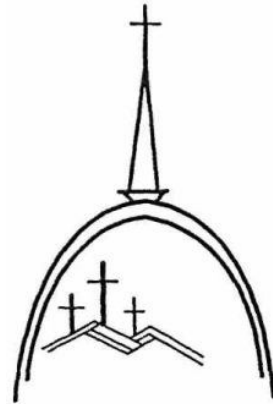


Calvary Lutheran Church

TOGETHER IN CHRIST

EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



The First Weekend in Lent

Sunday, February 18, 2024 10:15 am

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

Prelude
Ring of the Bell
Welcome

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Gathering Song "Nothing But the Blood"

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 90$ G D G D7 G



1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
2. For my par - don this I see, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
3. Noth ing can for sin a - tone, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
4. This is all my hope and peace, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;

5 D G D7 G



What can make me whole a - gain? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
For my cleans - ing, this my plea, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
Naught of good that I have done, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
This is all my right - eous - ness, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

CHORUS

G D G D7 G D G



O, pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow; No oth - er fount I know,

15 D7 G



noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

In the season of Lent, we are invited on a journey. We are invited to walk a path of reflection, acknowledging both the shadows and light of our lives. Trusting in the grace of God, and before one another, let us admit the shadows and light.

Holy God, **you know us better than we know ourselves, and you see us more clearly. Sometimes we pretend to be better than we are. We do things we know will hurt others and act as though we are blameless. But we aren't.**

We are complicit, and we are guilty, and we are broken. We ask for your forgiveness, because you love us more than we can imagine, and you can make us whole beyond our wildest dreams. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who came to show us the way. Amen.

Be glad in the Lord, rejoice and shout for joy all you upright in heart, for indeed we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Canticle for Lent

Lead Me to the Cross

Graham Kendrick & Steve Thompson

Congregation

How can I be free from sin? Lead me to the cross of Je - sus;
5 from the guilt, the pow'r the pain, lead me to the cross of Je - sus.

The image shows a musical score for a congregation. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. A small number '5' is written below the first staff, indicating a measure rest or a specific measure number.

Leader sings: There's no other way, no price that I could pay,
simply to the cross I cling.
This is all I need, this is all I plead,
that His blood was shed for me.

(repeat congregational response)

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together,

O Lord, we believe you hear our prayers, and we believe prayer changes things. We pray that the light and love in your heart enters our hearts, and from our hearts shines throughout our community and world. In your loving name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² **O my God, in you I trust;**

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ **Make me to know your ways, O Lord;**

teach me your paths.

- 5 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
- 6 **Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**
- 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!
- 8 **Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**
- 9 He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble his way.
- 10 **All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**
- Here ends the reading of the Psalm

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Childrens Sermon - "Let Your Light Shine!"

Gospel Acclamation "Lord, Be Glorified" ELW 744

The Gospel Mark 1: 9-15

The Gospel reading is found in the book of Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon

him. ¹¹ And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Wayne Kopitzke "Time in the Wilderness"

Song of the Day "Jesus, Messiah"

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing (chorus)

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world (chorus)

Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all

Apostles' Creed (page 105)

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music Praise Band

Offering Response "Change My Heart, O God" ELW 801

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray,
Jesus, you are the bread of life.
Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.
Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.
We pray this in your name. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer (page 112)

Communion Music "Remembrance"

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" ELW 325

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" ELW 759

"I Am the Bread of Life" ELW 485

Prayer after Communion

Dear Lord, thank you for nourishing us by being our Bread of Life.
Whether our human bodies and minds feel strong or weak,
we know you are always right here with us.
In your name we pray, **Amen.**

Blessing of Homebound Communion

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Blessing

Beloved, we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me *O Christ, Surround Me*



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that
move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

Refrain
O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Connections with Creation

Water. Wilderness. Good news. That's the narrative flow of both Jesus' calling into ministry and Noah's deliverance from the flood. After an experience with water, each character enters a wilderness (one of desert, another of ocean) for forty days, then emerges into a gospel future. For Noah, it's the rainbow, the covenantal sign with all creation that God intends life, not death. For Jesus, it's the annunciation of heaven's reign come near. Waters can bring both birth and death. The wilderness can be both gorgeous and vicious. Yet through encounters with both, God brings new life and new promise. Consider the waters and wildernesses of your community, and investigate how God might be bringing good news to all through those who journey through them.

Serving Today

Preaching:

Pastor Dwaine Sutherland Saturday 5:30pm
Pastor Wayne Kopitzke - 8:00am & 10:15am

Acolytes:

8:00 - Everett Halvorson & Abagal Scott
10:15 - Lola & Greta Nelson

Communion Assistants:

8:00 - Keith Neumann & Karina Rice
10:15 - Mary Jo deCathelineau, Brian Henrickson & Brandon Lothert

Greeters:

8:00 - Klint Torkelson, Gary & Julie Wyffels
10:15 - Carol Gilbertson, Dennis & Sharon Eastman

Lectors:

Saturday - 5:30 - Cindy Dean
Sunday - 8:00 - Jill Tollefson
10:15 - Mary Jo deCathelineau

Office:

7:45 - 9:30 - Caryn Behr
9:30 - 11:15 - Marcia Knutson

Sound:

