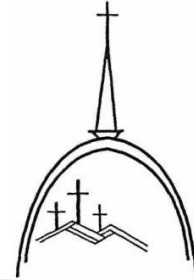


Calvary Lutheran Church

TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES



God's work. Our hands.



Join us for a day of service!

The 16th Weekend of Pentecost

Gods work. Our hands.

Sunday, September 8, 2024 9:00am

And Jesus said, "...for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs (Mark 7:27b)." Jesus said that. No matter how many times we hear this passage read in worship, it never gets easier. Jesus said these words to a gentile Syrophenician woman in the region of Tyre, a woman who daringly and desperately approached Jesus on behalf of her demon-possessed daughter. Biblical commentaries have attempted to diminish or excuse the problem of Jesus' callousness towards a desperate mom who breaks nearly every social convention in an attempt to find relief for her daughter.

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Invocation

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

Gathering Song "We Are Called" ELW 720

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Patient Lord,
forgive our lack of faith in your loving power.
We confess we look around us and all that we see is what we don't have. We fail to notice the daily blessings you lavish upon us. Clear our blindness to the needs of others.
Help us to truly listen to one another with loving and generous hearts.
Heal us and make us ready to truly be your disciples.
In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Dear friends, hear this- Behold and believe that by the wondrous power and love of God, our sins are forgiven. Rejoice in this good news! **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.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray, **Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Song “Listen, God is Calling” ELW 513

Scripture Readings

James 2:1-13

My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality. ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here in a good place, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit by my footstool,” ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the courts? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹ For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ELW 172

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸ But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the

children's crumbs." 29 Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." 30 And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33 He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. 34 Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." 35 And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36 Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37 They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message "The Book of Acts - Chapter 29" Pastor Dwaine Sutherland

Song of the Day "Healer of Our Every Ill" ELW 612

Apostles' Creed (page 105)

Prayers of the Church (God, we pray, **open our hands in love.**)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music

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, **Holy God, giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in 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	"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"	ELW 494
	"Christ, Be Our Light"	ELW 715
	"Children of the Heavenly Father"	ELW 781

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing of Hands for Gods work. Our hands.

We are called to proclaim the good news:

God is at work!

This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

God is at work in the world still today!

In us and through us, God is glorified in our work.

When we offer a helping hand, God is praised.

When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

God is at work in us!

In our service today and in our daily lives,

let us live out what God has called us to in baptism.

God is at work through our hands!

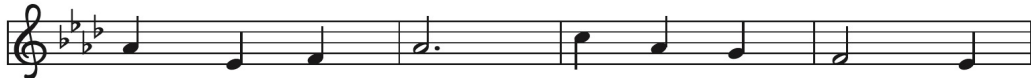
Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit us your servants into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ. Look with favor upon us in our commitment to serve in Christ's name. Give us courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending Blessing

God who sets forth the law of love, Jesus who fulfills the law for you, and the Spirit through whom you are called to love, + bless you this day, that you may be God's hands and heart and voice at work in the world. **Amen.**

Sending Song

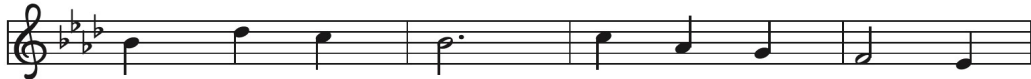
God's Work, Our Hands ACS 1000



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



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Dismissal

Go in peace. YOU are God's hands at work in the world!

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Greeters:	Ace & Heather Bonnema, Carolyn & Christa Gripentrog
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Sound:	Mark Bloomquist
Video:	David Sehloff

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Weekly Attendance - 243
YouTube - 103 households
General Offering - \$5,545.35

**Pastor Amy's
Installation
September 1, 2024**



CREATION CARE TIP
Recycle at Work and Home
Make sure paper and plastic recycling bins are conveniently placed near printers, workstations and in break rooms. Make recycling easy by setting up a convenient place at home, perhaps near your trash. (Shredded paper cannot go into the County recycling bins. Look for opportunities to recycle shredded paper in the community or compost it in your garden.)

GATHER BIBLE STUDY
Gather Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, September 18 at 10:00 am in the Friendship Room. Bring a friend!

INK CARTRIDGES
We will no longer be collecting ink Cartridges as the company we sent them to is no longer accepting them. However, you may drop your used Cartridges off at Target.

