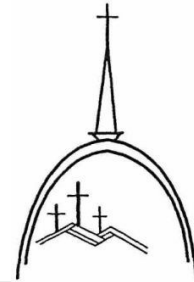


Calvary Lutheran Church

TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost
Sunday, July 14, 2024 9:00 am

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

As we prepare for worship, feel free to join in song:

Count Your Blessings, Surely Goodness and Mercy,
Open the Eyes of My Heart, Shout to the Lord

Ringling of the Bell/Welcome

Invocation

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

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Together we confess

Lord Jesus Christ, you have said to us "You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." We admit those times when we fail to ask you for good things – that it can be easier to trust you with eternity than trust you with tomorrow.

We also admit that far too often we seek first our own kingdoms, and not yours. Too often the desires of our hearts mean that we ask in our own name, rather than yours. Too often we are content to do what is easy, rather than what is right.

Have mercy on us Lord. Pour out your Spirit on us and renew us.

Dear friends, God hears our confessions and through grace and faith we are forgiven! **Alleluia. Amen!**

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.

Together we pray, **Almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we ask your blessing on this place. May we find increased hope, faith, and trust among our community. Lord, may you find glory in our worship and we find joy in you. This we pray in your name, Amen.**

Gathering Song

God, We Gather As Your People

ACS 1038



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

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Scripture Readings

Amos 7:7-15

7 This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. 8 And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line

in the midst of my people Israel;
I will spare them no longer;

9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. 11 For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.' "

12 And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, 13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet nor a prophet's son, but I am a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, 15 and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8-13

8 Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

9 **Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

11 **Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

12 The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

13 **Righteousness will go before him**

and will make a path for his steps.

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW 172

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for

you to have your brother's wife." 19 And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him. 21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests, and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." 23 And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." 24 She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." 25 Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." 26 The king was deeply grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27 Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, 28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. 29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message "Speaking Truth to Power" Pastor Wayne D. Kopitzke

Song of the Day "When Our Song Says Peace" ELW 709

Apostles' Creed (page 105)

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music "What Is the World Like" Praise Band

Offering Response "Everything That We Have"

Everything that we have, everything that we are.

Every moment is a blessing from above.

It's endless love that we breathe.

It's endless love that we receive.

What has freely come, we now let freely go.

Offertory Prayer

Together we pray, **Generous God who gives us the gifts of life and love, we thank you for your blessings as well as your tough love. Help us to remember, everything that we have and everything that we are is a blessing from you. In your loving 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 "Living Waters"

"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet" ELW 523

"United at the Table" ELW 498

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and Gracious God, We give you thanks for the gift of life, for the gift of Jesus our Savior, for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and for the gift of this sacrament that nourishes our souls. Like a potter at the wheel you created us, shaping us in secret in the hidden depths. In your Holy name we pray.
Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sisters and brothers, go into the world with the mind of Christ. Go into the world to be the hands of Christ. Go into the world filled with the love of Christ. **Amen.**

Sending Song "Lead Me, Guide Me" ELW 768

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!
Thanks be to God!

Serving Today

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

Communion Assistants: Mary Jo deCathelineau, Karina Rice

Greeters: Tom & Ashley Gilbertson, Caleb & Kim Hanson

Lectors: Saturday - Karina Rice
Sunday - Jean Berg

Office: Diane Asche

Sound: Dean Hanson

Video: Richard Riemer

RADIO BROADCAST for July 7 was sponsored in Celebration of Dorothy Freese's 90th Birthday.

Special Congregational Meeting

A special congregational meeting of Calvary Lutheran Church members will be held this morning 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

**Weekly Attendance - 179
YouTube - 83 households
General Offering - \$21,402.35**

| 2024 Financials June & YTD | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | June Actual | June Budget | Over/(Under) Budget | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Over/(Under) Budget |
| Income | \$ 47,867.89 | \$ 67,387.50 | \$ (19,519.61) | \$ 348,499.86 | \$ 404,325.00 | \$ (55,825.14) |
| Expenses | \$ 63,791.99 | \$ 67,352.21 | \$ (3,560.22) | \$ 384,500.39 | \$ 404,113.72 | \$ (19,613.33) |
| Net Income | \$ (15,924.10) | \$ 35.29 | \$ (15,959.39) | \$ (36,000.53) | \$ 211.28 | \$ (36,211.81) |

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: Paula Lueders
Office Assistant: Marie Fett
Custodians: Kim Schow & Ken Newberg
Head Usher: Randy Novak
Kitchen Coordinator: Enola Dowdell
Calvary Cemetery Sexton: Ron Keith

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Harley Aalfs
Shane Baker
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Lori Holmgren

