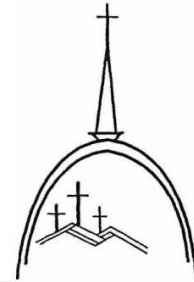


# *Calvary Lutheran Church*

TOGETHER IN CHRIST  
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



*The Seventh Weekend after Pentecost*

*Saturday, July 6, 2024 5:30pm*

*Sunday, July 7, 2024 9:00am*

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*“There is a Balm in Gilead” is a well-known African American spiritual about the power of Jesus to work in and through the lives of his followers despite our brokenness and shortcomings. Like today’s reading and gospel, the hymn text reminds us that Jesus “fills in the gaps” in our ability, faith, and knowledge. Even humble acts of service—a listening ear, a shared meal, a kind word—bear witness to the Holy Spirit at work in the world around us!*

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**Prelude**

**Ringing of the Bell (9:00)**

**Welcome**

**Invocation and Greeting**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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**

Holy God, we thank you for the love you show for all of us, showing no partiality across cultures and races.

**Give us good courage to remember that we are all your beloved children.**

God of all, forgive us for our complacency. Forgive us for all of the times and places we have failed to welcome the stranger. Forgive us for the times where we prioritized our comfort over expanding our knowledge and advocacy.

**Ignite our heart Lord, to remember that you are present in all who flee their homes and search for new opportunities.**

God of Trinity, we remember that you sent Jesus to Earth not only to be with refugees, but as a refugee himself.

**Forgive us for all of the ways we have individually and collectively fallen short to do this holy work of welcome.**

God, we remember that you and your boundless love are not of this world.  
**Remind us that it is not our job as Christians to cast judgment but to offer abundant and radical hospitality and love to all.**

God, we acknowledge that walls and all earthly systems that work to separate us from one another are not your desire for your beloved people.  
**Give us good courage to open our arms wide and strong in welcome and convict us to make real your kingdom of love, joy, grace, justice, and hospitality real here on Earth. Forgive us God, work through us and within us to share your love. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Oh God of welcome, **we give you abundant thanks for our immigrant neighbors and community members. We celebrate all of the richness and diversity they bring to our world and to our communities and that you call them by name just as you call us by name. May our hospitality bring joy to not only those we work to welcome, but to us as well. Amen.**

**Gathering Song** “Come Now, O Prince of Peace” ELW 247

### **Scripture Readings**

#### **Psalm 123**

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes,  
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
- 2 **As the eyes of servants  
look to the hand of their master,  
as the eyes of a maid  
to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,  
until he has mercy upon us.**
- 3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- 4 **Our soul has had more than its fill  
of the scorn of those who are at ease,  
of the contempt of the proud.**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

## **2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

<sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— <sup>4</sup> was caught up into paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**    “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”    ELW 172

## **Gospel Mark 6:1-13**

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup> On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the

villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message** Deacon Sarah Kretschmann

**Song of the Day** "There is a Balm in Gilead" ELW 614

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of foreigners and immigrants. I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger.**

**When he returned to his own country he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate. Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured, and unjustly condemned to death. But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead, not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races. I believe that the Church is the secure home for all believers. I believe that the communion of saints begins when we embrace all God's people in all their diversity. I believe in forgiveness, which makes us all equal before God, and in reconciliation, which heals our brokenness. I believe that in the Resurrection God will unite us as one people. I believe in life eternal, in which all will be citizens of the kingdom where God reigns forever and ever. Amen.**

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

## Sharing of the Peace

## Offering Music

## 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, **Jesus, Bread of life,**  
**you have set this table with your very self,**  
**and called us to the feast of plenty.**  
**Gather what has been sown among us,**  
**and strengthen us in this meal.**  
**Make us to be what we receive here,**  
**your body for the life of the world. 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** “Build a Longer Table”

Build a longer table, not a higher wall,  
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.  
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,  
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;  
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.  
For any place where justice is denied,  
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.

Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.  
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.  
When we embrace compassion more than fear,  
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.

When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,  
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.  
So must our tables welcome those who roam.  
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love    ELW 708  
“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”        ELW 656

**Post Communion Prayer**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray. **Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Sending Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace  
and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

**Sending Song**    “Canticle of the Turning”    ELW 723

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Welcome the stranger!

