



Affirmation of Baptism

**THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 10:15 AM**

We are given many names in life: the things people call us and the names we call ourselves. Those names can be uplifting or they can be hurtful and degrading. In our baptism, whether as an infant or an adult, God gives each of us the name "Child of God" and claims us as God's own. It is important to be reminded of that name and what it means to be God's child and to live in God's ways. That is why we affirm, or remember and reclaim, our baptism: to be reminded of who and whose we are.

Gathering Music

"Down to the River to Pray" Kaleidoscope Quartet
"My Lord, What a Morning"

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

Invocation

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

Gathering Song "Here I am, Lord" ELW 574

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Sharing of the Peace

Song "Build Us Up, Lord" ELW 670

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray,
Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Genesis 2:18-24

18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." 19 So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. 21 So the Lord God caused

a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23

Then the man said,
"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

24 Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife,
and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

1 O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**4 what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,**

7 all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

**8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

9 O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" (ELW 172)

Gospel John 3:1-17

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a

teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' 3 Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' 4 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' 5 Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' 9 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' 10 Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

11 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "You Have Been Chosen" Pastor Wayne D. Kopitzke

Song of the Day "Borning Cry" ELW 732

Offering Music "Change on the Rise" Kaleidoscope Quartet

Offering Response "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW 185

Offering Prayer

Together we pray,

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,

and make us ready to share with all in need;

through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music	"United at the Table"	ELW 498
	"Here is Bread"	ELW 483
	"Shine, Jesus, Shine"	ELW 671
	"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"	ELW 708
	"Bread of Life from Heaven"	ELW 474

Post Communion Prayer


God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Blessing

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending Song (sung twice) *As You Go on Your Way* John Ylvisaker



As you go on your way may Christ go with you. May he go be-fore you to
show you the way; May he go be-hind you to en-cour-age you; Be-side you to be-
friend you: A-bove you to watch o-ver; With-in you to give you peace.

Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you!
We will! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Thank you to Kaleidoscope Quartet for providing music this morning. We appreciate you sharing your message through music. Interesting fact: member Dana Skoglund is a cousin to Calvary's Andy Berg!

Serving Sunday 10:15 am

Preaching: Pastor Wayne D. Kopitzke
Presiding: Pastor Dwaine Sutherland, Pastor Amy Juel
Communion Assistants: Heather Bonnema & Mary Jo deCathelineau
Greeters: Vern & Linda Broberg; Vern & Marilee Ashburn
Lector: Brad Rice
Office: Linda Broberg - 9:30 - 11:15am
Sound: Dean Hanson
Video: David Sehloff

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Julie Scheltens, Helen Ensrude

PRAYERS TO: Pastor Dwaine and his family as they travel to attend his mother Edith's Celebration of Life service.

The Bulletin is sponsored by Mike & Molly Aalfs in honor of anniversaries of their parents, Harley & Evelyn Aalfs and children Garrett & Kelly Aalfs, Avery & Kaylee Aalfs. It also honors the 1st birthday of their twin granddaughters Annabel & Sadie Aalfs.

Weekly Attendance - 254
YouTube - 182 households
Sunday School Attendance - 47
General Offering - \$7,561.45



***Please help us
Congratulate our
2024
Confirmands***

**Leiah Arends
Maya Cameron
Andrew Christenson
Max Garberding
Chase Hyatt
Derek Hyatt
Aden Jacobson
Logan Madsen
Brooklyn Mathews
Lola Nelson
Brooklyn Pederson
Hudson Sjoberg**



LIBRARY NEWS

The Calvary Library is looking for volunteers to work in the library between church services on Sunday mornings. This is a no stress volunteer opportunity and training will be provided. If this is something that you might be interested in helping with, please contact Beth Bloomquist (320-905-8678), Kristi Glup (320-979-0295), or Cathy Halbritter (320-979-0129).

Let's Read for Ice Cream!!!

Who doesn't love ice cream and reading? Your child can earn an ice cream treat each month by reading 10 books from the **Calvary Library**. Stop by the library on Sunday mornings and pick up a form to keep track of book titles read. When 10 books have been read, turn in the form at the library in exchange for a coupon for an ice cream treat. If your child completes more than 1 form per month, their name will be entered in a drawing for a Culver's Plushie.

New Member Class & Recognition

On Sunday, October 27 between the 8:00 and 10:15 services, we will have a New Member Class in the Koinonia Room. On Sunday, November 3, we will have a Recognition of our new members. If you are interested in joining Calvary, please contact the church office. Thank you.

NTY
Friday, October 11
12:00 Noon

Shelley Hedlund will be the guest speaker about her many trips to Israel. She will share photos from her trips and talk about the Bible lessons that her Jewish tour guide, who believes in Jesus, has taught over the years. She will also share how these trips have drawn her closer to Christ. She will have some photos of Tanzania also and the children's home she has visited. Please call the church office by 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, October 9th to register. Guests are always welcome. If you can't make it for lunch, you're welcome to come for just the program at 1:00 p.m. Cost for lunch will be \$7.00, payable the day of NTY. Please pay when you arrive and not at the church office. (Note that cancellations after Wednesday and no-shows, will still require payment due to increased food costs.) Thank you.
If any questions, please call Diane Asche at 295-8938.

