 6:30pm Cub Scouts - Koinonia Room

Tuesday, August 29

10:00am Visitation - Donald Skare
 11:00am Memorial Service - Donald Skare
 6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181
 7:00pm Zoom Pilates with Lori

Thursday, August 31

1:00pm Quilters

Friday, September 1

5:00pm Willis/VanEps Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, September 2

4:00pm Amber Willis/Justin Van Eps Wedding
 5:30pm Chapel Service

Sunday, September 3

9:00am Worship Service
 10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
 1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
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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