STUFF THE BUS DONATIONS
The amazing bus-ful of school supplies has been delivered to the schools, just in time for elementary start date. Thank you, Calvary, for your generous response to this drive. These supplies are badly needed and very much appreciated!
Social Kindness Committee

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES NEEDS YOUR HELP!
Lutheran Social Services are in desperate need of personal items for homeless young adults/teenagers who are being helped in our area. Needed items are hairbrushes, hair clip/ties and scrunchies, shampoo and conditioner (regular or small size), deodorant, shave gel, tampons, toothpaste (regular or small), toothbrushes, nail clippers, medicated ChapStick, bug spray, diapers size 5 or 6 and baby wipes. Look for the poster and the bin in the Narthex. We will collect these items through September.
Thank you, Calvary!
Social Kindness Committee

Confirmation Schedule

+10th Grade Confirmation Class Schedule

- +Wednesdays, September 11, 18, 25
Pizza in the Friendship Room at 5:45
Class with Guest Speakers from 6-7:45
- +Wednesday, October 2
Pictures in the Friendship Room at 5:30
FAMILY MEAL following pictures (PLEASE RSVP # of family members who will be joining us for the meal)

+CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, October 6th

- +Meet in the Friendship Room by 10:00
- +Worship Service at 10:15am
 - *Please leave robes on hangers in the Friendship Room following worship

+6th through 9th Grade Confirmation Class Schedule

- +Begins September 18th! **Please REGISTER your students through the link on the church website www.calvarywillmar.org**
- +Meet in Fellowship Hall from 6:30-7:45
 - +Healthy snacks available
 - +ENCOUNTER Large Group Opening 6:30-6:50
 - +ENGAGE Small Group Discussion 6:50-7:10
 - +MOVE IT Game Time 7:10-7:30
 - +WORSHIP 7:30-7:45



Sunday School:

+Rally Sunday / Teacher and Helper installation September 15

+Three volunteers are needed to help with the inflatable toys during the Rally Day festivities. Please contact Pastor Amy

+Anyone interested in TEACHING a Sunday School class, HELPING in a Sunday School class, or being on the SUBSTITUTE TEACHER list, please contact Pastor Amy

+Sunday School classes begin on September 22! Please REGISTER your students through the link on the church website www.calvarywillmar.org

+Three Year Olds and Third Graders will receive BIBLES during 10:15 worship on September 22.

Dear Friends in Christ,

There is a jewel of common sense called the "Law of the Minimum." It states that as soon as a minimum standard for something is set, that soon becomes the maximum standard as well. That is, instead of pursuing excellence we are often more interested in determining what the minimum effort is that we can get by with in any given situation. Whether we're talking about school work, job performance or chores around the house - it reflects our natural inclination to slide toward whatever the acceptable minimum is.

Unfortunately, the "Law of the Minimum" can also operate in our spiritual lives. That is, over time we can begin to slide toward what we see as the minimum acceptable standard of being considered a disciple of Christ.

In Colossians 1:28, Paul says, "It is Jesus whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ." For Paul it was not enough to shoot for the spiritual minimum. Rather, he wants to encourage everyone to continue to grow in faith through worship, prayer, teaching and the study of Scriptures.

Here at Calvary, we share that same goal. We pursue great conformity of our life with that of Christ. And it is to that end that we provide a program of Christian education for all ages. As fall arrives, I pray that with the help of the Holy Spirit each one of us will take up the challenge of continued growth in discipleship, which means faithful attendance in worship, involvement in church programs, excitement about children/youth/family activities, and participation in a variety of educational opportunities.

While it is true that all we need for salvation is to believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, it is also true that belief also naturally flows into a constantly maturing discipleship; discipleship guided by a continuing study of God's Word. So may we gladly hear and learn what God has to say to us in the Word of Life...the Bible.

With you on the journey...
Pastor Wayne

Sunday, September 8

9:00am Worship Service - P. Dwaine preach, P. Amy preside
10:00am Gods Work Our Hands
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, September 9

5:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, September 10

12:00pm Finance Committee - Friendship Room
6:00pm Council Meeting - Friendship Room
6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181

Wednesday, September 11

5:45pm 10th Grade Confirmation - Friendship Room

Thursday, September 12

9:30am Text Bible Study - P. Wayne
1:00pm Quilters
4:00pm Endowment Committee - Friendship Room

Friday, September 13

12:00pm NTY

Saturday, September 14

5:30pm Chapel Service - P. Amy - In Sanctuary

Sunday, September 15

9:30am Worship Service - Rally Sunday - Outdoor Service - P. Wayne
preach/P. Dwaine preside
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
2:00pm Baptism in Chapel - P. Wayne - Sadie Palmquist
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

NTY

**Friday, September 13
12:00 Noon**

Detective Sergeant, Robbie Braness, from the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office, will do a presentation focused on common scams/fraud attempts that seek after our aging generation. It will include common tactics, current trends and tips for prevention. He has been with the sheriff's office for 16 years and currently oversees the investigations unit, which is comprised of 5 detectives. His unit is responsible for the follow up of fraud investigations. Please call the church office by Wednesday, September 11th, to register. Cost is \$7.00, payable the day of NTY. Please pay when you arrive and not at the church office. Cancellations and no-shows will still require payment due to increased food costs. Thank you. We had over 40 attend our August NTY and hope for another good turnout in September. If any questions, please call Diane Asche at 320-295-8938.