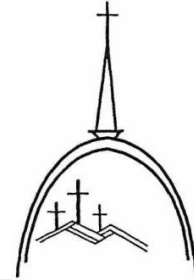


# *Calvary Lutheran Church*

TOGETHER IN CHRIST  
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



*The Day of Pentecost*  
*Blessing of High School Seniors*  
*Sunday, May 19, 2024 10:15 am*

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*We cannot see the Holy Spirit, like we can see each other. The Holy Spirit is like the wind. We cannot see the wind, but we can certainly feel it on a windy day. We can see the leaves moving in the trees because of the wind, or a kite flying high in the sky. The wind can be very strong and powerful. Just like the wind, we can see the effects of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit can work through us when we are kind to our family and friends, when we think about other people around the world, and when we work together with people who need our help. The Holy Spirit can also give us courage to speak out, just like the disciples in today's readings.*

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**Gathering Music** "Creator" "Holy Spirit, Rain Down" "All are Welcome"

**Procession of High School Seniors**

**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 Assurance of Forgiveness**

Can you bottle a breeze? Can you blow out a forest fire?

Can you help but breathe?

**For those times we stifle your Spirit, O God;**

**For those times we ignore your whispers and shouts;**

**For those times when we turn away from your wonders and miracles:**

**Forgive us.**

The breeze is loosed on the world. The fire is consumed.

We breathe deeply, for indeed, we are forgiven.

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of the Day**

Together we pray,

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. Thank you for filling us with your spirit. Thank you for molding us in your example. Thank you for using us to spread your light throughout our families, our work places, our communities and our world. Amen.**

**Gathering Song** "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" ELW 401 (vs 1-3)

## Scripture Readings

### Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.  
2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.  
5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.  
7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."  
14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:  
17 'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.  
19 And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
20 The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Blessing for High School Graduates**

**Children's Message** "E Pluribus Unum" Pastor Wayne Kopitzke

**Gospel Acclamation** "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" ELW 519

## **The Gospel Reading John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15**

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.

<sup>27</sup> You also are to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>4</sup> But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

<sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** "OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES..." Pastor Wayne Kopitzke

## Song of the Day Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Refrain*



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing



in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the



spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.



1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,




2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,



3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,



*Refrain*  
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.



asked . . . . . my Lord if all was mine.



chills the bod - y but not the soul.

**Apostles' Creed** (page 105)

**Prayers of the Church** (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Offering Music** "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is"

## Offering Response

Everything That We Have Bret Hesla

Ev - ery - thing that we have. Ev - ery - thing that we are. Ev - ery mo - ment is a  
6 blessing from a - bove. It's end - less love that we breathe. It's end - less  
11 love that we re - ceive. What has free - ly come, we now let free - ly go.

## Offertory Prayer

Together we pray,

**Generous God, we give you this offering today. With it we worship You and give ourselves to You. Please now take it and use it for Your kingdom and Your glory. In your name we pray, 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 (p. 112)

**Communion Music** "In the Breaking of the Bread"  
"Spirit of Gentleness" ELW 396  
"Glorify Thy Name"

Verse 1 Father we love You  
We worship and adore You  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
Glorify Thy name  
Glorify Thy name  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Verse 2 Jesus we love You.....

Verse 3 Spirit we love You.....

### **Communion Blessings**

For those who do not receive communion, we give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

For those that receive communion, Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal Spirit, thank you for breathing your spirit into us, and gathering us at this table. May the grace of this special meal make us one body, one spirit, reconciled in Christ. **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**

God, your spirit,  
like the wind, enables us to soar like eagles,  
like fire, warms and empowers us.  
Make us eager to share your power and magnificence  
with all we meet. **Amen.**





## **Dismissal**

Be filled with the Spirit and spread the word!

**We will. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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## **Pentecost Reflection** (*They all understood*, by Ana Gobledale)

And they all understood

No missed messages, No mixed messages

Confusion moves to clarity, Discord moves to harmony

Cacophony moves to melody, Agitation transformed by peace

Individualism transformed by community

Flags waving to declare identity move to tabletops holding a common cup

Strangers move into relationship

And they all understand

Message received.