8:00 - Doug Sawatzky
10:15 - Shawn Swenson

Video:

8 & 10:15 - Jody Skindelien

Weekend Attendance - 257
Ash Wednesday - 132
YouTube - 164 households
General Offering - \$9,281.99

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF: Shirley Ringness

Calvary Staff

Senior Pastor: Dwaine Sutherland
Interim Pastor: Wayne D. Kopitzke
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

2024 Calvary Council Leaders

Mary Jo de Cathelineau - Congregational President	John Dean
Brian Henrickson - Vice President	Bob Dickerson
Bridget Pederson - Secretary	Caleb Hanson
Harley Aalfs	Lori Holmgren
Shane Baker	

Honor Loved Ones



Every Easter, Calvary likes to fill the Sanctuary with flowers, provided in honor and in memory of loved ones. You are invited to purchase plants for \$10 per plant to express your love and appreciation and help the church defray cost of providing the plants.

Friday, March 22, 2024,

is the last day to order Easter flowers. Please stop by the office to place an order for a loved one. If paying by check, make payable to "Calvary Lutheran Church". Thank you!

Prayer Boxes

The First Communion Class of 2024 have finished their Prayer Boxes and they have been set on the table outside the sanctuary. Please take time to write a special note or favorite verse to each youth. This was so special to see last year.

Gather Bible Study

The Gather Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, February 21 at 10:00 am in the Friendship Room.

Library Hours

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

March is Food Shelf Month

March is the month that we emphasize the need to stock the shelves at the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf. Although food and monetary donations can be given at any time. Easter is March 31 this year, so we have designated April 6 & 7 as Food Shelf Sunday. We will have a processional offering of non-perishable food items and monetary donations.

ECFSS

Early Childhood Family Sunday School,
Sunday March 3rd from 9:05am - 10:00am
in the Gathering Place. Ages birth - 3 yr.
olds. We will be talking about Easter/Jesus
Dies and Rises.

Ready Set Glow

Grades 1st - 5th are invited to a Glow
Party March 17th from 3pm—5pm. Cost is
\$5.00 per child to cover the snacks and
water costs. Registration forms can be
picked up with Erica Mathews or at the
church office.



2024 Financials January & YTD						
	December Actual	December Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 60,784.64	\$ 67,387.50	\$ (6,602.86)	\$ 60,784.64	\$ 67,387.50	\$ (6,602.86)
Expenses	\$ 71,018.90	\$ 67,352.67	\$ 3,666.23	\$ 71,018.90	\$ 67,352.67	\$ 3,666.23
Net Income	\$ (10,234.26)	\$ 34.83	\$ (10,269.09)	\$ (10,234.26)	\$ 34.83	\$ (10,269.09)

Calvary Lutheran Church ***Hands of Lent***



**Calvary invites all to:
Wednesday Dinner at 5:30pm
Worship at 6:15pm**

Ash Wednesday, February 14th - Pastor Dwaine Sutherland
(offering goes to Camp Scholarships)

Wednesday, February 21st - Foster Stitches & The Link
(Speaker & Offering)

Wednesday, February 28th - Calvary Creation Care
(Speaker & Offering)

Wednesday, March 6th - Hope for Our City
(Speaker & Offering)

Wednesday, March 13th - Calvary Youth
(Speakers & Offering)

Wednesday, March 20th - Arrive Ministries
(Speaker & Offering)

Holy Week

**Maundy Thursday, March 28th,
6:15pm at Calvary (Offering to the Foodshelf)**

**Good Friday, March 29th
12:30pm at Calvary (Offering to Safe Avenues)
7:00pm at Vinje**



**15TH-
18TH
JULY**



**DAY
CAMP
2024**
FOR YOUTH COMPLETED
GRADES K-5



**CREATED
TO BE**
Summer 2024

We will bus the youth from Vinje Lutheran Church in the mornings to The Shores of St Andrew to spend the day, then bus back in the afternoon.

Register at www.gllm.org



SINGING FOR FUN

This "Singing for Fun" group will pause during Lent and resume in April.

Sunday, February 18

8:00am Worship Service - P. Wayne
9:05am Sunday School
10:15am Worship Service - P. Wayne
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
11:00am Svea - P. Dwaine
12:00pm Birthday Party (Fink Family) Friendship Room
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
4:00pm Girl Scout #3515 - Rm 109/111
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

Monday, February 19

5:00pm Bell Choir
6:00pm Stingrays - Bethany Hall (Brielle Barrette)

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21

10:00am Gather Bible Study - P. Dwaine Friendship Room
1:30pm ECO Fair Committee - Friendship Room
5:30pm Evening Supper
6:15pm Midweek Worship

Thursday, February 22

9:30am Text Bible Study - P. Dwaine Friendship Room
1:00pm Quilters

Saturday, February 24

10:00am Praise Band
11:45am Baby Shower - Brittney Krueger - Bethany Hall
5:30pm Chapel Service - P. Wayne

Sunday, February 25

8:00am Worship Service - P. Dwaine - Installation of Council Members
9:05am Sunday School
10:15am Worship Service - P. Dwaine - Installation of Council Members
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
11:00am Svea - P. Wayne
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
2:00pm Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby-Set up/Weigh In Bethany Hall
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181