

WELCOME TO CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

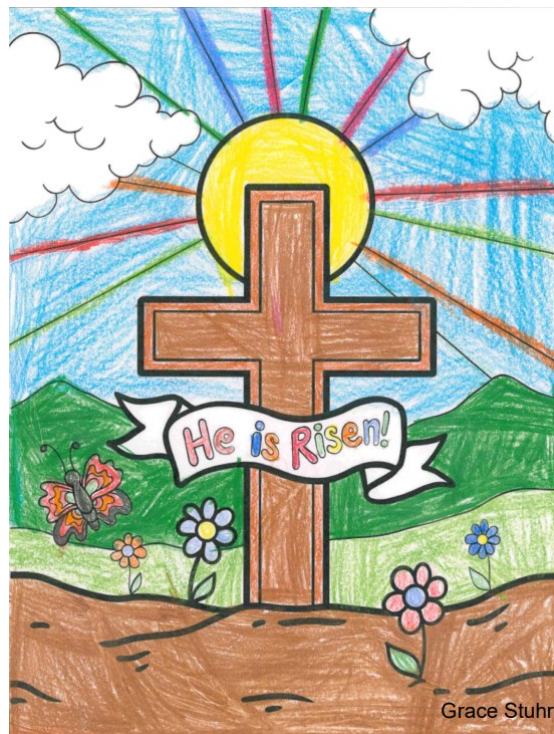
TOGETHER IN CHRIST

EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, March 31, 2024

8:00 am 10:00 am



This is the day the Lord has made!

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prelude

Easter Acclamation and Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Prayer over the Paschal Candle

Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the ending.

To Christ belongs all time and all the ages;

To Christ belongs glory and dominion now and forever. **Amen.**

The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Processional Hymn “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” ELW 365

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,

and of the † Son,

and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray,

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Canticle of Praise “This is the Feast” (p.149)

First Scripture Reading Acts 10:34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. 36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

39 “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, 40 but God raised him

from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. 41 He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

2 Let Israel say:

“His love endures forever.”

14 The Lord is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.

15 Shouts of joy and victory

resound in the tents of the righteous:

“The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!

16 The Lord’s right hand is lifted high;
the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”

**17 I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

18 The Lord has chastened me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.

**19 Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

20 This is the gate of the Lord
through which the righteous may enter.

**21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.**

22 The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

**23 the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

24 The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Second Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

15 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

9 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. 11 Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ELW 172

Holy Gospel John 20:1-18

The Gospel reading is found in the book of John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” 3Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” 14When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” 16Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). 17Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” 18Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message (10:15)

Sermon Pastor Dwaine Sutherland

Song of the Day “Now, All the Vault of Heaven Resound” ELW 367

The Apostles’ Creed (p.105)

Prayers of the Church (God of grace, **hear our prayer.**)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music

Offering Response “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” ELW 184

Offering Prayer

Together we pray,

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.

**May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.**

**Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

Words of Institution and the Lord’s Prayer (p. 112)

Communion Music “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!” ELW 377

“Thine Is the Glory” ELW 376

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” ELW 384

“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!” ELW 380

Prayer after Communion

Shepherding God,

you have prepared a table before us

and nourished us with your love.

Send us forth from this banquet

to proclaim your goodness

and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,

our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

Sending Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Song “Crown Him with Many Crowns” ELW 855

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude

Musicians: Eryn Tvette, Colyn Tvette, Brian Bluhm, Donna Jo Kopitzke, Naomi Baker

Hospitalized This Week: Kenny Newberg, Ardis Newberg, Karen Giese

Prayers and Sympathy to the Families of:

Joan Johnson; Mother of Dawn Danielson
Kevin Peterson; Brother of Connie Dickerson

2024 Calvary Council Leaders

Mary Jo de Cathelineau - Congregational President
Brian Henrickson - Vice President
Bridget Pederson - Secretary
Harley Aalfs
Shane Baker

John Dean
Bob Dickerson
Caleb Hanson
Lori Holmgren

Serving Today

Preaching: Pastor Dwaine Sutherland Sunday 8:00am & 10:15am
Presiding: Pastor Wayne Kopitzke
Acolytes: 8:00 - Maya Camerson & Andrew Christenson
 10:00 - Anthony Thompson & Max Garberding

Communion Assistants: 8:00– Heather Bonnema, Cathy Halbritter, Carter Newberg
 10:00– Brian Henderickson, Madelynn George, Susan Roepke

Greeters: 8:00 - Christa & Carolyn Gripentrog, Dale & Judith Johnson
 10:00– Mark & Beth Bloomquist, Ace & Heather Bonnema

Lectors: Sunday - 8:00 - Dion Warne
 10:00- Andrew Berg

Office: 7:45 - 9:30 - Carol Olson-Thorstad
 9:30 - 11:15 - Diane Asche

Sound: 8:00 - Mark Johnson
 10:00- Mark Bloomquist

Video: 8:00- David Sehloff
 10:00 - Richard Reimer

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 Financials February & YTD						
	February Actual	February Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 84,120.21	\$ 67,387.50	\$ 16,732.71	\$ 144,904.85	\$ 134,775.00	\$ 10,129.85
Expenses	\$ 77,376.67	\$ 67,352.21	\$ 10,024.46	\$ 148,395.57	\$ 134,704.88	\$ 13,690.69
Net Income	\$ 6,743.54	\$ 35.29	\$ 6,708.25	\$ (3,490.72)	\$ 70.12	\$ (3,560.84)

Thank You!

