

# *Calvary Lutheran Church*

TOGETHER IN CHRIST  
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



**"God's work. Our hands." Sunday**



September 10, 2023

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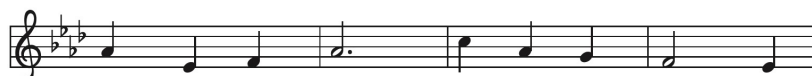
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023      9:00 AM**

## Gathering Music

## Ring of the Bell

## Welcome

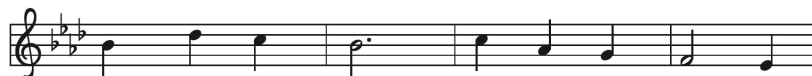
## Gathering Song God's Work, Our Hands (ACS 1000)



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



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Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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Holy Baptism (page 227) - Macy Lynn McCann

Apostle's Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and  
redeeming word to all the world.**

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)

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together,

**Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in  
Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and  
wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of  
love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Psalm 119:33-40

- <sup>33</sup> Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,  
and I will observe it to the end.  
<sup>34</sup> **Give me understanding, that I may keep your law  
and observe it with my whole heart.**  
<sup>35</sup> Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for I delight in it.  
<sup>36</sup> **Turn my heart to your decrees,  
and not to selfish gain.**  
<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;  
give me life in your ways.  
<sup>38</sup> **Confirm to your servant your promise,  
which is for those who fear you.**  
<sup>39</sup> Turn away the disgrace that I dread,  
for your ordinances are good.  
<sup>40</sup> **See, I have longed for your precepts;  
in your righteousness give me life.**  
Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

New Testament Lesson     Romans 13: 8-14

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup> let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God. Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation     *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*     ELW 172

Gospel     Matthew 18: 15-20

<sup>15</sup> If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church;

and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon "God's Work.....Our Hands" Pastor Wayne Kopitzke

Song of the Day "God, When Human Bonds Are Broken" ELW 603  
(to the tune of *Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult*)

Prayers of the Church (God, we pray, **open our hands in love.**)

The Lord's Prayer and Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* ELW 656

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

Holy God, giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world. **Amen**

Announcements

Blessing of Hands for Ministry

We are called to proclaim the good news:

**God is at work!**

This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

**God is at work in the world still today!**

In us and through us, God is glorified in our work.

When we offer a helping hand, God is praised.

When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

**God is at work in us!**

In our service today, and in our daily lives,

let us live out what God has called us to in baptism.

**God is at work through our hands!**

## Sending Blessing

God who sets forth the law of love,  
Jesus who fulfills the law for you,  
and the Spirit through whom you are called to love,  
+ bless you this day,  
that you may be God's hands and heart and voice  
at work in the world.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song

### Go to the World! (ACS 991)



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **Serving Today**

**Preaching:** Pastor Wayne Kopitzke  
**Assisting:** Pastor Dean E. Johnson  
**Greeters:** Harland & Diane Asche  
Gordy & Deb Lindblad  
**Lectors:** Saturday - Lois Shaw  
Sunday - Wayne Nelson  
**Office:** Linda Broberg  
**Sound:** Shawn Swenson  
**Video:** Jody Skindelien

### **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 Skindelien
Shane Baker	Amber Willis
Caleb Hanson	

**Hospitalized This Week:** Dee Holm, Troy Pederson

### **Sympathy and Prayers for:**

Family of Duane Edwardson, father of Karen Loge



Baptized into the life of Christ is Macy Lynn McCann, Daughter of Lucas & Kayli McCann. Macy's sponsors are Dan & Alison Schmitz, Charlie & Justina Hamm.

Welcome Macy.

Weekly Attendance - 218  
YouTube - 96  
General Offering - \$11,513.89

**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

**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!

**BELL CHOIR**

Bell Choir will begin Monday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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!

**TEXT STUDY**

Text Study is held on Thursdays at 9:30 in the Friendship Room. All are welcome!

**LIBRARY NEWS**

If your child has enjoyed the *I Survived* series, the Calvary library has four new books. *The Wellington Avalanche, 1910; The California Wildfires, 2018; The Hindenburg Disaster, 1937; and The Joplin Tornado, 2011* are all available in the chapter books section of the library.

**SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS**

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

**Starting Sunday, September 24, the library will be open every Sunday between the 8:00 and 10:15 services.**

**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.

**PERSONAL CARE ITEMS NEEDED**

We have learned that there is a need for personal items for homeless young adults/teenagers who are being helped by Lutheran Social Services here in our area. Needed items are: hairbrushes, hair clip/ties, shampoo (regular or small size), deodorant, shaving cream, toothpaste (regular or small), toothbrushes, nail clippers, medicated chapstick, sunscreen, bug spray, backpacks, diapers size 5 or 6 and pullups, and baby wipes. The bin is located in the narthex. We will collect these items through September. Thank you Calvary! Social Kindness Committee



### **MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES**

- **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

### **TRUNK OR TREAT**

Calvary's Annual Trunk or Treat is fast approaching on October 28 from (1-4 PM). Here are some ways we would like help:

- Donating candy to the Church Office
- Monetary donations to buy candy
- Decorating a trunk and handing out candy

Are you a youth who wants to decorate a door and hand out candy? Contact Erica Mathews.