## **Is it in You?**

This may be a corny illustration, but I think about the Gatorade commercial where they ask, "Is it in you?" It shows athletes literally sweating Gatorade out of their pores. The point is that since Gatorade is inside of them, it naturally pours out. This resonates with what Scripture teaches. God promises an internal change that takes place in those who believe, and then godly actions pour out of us as a result. That makes us ask: if the actions aren't naturally pouring out ... is God in you?

David Lomas, *The Truest Thing about You: Identity, Desire, and Why It All Matters* (David C Cook, 2014).

## **DID YOU KNOW.....**

The primary account of the first Christian Pentecost appears in the Acts of the apostles, chapter 2, verses 1-21.

Pentecost is a Greek word which means FIFTY or FIFTIETH. We can recognize "Penta" which means "five," in other words: pentagram, pentagon, pentateuch.

Pentecost is the Greek name of a Feast Day, for the people of ancient Israel, celebrating the day when Moses brought the tablets, the law, down from Mount Sinai. They set the festival at 7 weeks, or 50 days, after Passover. The Hebrew name of the feast, Shavuot, means 7 weeks, and the Greek, Pentecost, means "Fiftieth or fiftieth day."

Our Christian Day of Pentecost, first took place on the Jewish Pentecost feast day. So we have kept the Greek name in use at the time.

### **Serving Today**

**Preaching:** Pastor Wayne D. Kopitzke  
**Presiding:** Pastor Dwaine Sutherland

**Communion Assistants:** **8:00** - Harley Aalfs, Lori Holmgren  
**10:15** - Madelynn George, Brian Henrickson

**Greeters:** **8:00** - Jim & Barb Swenson, Klint Torkelson  
**10:15** - Dave & Marie Fett, Chad & Christa Willis

**Lectors:** **Saturday 5:30** - Nancy Holt  
**Sunday 8:00** - Nancy Hultgren  
**10:15** - Karen Rinke

**Office:** **7:45 - 9:30** - Dorie Larsen  
**9:30 - 11:15** - Julie Olson

**Sound:** **8:00 & 10:15** - Dean Hanson

**Video:** **8:00 & 10:15** - David Sehloff

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Donavon Monson, Donald Kemnitz

### **PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF:**

Dean Ellingson  
Brian Franzen, Brother of Bradley Franzen and Nephew of Eileen Olson  
Robbie Hjelle, Father of Aubrey Hjelle

### **Calvary Staff**

**Senior Pastor:** Dwaine Sutherland  
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**Director of Music Ministry:** Naomi Powers-Baker  
**Faith Formation Coordinator - Children & Youth:** Erica Mathews  
**Office Manager:** Paula Lueders  
**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**

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Harley Aalfs  
Shane Baker  
John Dean  
Bob Dickerson  
Caleb Hanson  
Lori Holmgren





If you suspect that your teenager is experiencing depression, it's important to approach the situation with empathy and openness. Encourage them to talk about their feelings and experiences. If you're a parent, guardian, teacher, or another trusted adult, consider seeking professional help, such as a mental health professional or a counselor who specializes in working with teenagers. Depression is treatable, and early intervention is crucial for the well-being of the teenager. If the teenager is in immediate danger or talks about self-harm or suicide, it's essential to seek emergency assistance or contact a crisis hotline immediately. The National Suicide hotline can be reached by dialing 988.

References:

<https://injuryfreenc.dph.ncdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/SuicideData.htm>

**Family Promise  
Volunteer Needed**

The week of May 27 - June 2, Calvary will be hosting meals at the Family Promise Homeless Family housing facility. There is still one evening meal needed for a group of 6 adults and 3 children on Tuesday, May 28 (6 - 7:30pm). If you could provide a meal on that date, please contact Joan Hanson at 320-220-1324.

Thank you!

**Home Communion  
Volunteers Needed**

We are in **urgent** need of Home Communion volunteers. Would you please consider helping us with this wonderful service that Calvary has for our home-bound members. Please call the church office at 235-2508 if you can help. Thank you!

**Creation Care Meeting**

Creation Care Team will be meeting on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 pm in the Friendship Room.

**Sunday School and  
Confirmation Registrations  
are Open**

Registration is open for Sunday School (3yrs to 5th grade) and Confirmation (6th - 9th Grades). There is a link on Calvary's Website.

