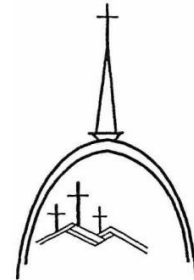


Calvary Lutheran Church

TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Outdoor Worship

Sunday, July 21, 2024 9:00am

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want” (Ps. 23:1). Most kids today don’t have real-life examples of a shepherd’s work. They don’t understand how hard it is, how long the days can be, what kinds of trouble the sheep can get into. But the shepherd makes sure the sheep have everything they need. How does Jesus provide for us in the same way? Who and what does Jesus provide for us?

Singing Prelude-Join Us!

“His Banner Over Me is Love”

Verse 1

I’m feasting at His banqueting table; His banner over me is love. (3 x’s)
His banner over me is love.

Verse 2

He placed my feet on firm foundation; His banner over me is love. (3 x’s)
His banner over me is love.

Verse 3

The Lord is mine and I am His; His banner over me is love. (3 x’s)
His banner over me is love

Verse 4

He’s the Rock of my salvation; His banner over me is love. (3 x’s)
His banner over me is love

“This Little Light of Mine”

Verse 1 This little light of mine.

Verse 2 Hide it under a bushel, no!

Verse 3 Don’t let Satan blow it out.

Verse 4 Let it shine till Jesus comes.

“Pass It On”

Verse 1

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That’s how it is with God’s love, once you’ve experienced it:
You spread His love to ev’ryone, you want to pass it on.

Verse 2

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding.
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
That’s how it is with God’s love, once you’ve experienced it:
You want to sing it’s fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

Verse 3

I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found.
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountain-top, I want my world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.
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The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

"Peace Like a River"

Verse 1 I've got peace like a river
Verse 2 I've got joy like a fountain
Verse 3 I've got love like an ocean
Verse 4 I've got peace like a river,
joy like a fountain,
love like an ocean

Welcome

Invocation

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

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

God of creation and transformation, **we confess that we fall short as your beloved sons and daughters. Open our hearts to understand the intimate relationship that you have with all creation. You are our example. Help us to follow in your steps. Amen.**

Be assured that God, like the sun that holds the planets in orbit, watches over us all, rejoicing when we are found and restored to wholeness, generously forgiving a repentant heart. Receive God's healing mercy. **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, **Here we are Lord; your people, your Church meeting together in your presence. We welcome each other and we welcome You. Make yourself known to us in new ways through our worship, our prayers and our understanding of your Word today. Amen.**

Gathering Song “Let’s Just Praise the Lord”

Verse 1

We thank You for Your kindness. We thank You for Your love.
We've been in heav'nly places, felt blessings from above.
We've been sharing all the good things the fam'ly can afford.
Let's just turn our praise t'ward heaven and praise the Lord.

Chorus

Let's just praise the Lord, Praise the Lord.
Let's just lift our hands t'ward heaven and praise the Lord.
Let's just praise the Lord, Praise the Lord.
Let's just lift our hands t'ward heaven and praise the Lord.

Verse 2

Just the precious name of Jesus is worthy of our praise.
Let us bow our knee before Him, our hands to heaven raise.
When He comes in clouds of glory with Him to ever reign.
Let's lift our happy voices and praise His dear name. (Chorus)

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, ¹⁵ abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the

saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; ²¹ in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

The Gospel Reading **Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Dwaine Sutherland

Song of the Day “Do Lord”

Verse 1

I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun (3 x's)
Way beyond the blue.

Chorus

Do Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me! (3 x's)
Way beyond the blue.

Verse 2

You're my light and my salvation, I won't be afraid (3 x's)
For I move in the strength of the Lord. (Chorus)

Verse 3

I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too. (3 x's)
While He's calling you. (Chorus)

Apostles' Creed (page 105)

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

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,

**We give thanks for the remarkable gifts of your creating
and redeeming love, O God. Accept our gifts as a token of our
love toward you. 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)

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, grant that we who have received Jesus' body and blood may live in him and serve you as your children. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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

May the God of peace, who raised our Lord Jesus from the dead, provide you with every good thing you need in order to do his will. **Amen.**

Sending Song

“Jesus Loves Me”

- Verse 1** Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.
- Chorus** Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
- Verse 2** Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, “Let them come to Me.” (Chorus)
- Verse 3** Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live. (Chorus)
- Verse 4** Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me,
I will henceforth live for Thee. (Chorus)

Dismissal

Go in peace. You have been chosen by God!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Confession/forgiveness-<https://thepastorsworkshop.com/>; www.lca.org.au/worship
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Serving Today

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

Communion Assistants: Keith Neumann, Harley Aalfs

Lectors: Saturday - Marilyn Gjerde
Sunday - Brett Aamot

Office: Deb Lentz

Sound: Saturday: Victoria Larsen

Video: Saturday: Jody Skindelien

Weekly Attendance - 226
No YouTube Video last weekend
General Offering - \$16,978.58