CREATION CARE TIP

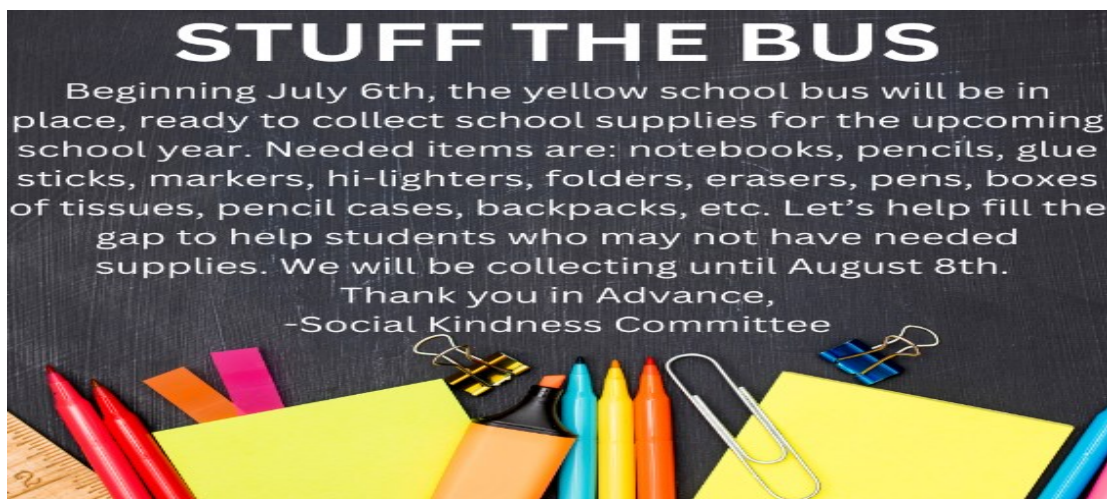
Buy Local - Support farmers' markets to supplement your own garden or what you buy at the store. Buy meat from local producers. This helps reduce your carbon footprint.

GATHER BIBLE STUDY

Gather Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, July 17th at 10:00 am in the Friendship Room.

BLOOD DRIVE

Calvary is hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 23rd from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Please consider taking part if you are able, as this saves countless lives! Thank you so much.



CREATION CARE
Tuesday, July 16th 6:30pm
New Members Welcome!



**THE WONDERFUL STAFF AT GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN
MINISTRIES SENT THIS THANK YOU FOR ERICA MATHEWS
ATTENDING A PANEL AND FOR CALVARY SUPPLYING SOME
WELL DESERVED ENERGY DRINKS FOR THIS SUMMER! THANK
YOU ALL FOR THE SUPPORT!!**



**Sundays
July 21st &
August 18th
worship
will be
OUTDOOR.**



**If you prefer
INDOOR
worship,
please join
us
Saturdays
July 20th &
August 17th
at 5:30pm
in the
Sanctuary.**

CALVARY FAMILY TIME

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**JULY 31ST
7 - 9 PM
FREE EVENT**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING AT THE DOROTHY OLSON AQUATIC CENTER! BRING A FRIEND!

A collage of photos. The top left photo shows a young boy wearing sunglasses and a yellow life preserver, sitting in a pool. The bottom right photo shows a group of people standing near a pool deck with lounge chairs. A large starfish is in the foreground of the bottom right photo.

Matthew 5:43-48

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'⁴⁴ But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the gentiles do the same?⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

This past week Bonnie Franzen recommended a book called "Saving my Assassin". It is about the life of Virginia Prodan, an attorney in Communist Romania in the 80's and 90's. Without giving away the outcome of the story because I would like for you to read the book, it is about her struggle living out her Christian life under great persecution. She was at the point of the government had sent an assassin to kill her. Not only does she survive, she thrives and, was a major player in the overthrowing of the evil Communist regime in Romania. She never raised a gun in her defense, she did it by remembering the scripture reading from Matthew 5:44, love your enemy. She preached and lived out the Gospel of Christ in some of the most difficult situations anyone can imagine. She had been arrested, beaten, tortured because she defended Christians and churches against government persecution. She prayed for, preached to, and loved her enemy and God used her to change a godless society into a society that is now majority Christian and has a strong acceptance of all faith traditions.

Loving your enemy and praying for those who persecute you can be a difficult thing to do at times. We probably will never have to experience the persecution Virginia had to experience, but that doesn't mean we don't have enemies to love and pray for. In today's divisive world, we could all benefit from loving our enemy. My challenge to you is to find a copy of her book and read it and to love your enemy, pray for those who persecute you. You never know whose life you could change; it could even be yours. Pastor Dwaine

Outdoor Worship Service at Robbins Island

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, August 18 at 10 am, we will be joining Bethel, Vinje, and Paz churches to have an Outdoor Worship. More details to follow. If anyone has a golf cart or some type of transportation to help our parishioners with mobility issues, please contact the church office at 235-2508. Thank you!