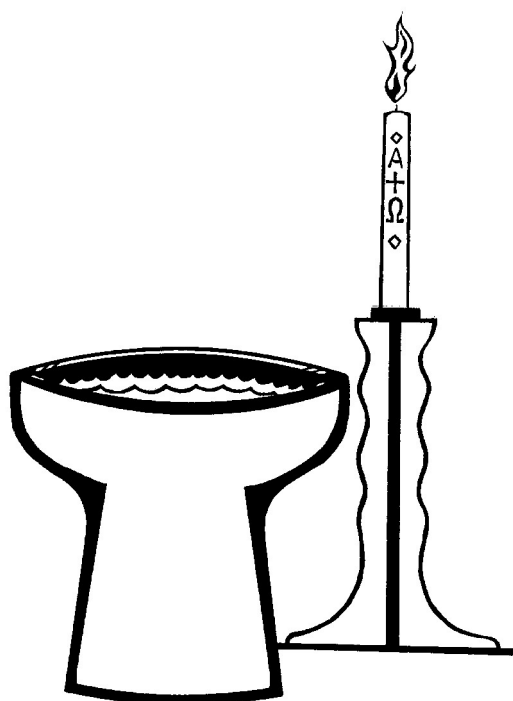


Calvary Lutheran Church

TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 10:15 AM

Gathering Music
Ringing of the bell

Welcome

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
Amen.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together,
**Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your
servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your
merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Gathering Song *When Morning Gilds the Skies* ELW 853 (vs 1,5)

Old Testament Lesson Jonah 3:10-4:11 (NRSV)

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

⁴ But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

Word of God. Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message "*Enough for Everyone*" Pastor Wayne Kopitzke

Gospel Acclamation *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* ELW 172

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSV)

¹ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius.

10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *"IT'S NOT FAIR!"* Pastor Wayne Kopitzke

Song of the Day *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"* ELW 659

Holy Baptism (page 227) - Landry Louise Hanson
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. Amen**

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.**

Prayers of the Church (Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**)

The Lord's Prayer and Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music *Great is Thy Faithfulness* ELW 733

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

Sending Blessing

The God of glory,

Jesus Christ, name above all names,

and the Spirit who lives in you,

bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song *Lord of All Hopefulness* ELW 765

Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God!

Departing Music

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HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Donna Jones

BAPTIZED THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Chase Michael Hyatt

Derek Jay Hyatt

Jared Thomas Pawelk

Landry Louise Hanson

Weekly Attendance - 358

YouTube - 82 households

General Offering - \$19,443.28

Serving Today

Preaching: Pastor Wayne Kopitzke
Assisting: Pastor Dean E. Johnson
Acolytes: **8:00** - Kason Helgeson, Samantha Miller
10:15 - Nora & Elias Hultgren
Greeters: **8:00** - Owen & Susan DeCathelineau,
 Bob & Connie Dickerson
10:15 - Vern & Linda Broberg
 Andy & Jean berg
Lectors: Saturday - **5:30** - Karina Rice
 Sunday - **8:00** - Nancy Hultgren
10:15 - Shane Baker
Office: **7:45 - 9:30** - Dorie Larsen
9:30 - 11:15 - Cindy Moser
Sound: Mark Bloomquist
Video: Richard Riemer

Calvary Staff

Pastor: Dean E. Johnson
Director of Music Ministry: Naomi Powers-Baker
Faith Formation Coordinator - Children & Youth: Erica Mathews
Office Manager: Teri Sokulski
Office Assistant: Marie Fett
Custodians: 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 (leave of absence) Janel Skindelien
 Shane Baker - Acting Secretary Amber Van Eps
 Caleb Hanson

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

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational meeting of Calvary Lutheran Church members will be held on Sunday October 1, 2023, at 11:15 AM in Bethany Hall.

The sole purpose of the meeting is to consider and vote on the Call Committee and Church Council's unanimous recommendation to call a Lead Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church. The church's constitution provides that no proxy or electronic votes are accepted.

Shawn Swenson, Congregational President

TREBLE FROM THE DOWN THE HALL SEPTEMBER EDITION

by Naomi Baker

Hello Friends!

I have served Calvary as Director of Music Ministry for just over two years and I am still loving it, and you! Your love and support as well as your grace are truly appreciated. Thanks for being awesome!

I am excited to begin fall programming at Calvary. Bell Choir, Confirmation and Sunday School have us getting back into the swing of things. I'm still hoping for people to come forward and offer **special music** and to participate in **Singing for Fun**. Singing for Fun is just that-people getting together to sing familiar and favorite songs with no strings attached. Also, we are always looking to welcome additional **Praise Band** members! Vocalists and/or instrumentalists interested can speak to me.