### **CREATION CARE TIP**

**Enhance your Community** - When out for a walk, take something along to collect trash and recycling.

### **OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER**

Saturday, September 16 from 1-3 pm, there will be an Open House Bridal Shower for Andrea Sweep held in the Friendship Room. She is registered at Target. All are welcome!

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST**

There will be a box in the narthex for you to drop off used oral products. Oral B and Crest will recycle these products and keep them out of the landfill.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

Saturday 5:30 pm Chapel Service  
Sunday 9:00 am worship (Calvary)  
Sunday 11:00 am worship (Svea)

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

Saturday 5:30 pm Chapel Service  
Sunday 8:00 am worship indoor - (Calvary)  
Sunday 9:15 am worship outdoor - Rally Sunday  
Sunday 11:00 am worship (Svea)

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

Saturday 5:30 pm Chapel Service  
Sunday 8:00 am worship - (Calvary)  
Sunday School 9:05  
Sunday 10:15 am Worship  
Sunday 11:00 am worship (Svea)

### **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

### **GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES**

September 7-21, GLLM is looking for volunteers to help remodel the cabins. Start time each day is 9:00 am. See you at the Cabins!

### **HELP LEIAH ARENDS BUILD HER BOOK LIBRARY**

Do you have gently used children's books laying around you would love to donate? Leah would love to have you donate them to her "book library" for Trunk & Treat. Books can be dropped off with Erica Mathews.

## THE CHALLENGES OF BEING A CHRISTIAN

**By Pastor Dean**

Paul in the writings of Romans states, "Love what is genuine, hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good, love one another with mutual affection, outdo one another in showing honor, serve the Lord, rejoice in hope, contribute to the needs of the saints and extend hospitality to strangers". As members of Christian congregations and fellow Christians, our Lord thru the writings of Paul asked us to live and behave in a challenging and almost counter cultural manner. Rather than following the ways and attitude of society, Paul asks us for a higher standard of living. There are evil activities in the world by people and organizations, but we need not participate or agree when we see or experience such behavior. Rather seek ways to be honorable, just, loving and respectful in matters of life in home and at work. In marriage, we talk and speak of love. One of the best ways to demonstrate love is to show honor to our spouse, children and those around us. This is done by placing

the most charitable construction and comments on the activities and life of others. To serve the Lord is to understand and obey the gift of the commandments which give us direction about the relationship we have with God and with others. Finally, Paul states that we are to extend hospitality to strangers. Each of us appreciate when we are invited, wanted and shown kindness. To show some this expression of love is easy, but for others more difficult. It tries our patience and faith, but the Lord has promised strength and wisdom. So, our prayers and thoughts are as Christians to live a life worth of the calling that Christ has bestowed upon us in our Baptism and that is "You Belong to Me"! We are to live in the world, but not of the world. As the old song states, they will know we are Christians by our love. God give us strength to live in manner in which he would like us to do as Sons and Daughters in the Kingdom.  
With Respect and My Best!!  
Pastor Dean

2023 Financials August & YTD						
	August Budget	August Actual	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 67,779.17	\$ 52,421.35	\$ (15,357.82)	\$ 542,233.32	\$ 514,265.30	\$ (27,968.02)
Expenses	\$ 69,140.08	\$ 51,079.13	\$ (18,060.95)	\$ 553,120.41	\$ 496,063.72	\$ (57,056.69)
	\$ (1,360.91)	\$ 1,342.22	\$ 2,703.13	\$ (10,887.09)	\$ 18,201.58	\$ 29,088.67

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, September 10**

9:00am Baptism - Macy Lynn McCann  
9:00am Worship Service  
10:00am God's Work - Our Hands  
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm  
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181  
3:00pm Girl Scout Troup #3500 - Friendship Room  
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

### **Monday, September 11**

12:00pm Finance Committee Meeting  
5:00pm Bell Choir  
5:15pm Grief Care - Friendship Room  
6:30pm Cub Scouts - Koinonia Room

### **Tuesday, September 12**

5:15pm Stewardship Committee  
6:00pm Council Meeting - Friendship Room  
6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181  
7:00pm Trentwood Estates Annual Board Meeting - Bethany Hall  
7:00pm Zoom Pilates with Lori

### **Wednesday, September 13**

5:45pm 10th Grade – Confirmation

### **Thursday, September 14**

9:30am Text Bible Study - Friendship Room - Pastor Dean  
1:00pm Quilters  
6:30pm Girl Scouts Troup #3656 - Room 109

### **Saturday, September 16**

1:00pm Bridal Shower for Andrea Sweep - Friendship Room  
5:30pm Chapel Service

### **Sunday, September 17**

8:00am Worship Service  
9:15am Rally Sunday - Outdoor Worship  
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm  
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181  
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181