**Thanks be to God!**

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## **Serving Today**

- Preaching:** Deacon Sarah Kretschmann
- Communion Assistants:** Bridget Pederson, Brandon Lothert
- Greeters:** Dennis & Sharon Eastman, Mike & Cindy Moser
- Lectors:** Saturday - Lois Shaw  
Sunday - Andy Berg
- Office:** Debra Johnson
- Sound:** Kim Larson
- Video:** David Sehloff

**The Bulletin is sponsored today in honor of Howie Swenson and Joann Olsen's birthdays on July 8 given by Barb and Steve Swenson**

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Pablo Rodriguez

## **Special Congregational Meeting**

A special congregational meeting of Calvary Lutheran Church members will be held on Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 10:15am 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 an Associate Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church. The church's constitution provides that no proxy or electronic votes are accepted. Mary Jo DeCathelineau, Congregational President

### **Calvary Council**

Calvary Council has cancelled their July 9th meeting. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, August 13th.

### **Finance Committee**

Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 9th at 12:00 noon.





**Family Promise Update**  
**A community-based effort to help families experiencing homelessness**

The **Shelter** located on Pacific Avenue Willmar is operating with a 3 person staff and 6 housing rooms that can sleep up to 4-5 people per room depending on make-up of the family. In addition, we have 3 rooms on the second level being made ready as soon as we can. Currently there are 13 host congregations providing meals 3 days a week as well as groceries for the other days of the week. All guests have been meeting with the case manager weekly to go over goals set, budgeting, job searching and housing.

**Current Guests:**

1. Family of 5 (Mother, Father, Daughter 4, Son 3, Daughter 11 months)
2. Family of 3 (Father, Daughter 12, Son 11)
3. Family of 2 (Mother, Daughter 27)
4. Family of 3 (Mother, Son 4, Daughter 2, has kids part-time)
5. Family of 4 (Mother, Father, Daughter 7, Son 1)
6. Family of 5 (Mother, Father, Daughter 6, Son 5, Son 1)

**Upcoming Host Churches:**

1. July 8-14 - Open
2. **August 19-25 - Calvary Lutheran**

**Thank you to our host congregations and especially those individuals that are preparing the serving meals as well as buying groceries. The guests are very appreciative for everything provided by our area churches through the meal support program.**

Heidi Olson, Guest Relations/Case Manager  
Family Promise of Kandiyohi County  
[guestrelations@familypromiseofkc.org](mailto:guestrelations@familypromiseofkc.org)  
Cell Phone: (320) 905-9272

**Family Promise thanks all of their donors that  
make this place possible.**

**Items we need:**  
**Diapers Size 4 & 5**  
**Wipes**  
**Laundry Detergent & Dryer Sheets**  
**Dish Soap**  
**Toilet Bowl Cleaner**  
**All Purpose Cleaner**

**If you are able to purchase any items Family Promise needs, you can drop those items off in the Church Office. It would be greatly appreciated! Thank you.**

**NTY  
Friday, July 12  
12:00 Noon**

Do you wish you could go to the "Carole King" musical that has been playing at the Chanhassen theater, but can't get there?? Well, if you can't, we have the next best thing for you to attend ----- NTY on July 12th!! Terry Shaw will be doing a show of Carole King songs, which will not disappoint. The catered lunch will be at 12:00 noon, & if you can't attend the lunch, you may come for the program at about 1:00 p.m. Please call the church office to register by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10th. Cost for the lunch is \$7.00, payable the day of NTY. (please note that cancellations after Wednesday & no-shows will still require payment due to increased food costs.). Please invite someone new to NTY or bring a guest. If any questions, please call Diane Asche at 295-8938. Thank you and have a great 4th of July week!



**Did you know?**

The term hymn is derived from the Greek hymnos meaning "festive song." Translated into Hebrew it means "song praising God."

**It's time for...**

**SHARE THE  
BOUNTY**

**A table is set up inside the east entry.  
All are welcome to give and receive.**



**Sunday, July 7**

Youth Trip - Nashville

- 9:00am Worship Service - Deacon Sarah Kretschmann
- 10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
- 1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
- 2:00pm Glacial Lakes Trail Bike Ride
- 8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

**Monday, July 8**

Youth Trip – Nashville

**Tuesday, July 9**

Youth Trip - Nashville

- 12:00pm Finance Committee - Friendship Room
- 6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181
- 7:00pm Zoom Pilates with Lori

**Wednesday, July 10**

Youth Trip – Nashville

**Thursday, July 11**

Youth Trip - Nashville

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

**Friday, July 12**

Youth Trip - Nashville

- 12:00pm NTY

**Saturday, July 13**

Youth Trip - Nashville

- 5:30pm Chapel Service

**Sunday, July 14**

Camp - Middle/High School

- 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