**Text Bible Study**

It has been decided that Text Bible Study **WILL** continue through the summer months every Thursday at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome!

**BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 26TH**  
**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
**Saturday 5:30pm**  
**Sunday 9:00am**  
 (One Sunday Service)

**NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
 for more information, contact Naomi Baker

**Sunburg Community Music Camp**

Free

**Featuring:**  
 Fiddle (Violin), Upright Bass, Guitar, Mandolin, Ukulele  
 Irish (Penny) Whistle & Keyboard/Piano & Singing

Free



**Instructors:**

- Dempsey Schroeder
- Maggie Harp
- Joyce Rudningen
- Pastor Daryl Thul
- Alissa Hulstrand
- Darlene Schroeder
- Nathan Hulstrand

**June 5 – 9 2024**  
**Wednesday – Saturday: 4 – 7 pm**  
**Sunday: 2 – 5:30 pm**

**Location:**  
**Hope Lutheran Church, Sunburg**  
**&**  
**Sunburg Community Center**

**Pre-Registration**  
**Required**  
 Call/Text: Darlene  
 320 212 2050



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**TEACHERS  
WANTED**

Looking for someone to team teach the 3 year old class that will start in the fall along with 2 teachers to team teach the 2nd grade class. If this sounds like something you may be interested please contact me!

Erica Mathews  
erica@calvarywillmar.org  
320-444-0626

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in the observance of Memorial Day.**

Weekly Attendance - 194  
YouTube - 110 households  
General Offering - \$9,103.60

Psalm 46:9-10 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

This Psalm is about Israel's soldiers who were about to go into battle. These verses were written to remind them that war isn't forever and someday there will not be war again. As a war veteran, I can only pray that my children or grandchildren will not have to see war. War is never good, and the horrific destruction and loss of life can never be truly justified but it is a fact of life. As we know and understand, war is horrible but unfortunately it may be necessary. Whether you support war if needed or believe that we should never go to war, we must remember those who often do not have a choice but to go. Unfortunately, war does mean some of our troops will not return and this Memorial Day is about those who did not return. Memorial Day isn't about glorifying war, but it is to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. This Memorial Day take a moment and remember those who didn't return, and those who suffered and died after returning home. I leave you with a poem I wrote with some help from the internet. Pastor Dwaine

### **Where Eagles Dare and Freedoms Fly**

Beneath the vast and starry sky,  
Where eagles dare and freedoms fly,  
Rest the souls of heroes brave,  
Whose legacy we vow to save.

In silence, we recall their names,  
Their stories etched in eternal flames.  
For every life, a tale untold,  
Of courage fierce and spirits bold.

We stand amidst the white stone rows,  
Where grief's quiet shadow grows,  
And think of families left to mourn,  
Their hearts forever torn and worn.

They served with honor, true and just,  
In them, a nation placed its trust.  
Now poppies bloom where they lay,  
A crimson tide this Memorial Day.

So let us pause and bow our heads,  
For the valiant dead and tears shed.  
Their sacrifice shall not be in vain,  
In our memories, they'll forever remain.

To the families, we extend our hand,  
In this grateful, solemn land.  
Your loss, a burden we all share,  
On Memorial Day, we show we care.

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, May 19**

8:00am Worship Service  
9:00am High School Senior Brunch  
9:30am Praise Band Practice  
10:15am Worship Service - Senior Recognition  
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm  
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181  
4:00pm Girl Scout #3515 - Rm 109/111  
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

### **Tuesday, May 21**

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

### **Thursday, May 23**

9:30am Text Bible Study - P. Dwaine - Friendship Room  
1:00pm Quilters  
6:00pm Girl Scouts #3749 - Rms 109/111

### **Saturday, May 25**

5:30pm Chapel Service

### **Sunday, May 26**

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

**\*\*\*If you or a loved one would like a pastoral visit (ill, hospitalized, or just because), please contact Senior Pastor Dwaine Sutherland at (651) 500-7657 - [dsutherland@calvarywillmar.org](mailto:dsutherland@calvarywillmar.org) or Interim Pastor Wayne Kopitzke at (320) 841-1951 - [revwayne100@gmail.com](mailto:revwayne100@gmail.com). Pastor Dwaine and Pastor Wayne are always willing to provide support in time of need.\*\*\***