Huge thank you to all who supported the youth bake sale! We were able to raise \$762.00!

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to everyone who made the easter egg hunt possible!

NTY

It's Spring!!! That means NTY will resume again!! We will meet on Friday, April 12th at noon. It was decided last December to have a potluck in April so if you are able, please bring whatever you wish. After lunch we will be entertained by the Sunburg Fiddlers led by Darlene Schroeder, the teacher. It should be a very enjoyable time! Please call the church office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10th to register. I challenge you to ask someone new to join us. If they can't come for the potluck, anyone is invited to the program which usually starts about 1:00 p.m. Thank you. Wishing all of you a very Blessed and Happy Easter. If any questions, please call Diane Asche at 295-8938.

Call Committee Update

Our Call Committee has met and received a Rostered Minister Profile (RMP) from a candidate interested in our Associate Pastor position. An interview has been scheduled in the upcoming weeks. Thank you for your continued prayers and support in our Call Committee work.
Wayne Nelson, Chairperson

Office Manager

Calvary Lutheran Church is looking for a full-time Office Manager. Contact Pastor Dwaine Sutherland if interested at 651-500-7657 or email dsutherland@calvarywillmar.org

2024 SW Minnesota Synod Assembly

If interested in going to the SW MN Synod Assembly on June 6-7 at Gustavus Adolphus College, please contact the office before April 1st to get registered.

March Is Food Shelf Month

March is the month that we emphasize the need to stock the shelves at the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf. We have a goal of \$1,600.00 for monetary donations. Last year we more than doubled our goal. Let's do it again.

April 7th is Food Shelf Sunday. There will be a table in the Narthex to drop off your food that Sunday. Donations can be received any time. The amount of grant money the Food Shelf receives is determined by how much food and money they bring in between February 26th and April 9th.

Thank you, Calvary, for giving to the needs of our community.

Social Kindness Committee

Last Weekend Attendance - 472

YouTube - households - 227

General Offering - \$9,291.73



Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

- 8:00am Worship Service - Pastor Dwaine Sutherland– preaching
 Pastor Wayne Kopitzke– Presiding
 10:00am Worship Service - Pastor Dwaine Sutherland
 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, April 1st

- 10:00 am– Eco Fair Committee Meeting- FR
 5:00 pm–Bell Choir
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts- Koinonia Room
 7:00 pm Scouts - Bethany Hall

Tuesday, April 2nd

- 1:00pm Social Kindness Committee - Friendship Room
 6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181
 7:00pm Zoom Pilates with Lori
 7:00pm Native American History– Bethany Hall

Wednesday, April 3rd

- 1:30pm Deaconess Meeting– Friendship Room
 5:45pm Singing for Fun– Chapel
 6:30pm Conformation

Thursday, April 4th

- 9:30am Text Bible Study - Friendship Room - Pastor Wayne Kopitzke
 12:00pm Executive Committee
 1:00pm Quilters
 5:45pm Girl Scouts– Rooms 206/208
 6:00pm Girl Scouts – Koinonia Room

Friday, April 5th

- 12:00 pm Bylaws Committee Meeting– Zoom

Saturday, April 6th

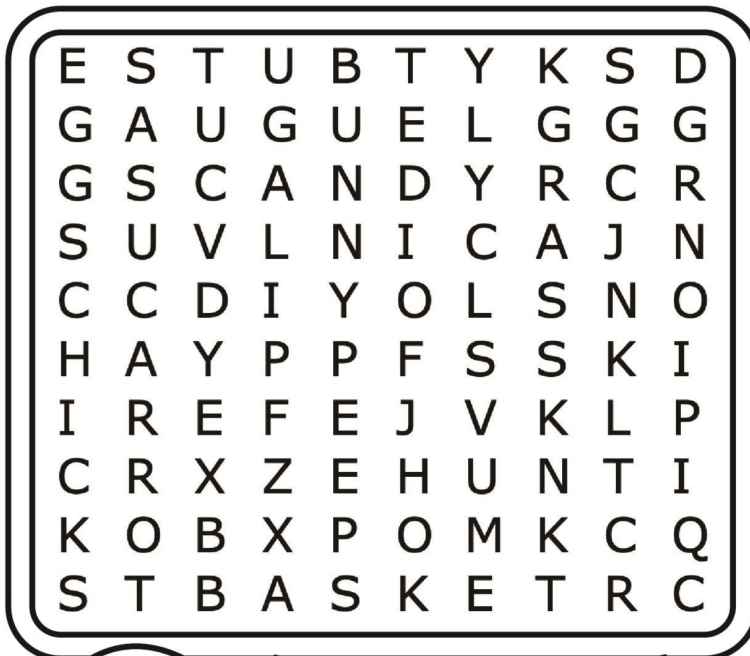
- 10:00am Praise Band
 1:00pm Gerald Carlson 90th Birthday Celebration– Bethany Hall
 5:30pm Chapel Service - Pastor Wayne Kopitzke

Sunday, April 7th

- 8:00am Worship Service– Pastor Wayne Kopitzke-preaching
 Pastor Dwaine Sutherland– presiding
 9:05am Sunday School
 10:15 Worship Service
 10:15 Noisy Offering
 10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
 1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
 8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

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- BUNNY
- CANDY
- CARROT
- CHICKS
- DYE
- EGGS
- GRASS
- HUNT
- PEEPS

