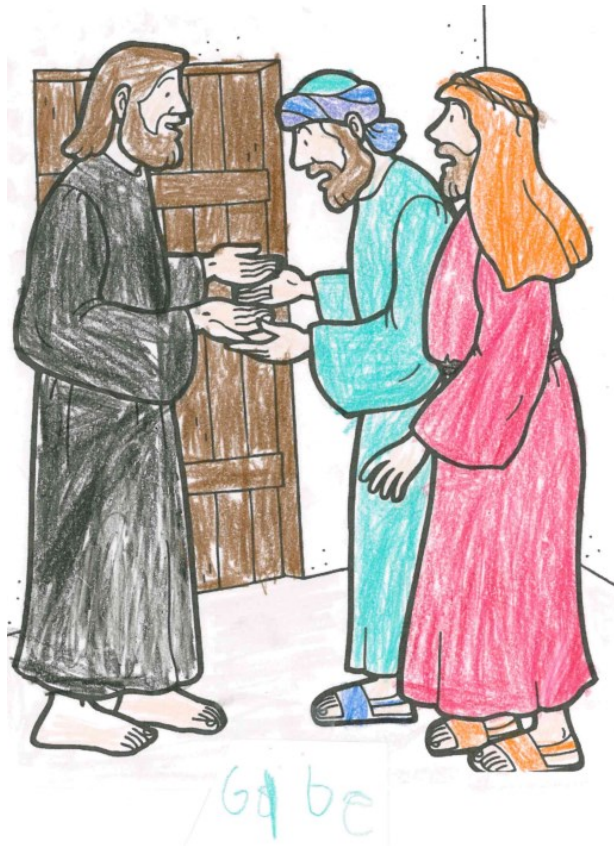


Calvary Lutheran Church

TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 7, 2024
10:15 AM

The good news of Easter invites us to “live together in unity” (Ps. 133:1) with each other, with God, and with the earth. The season of Easter can be an opportunity to engage with the wonders of God’s good creation. Today’s readings ground us in practices of collecting an offering for the poor (Acts 4) and gathering around the broken body of the resurrected Christ (John 20). These signs of the risen Christ in our midst orient us with hope beyond the walls of the church to the needs of the whole creation.

Gathering Music “I See the Lord” “Living Hope” “This is Amazing Grace”

Ringing 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.

Confession and Forgiveness of Our Sins

Gracious God, **we confess that we think of Easter as the springtime holiday rather than the Holy Day it truly is. You changed everything that day, yet we don’t change the way we live. We try to earn your grace and compare ourselves to others. Please help us to live free of guilt and full of your Spirit as we acknowledge our confession before you.**

Friends hear this: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven and shattered. We are forgiven, because he breathed his last breath, and bore the weight of the world’s sin on his shoulders. The sting of death is gone. In Christ, we are forgiven and freed! **Alleluia! Amen!**

Prayer of the Day (Aria Mathews)

Together we pray,
God of Promise, we celebrate your word as we live in the joy of the promise of this Easter Season. Encourage us on our journey as we seek to live as you. In your name we pray, Amen.

Gathering Song “Come, All You People” ELW 819

Scripture Readings

Acts 4:32-35 (Aria Mathews)

32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 John 1:1-2:2 (Leiah Arends)

1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—² this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³ what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous,² and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music Calvary Sunday School Children

“P-E-A-C-E”

“He’s Got the Whole World”

Children’s Message “Seeing is Believing” Pastor Wayne Kopitzke

Gospel Acclamation “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ELW 172

The Holy Gospel John 20:19-31

The Gospel reading is found in the book of John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon “Encountering the Living Christ” Pastor Wayne Kopitzke

Song of the Day "God So Loved"

The Apostles' Creed p.105 (Aubrey Pawelk)

Prayers of the Church (Brooklyn Mathews)

(Within our darkest night, **Let your light shine.**)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music "How Beautiful" Twila Paris

Offering Response

Freely, Freely Carol Owens

God for-gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been born a - gain in Je - sus'

name; and in Je - sus' name I come to you to share His love as He told me to: He said,

"Free - ly free - ly, you have re - ceived. Free - ly, free - ly give; _____

Go in my name and be - cause you be - lieve, O - thers will know that I live.

Offering Prayer (Aubrey Pawelk)

Together we pray,

Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in our community and in the world. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ who gave all that he was that we might know life. 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

Communion Music "In Christ Alone"

"Messiah"

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

"Lamb of God"

Post Communion Prayer

God of love, thank you for strengthening us with the Bread of Life.

Thank you for forgiving us and giving us another chance to do what is right. We promise to be the living Body of Christ, to use our arms, hands, feet, eyes and ears to follow Jesus and make the world a better place for everyone. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Blessing (Aria Mathews)

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Song/Noisy Offering "Go Tell It"

Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.

Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is HERE!

When Jesus rode the donkey, into Jerusalem,

The people waved Palm branches, and cheered as He came in. (Chorus)

"Hosanna in the highest", is what the people said.