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

NEW MEMBERS

New members will be received into Calvary Congregation on Sunday, October 29 at the 10:15 am service. We have three to four families who will be joining. If interested, please contact Pastor Dean.

LIBRARY NEWS

Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: Baby's First Book Extraordinary Women is a new book in the Calvary library. The book features artists and inventors, athletes and activists in its colorful, inviting pages. Readers will meet dancer Misty Copeland, pilot Amelia Earhart, swimmer Yusra Mardini, and many other inspiring icons.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

CREATION CARE TIP

Compost in the Garden or a Container – Fall leaves can be composted along with daily table and cooking scraps (no meat, bones, or fat). Mulch/compost provides nutrients for the yard and garden.

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

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.

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.

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.

TEXT BIBLE STUDY

Text/Bible Study is held on Thursdays at 9:30 in the Friendship Room. Please join us. All are welcome!

GRIEF CARE

Grief Care Group meets on Mondays from 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.

FREE RECTANGLE TABLES FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Calvary has 10 long rectangle tables to give away. These tables are available first come first serve on September 29th between the hours of 10am - 2pm. Please stop by the office to let us know you have come to pick up tables. 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

BETHESDA'S HARVEST JUBILEE Saturday, September 30, 2023

Please join us! Saturday, September 30 from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm at 1205 Willmar Avenue SE, Willmar, East of Bethesda Willmar Campus for our Harvest Jubilee. Come and enjoy the Fall Fun! Music by the Red Letter Band, Live Pie Auction & Silent Auction Pie Social, Meal by the Holy Smoker - Meal ticket available online or at Bethesda locations - \$15 before event, \$20 day of event.

BELL CHOIR

Bell Choir meets Mondays 5-6 pm.

GATHER BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

Third Wednesday of each of each month. 10:00 am in the Friendship Room. All women welcome!

DOING DAYS QUILTERS

Join us for quilting on Thursdays from 1 - 4 pm in Bethany Hall. Come and enjoy the fun of creating beautiful quilts. No experience is necessary!

TEXTILE RECYCLING

Reminder: Fabric/textile is for **UNUSABLE** material. These are not sold for usable clothing. Thank you!

**NTY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13
12:00 NOON**

Do you know or have you ever talked to a Certified Hypnotist Therapist? Jessica Hanson, a CHT, will be our speaker for NTY on October 13. Jessica is co-author of the International Ass'n. Counselor's Therapists (IACT) trainers manual, owner of a state licensed hypnosis school, author of 4 books on hypnosis related topics, and creator of the Totally Unlimited Renewal Truly Living Excellence (TURTLE) Trance-Formation Process. She is Roy Hunter's chosen protégé-helping to preserve and make available Hunter's contributions to hypnosis. Jessica's love of turtles is contagious! Her passion is helping people trance-form with hypnosis.

What is hypnosis? At it's core, hypnosis is focused attention. Prayer is the original hypnosis. She likes to say: "Hypnosis is the life skill you were born with and taught to be afraid of." Jessica is often described as an "old-soul" because of her many experiences. She learned hypnosis at the age of 13 and has used it to recover from depression, near death experience, grief, and much more.

Please call the church office by 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, October 11th to register. Invite someone new to NTY or bring a guest! Cost for the lunch is \$7.00, payable the day of NTY. Please pay when you arrive and not at the church office. (Note that cancelations after Wed. and no-shows will still require payment due to increased food costs.)

Thank you.

FALL CONFIRMATION CLASSES STARTED

60 - 6th - 10th graders began Fall Confirmation classes on Wednesday night, September 20 with 12 adult small group leaders! The young people will study The 10 Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed, Baptism, and Holy Communion. We offer our prayers and support.



Sunday, September 24

8:00am Worship Service
9:05am Sunday School
10:15am Worship Service/Landry Louise Hanson
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, September 25

12:00pm Finance Committee - Friendship Rm
5:00pm Bell Choir
5:15pm Grief Care - Friendship Room
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Boy Scouts - Bethany Hall

Tuesday, September 26

6:00pm Family Promise Meeting - Friendship Room
6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181
7:00pm Zoom Pilates with Lori

Wednesday, September 27

5:45pm 10th Grade - Confirmation
6:30pm 6th - 9th Grades

Thursday, September 28

9:30am Text Bible Study - Pastor Dean - Friendship Room
1:00pm Quilters
6:00pm Girl Scouts Troup #3655 - Rooms 206/208

Friday, September 29

10:00am Free Large Rectangle Tables Give Away

Saturday, September 30

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

Sunday, October 1

8:00am Worship Service
9:05am Sunday School/ECFSS
10:15am Noisy Offering
10:15am Worship Service - Youth Led Service
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
11:15am Congregational Meeting
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