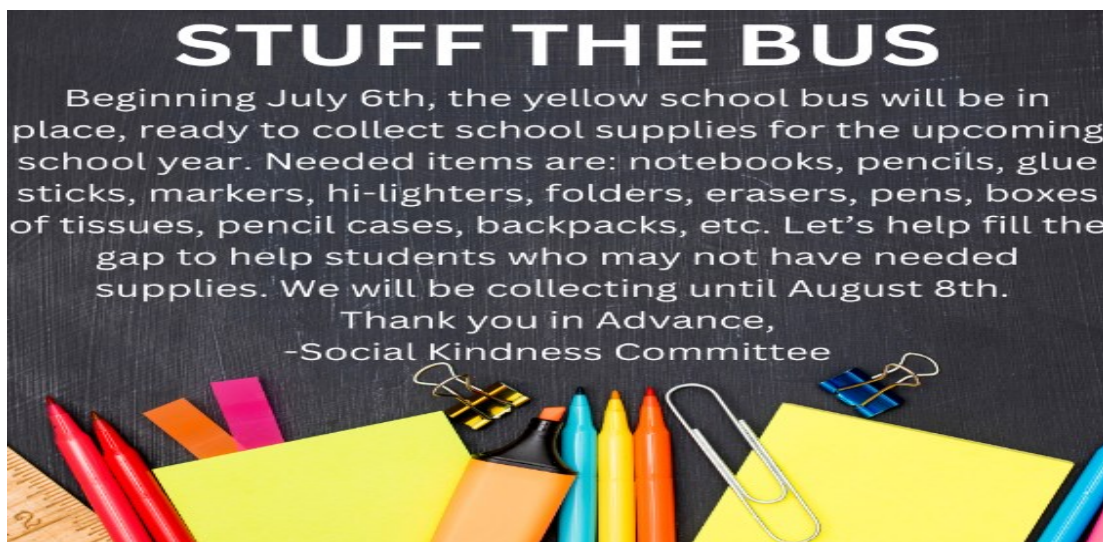
HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Ardell Engwall

On Sunday July 14th at the special voters meeting, it was voted on and passed that we would extend a call to Pastor Amy Juel to join Calvary as a Children, Family, Youth and Outreach Pastor.

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.






*****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 or Interim Pastor Wayne Kopitzke at (320) 841-1951 - revwayne100@gmail.com. Pastor Dwaine and Pastor Wayne are always willing to provide support in time of need.*****



Treble from Down the Hall - July 2024 Naomi Baker

I don't consider myself a "poem" person. Don't get me wrong, I appreciate an expressive poem from time to time but I don't typically get hung up on them. That being said, I happened across Steve Garnaas-Holmes and "Unfolding Light" while surfing the internet. Steve is a retired pastor among other things and he now writes poetry and music. Steve obviously has a sense of humor as he writes, "I used to write and perform with the Montana Logging & Ballet Company, a quartet that did music and comedy around the country, but people laughed us off the stage so after 37 years we quit."

I highly recommend Steve's website and book, "Unfolding Light" (<https://unfoldinglight.net>). In Steve's words, it is "a daily reflection rooted in contemplative, Creation-centered spirituality, often inspired by my daily walk in the woods." 

Here are two of my favorites.....

Taking out the bug

There's a bug in the house.
I don't squash bugs;
I take 'em outside.
This one's a tricky bugger:
it hops and jumps, scoots fast,
hides in cracks.
I'm trying to be kind.
I wish it would just hold still;
but I get it: it's protecting itself
from this Big Scary Thing.
I'm after it with my big clunky fingers,
trying not to smash it
or break its legs or feelers,
a Keystone Cops kind of caper,
chasing it around the kitchen
on my hands and knees.
I finally get it. Out we go,
the bug cupped in my hands.
I'm thinking of God trying
to get me where I belong,
and how much easier for both of us
it would be if I would just
allow myself to be caught.

Come away

"Come away to a deserted place
all by yourselves and rest a while."

—Mark 6.31

Let go of what you need to do, what you have to
do what you're supposed to do. Let go.

All you do, all you accomplish, even the most life-
giving is only a shadow of who you are.

Allow a deeper calling to have you,
a greater life to possess you.

Go to a deserted place all by yourself,
a place which is not a place but a time,

a time of spaciousness with lots of room
for the silence to open wide, where you can listen.

Spend time in that place inside yourself,
a place of solitude, where you are solely a soul.

Let an infinite delight create you again;
infinite love flow through you.

Let God's primary joy, that you are,
become your primary joy.

Be at peace in that peace. Give it time.
Give it time. Let that be enough.

Then go out into the world,
a faithful steward of your holy being.

**"There's a song in you and it wants to live outside of you. The world and you both win when you express it."
John Jacobson**

This is a bad idea



This is a good idea



You can join us!
Mondays 5-6:00pm
beginning Sept. 9th
No experience needed

Have you been looking for something...

...Inviting?
Informal?
Imperfect?
Fun?

Join us Wednesdays at 5:30pm in the Chapel
beginning September 18th

All ages are welcome
No experience necessary
Favorite Songs you choose
Tips on the Voice & Vocal Health

See Naomi Baker for more info.

SINGING FOR FUN!