God's son has come to save us, just like we all have read. (Chorus)

Our Savior has arisen, it happened Easter Day.

We all have been forgiven, now let us hear you sing. (Chorus)

Dismissal (McKenna Mathews)

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Hospitalized This Week: Barb Backlund, Corey Johnson, Donald Kemnitz

*Confession Submitted by Austin D. Hill Submitted by Scott Bullock
Prayers of the Church & Communion Prayer edited from: worshipwords.co.uk/prayers
faithandworship.com/prayers*

Serving Today

Preaching: Pastor Wayne Kopitzke

Presiding: Pastor Dwaine Sutherland

Acolytes: **8:00** - Brooklyn Pederson & Brooke Madsen
10:15- Emily Johnson & Aden Jacobson

Communion Assistants: **8:00**– Shawn Swenson, Pam DeKraai
10:15– Luka Schmidt, Jeremy Schmidt

Greeters: **8:00** - Ron & Bonnie Keith, Wes & Bonnie Martinson

Lectors: **Saturday 5:30** – Nancy Holt
Sunday - 8:00 - Brett Aamot
10:15- David Sehloff

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

Sound: **8:00** - Doug Sawatzky
10:15– Dean Hanson

Video: **8:00**- Jody Skindelien
10:00 - Richard Reimer

Last Weekend Attendance - 481

YouTube - households - 236

General Offering - \$15,944.80

Save the Date!

Annual Family Promise Pastors, Coordinators, & Volunteer Coordinators Luncheon
Tuesday April 23rd, 2024

11:30am-1:00pm

Willmar United Methodist Church– Use the front door

1818 9th St SW, Willmar MN

-Connect With Churches and Coordinators

-Update on what's happening at Family Promise

-Questions

Lunch Will be sloppy joes, chips, coleslaw, and dessert.

Please RSVP by April 13, 2024, by contacting Tammy Barnes, 320-212-4110 or tabarnes1@hotmail.com

Omitted On Easter Flower List

Lee Paulson in memory of her husband the late John Fritz Paulson.

Join Us!

Gather Bible Study April 17th, 2024 in the Friendship Room!

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

Healthy Earth Healthy Kids

Visit the Vinge, Calvary, Bethel Creation Care booth to enter a drawing for: a framed wildlife photo by our own Kelly Welch or wildlife artwork by Bethel's Don Houseman! April 27th, 2024 10am-2pm at the Willmar Civic Center.

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.

Dental Recycling Sunday April 21st

Bring your old toothbrushes and toothpaste, used floss picks, empty mouth wash containers, empty floss containers, and used brush heads! Dropbox in the narthex. These products will be recycled and kept out of our landfill!

West Central Singers Concert

West Central Singers Presents: All In Good Time:

Saturday April 13th, 2024 at 4pm at the Maccray Performing Arts Auditorium

711 Wolverine Drive Clara City, MN

Sunday April 14th, 2024 at 4pm

Calvary Lutheran Church in the Sanctuary

New Book Alert!

Remember by Harjo is a new book purchased by Calvary's Creation Care Team. The beautiful picture book adaption of the renowned poem encourages young readers to reflect on family, nature, and their heritage. The book urges readers to pay close attention to who they are, the world they were born into, and how all inhabitants on earth are connected

Bulletin Sponsorship

In honor of Ardell and Marie Engwall's 62nd Wedding Anniversary from your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Sunday, April 7th

- 8:00am Worship Service - Pastor Wayne Kopitzke– Preaching
Pastor Dwaine Sutherland- Presiding
10:15am Worship Service - Pastor Wayne Kopitzke– Preaching
Pastor Dwaine Sutherland- Presiding
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

Monday, April 1st

- 5:00 pm–Bell Choir
6:30 pm Cub Scouts- Koinonia Room
7:00 pm Scouts - Bethany Hall

Tuesday, April 9th

- 1:00pm Finance Committee - Friendship Room
5:15pm Stewardship Committee - Conference Room
6:00pm Council Meeting - Friendship Room
6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181
7:00pm Zoom Pilates with Lori

Wednesday, April 10th

- 5:45pm Singing for Fun– Chapel

Thursday, April 11th

- 9:30am Text Bible Study - Friendship Room - Pastor Dwaine Sutherland
1:00pm Quilters
5:45pm Girl Scouts– Rooms 206/208
6:00pm Girl Scouts – Koinonia Room

Friday, April 12th

- 12:00 pm NTY - Bethany Hall

Saturday, April 13th

- 10:00am Praise Band
5:30pm Chapel Service - Pastor Dwaine Sutherland

Sunday, April 14th

- 8:00am Worship Service– Pastor Dwaine Sutherland -preaching
Pastor Wayne Kopitzke - presiding
9:05am Sunday School
10:15 Worship Service - Pastor Dwaine Sutherland -preaching
Pastor Wayne Kopitzke - presiding
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
3:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3500– Friendship Room
4:00pm West Central Singers
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



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TOUCHED	THOMAS	SIDE	LOCKED