Creation Care Tip

Seal air leaks – Save up to \$155 per year. In most homes, if you add up all the air leaks, the impact on your energy use is similar to leaving a window open. Air sealing is one of the most cost-effective measures you can take to improve your home's comfort and energy efficiency. You can save up to 20% on your heating and cooling costs.



Thank you to all who so generously donated to the collection of personal needs items for Lutheran Social Services to be used for at-risk teens in our area. LSS is very grateful for our help with this program, as can be seen in their thank-you notes on the bulletin board.
Social Kindness Committee

BeFriender's Meeting

The BeFriender's Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at 2:00 pm in the Calvary Library. We hope to see you then!

Gather Bible Study

Gather Bible study will meet on Wednesday, October 16 at 10am in the Friendship Room.

Starting October 9th

**Something New
Silent Bible Study**

*Coffee Provided
Bring your own
lunch*

Wednesdays in the Calvary Church Library

How it works:

Social time 12-12:30

Silent Reading and Eating time 12:30-1:00

Voluntary Sharing and Closing Prayer 1:00- 1:15

All are Welcome!



3 Year Old's Classroom is learning about God's Good Creation





Treble from Down the Hall - October 2024 Naomi Baker

Three Years...and counting!

I began attending Calvary March 21, 2021, (totally unaware there would be a music position available in the near future). I remember walking into Calvary March 21st. It was Palm Sunday and masking and distancing were the norm as churches began transitioning back to in-person worship. My heart was warmed by the friendly faces that greeted me. My plan was to visit various Lutheran Churches in the area before committing to one, but my plan changed as Calvary felt like a good fit.

I became an official member of Calvary Lutheran Church May 24, 2021, (still not aware Calvary would be seeking a person for the Director of Music Ministry.) It wasn't until I opened my bulletin sometime in June that I was aware of this position. God works in mysterious ways! I am proud to say, I have been with you as your Director of Music Ministry for three years as of September 1, 2024.

Three years has brought an abundance of change to Calvary. I am thankful for all who have made it possible for us to move forward despite various challenges.

In the words of Maya Angelou, *"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."*

Thank you, Calvary, for making people feel welcomed and valued.



**"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**





Would you be willing to:

Play or sing prelude music?



Provide special music?

Help lead worship?

Play or sing at offering?



**We are looking for additional musicians
to share their talents.**

(Confirmation students can earn service points!)



"I went to
Singing for Fun
& had a BLAST!
You should try it!"

Join us Wednesdays
at 5:30pm
in the Chapel

**SINGING
FOR
FUN!**

All ages are welcome!

The more, the merrier!

*You don't even need to
know how to read music!*

See Naomi Baker for more info.



**TRUNK OR TREAT FOR ALL AGES,
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 1PM**

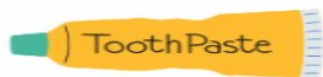
Halloween Fun in our parking lot! (Inside if the weather does not cooperate). Come any time after 10am to find your parking spot and decorate your car in our east parking lot.

Bring treats, games, etc. for kiddos and families who will be "Trunk or Treating" around the lot. Outdoor games and beverages will be provided by the church. This event is for all ages! Please join in the fun! Please RSVP to Pastor Amy if you plan to bring a vehicle to decorate.

Candy, stickers, fun item donations are being accepted at the church office to be given away during the celebration!



**Drop off your used dental products
October 19th-20th**
There will be a drop box in the narthex.
These products will be recycled
and kept out of the landfill.



(Empty tubes-Any brand)



(Empty mouthwash containers)



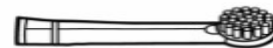
(Used floss picks)



(Empty floss containers)



(Used toothbrushes)



(Used brush heads)

Together in Christ
Empowered to Be and Make Disciples

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:31-32)

Dear Friends in Christ,

What comes to mind when you hear the word disciple? For many of us the first image that comes to mind is the chosen twelve that Jesus called to follow him. But, we know that there were many more disciples than just the 12 who were the inner circle. Jesus called many to follow him and be his disciples. So, do you see yourself as a disciple?

What makes a disciple? Jesus called his disciples to follow, to teach, to heal, to pray, to love and serve one another, and to go out baptizing all nations, to name only a few of their tasks. Isn't this also our calling? Why does it seem so hard at times to live out our discipleship?

I think one of the key issues is in the word that has its root in disciple – and that is the word discipline. Jesus calls us to be disciplined in our proclamation of the word, in prayer, in healing, in forgiveness, in loving, in worship, in stewardship, in serving our neighbors, in taking care of our bodies, in teaching others about Jesus. We are called to be disciplined in our relationship with Jesus and our relationship with others. What God calls us to do is not easy. As humans we tend to balk at these disciplines. They may feel like a burden or that they may diminish our freedom. But it is only when we do adhere to these disciplines, hold to Jesus' teaching and respond to God's call, do we truly become free. The freedom we feel without the discipline of faith in Christ is not real freedom. We cannot know the Truth without following God's call, and without knowing the Truth we can never be truly free. So I invite you to try challenging yourself to be more disciplined in God's calling: pray, worship, forgive, sing, study, reach out, serve, teach, be a steward of God's creation and your bodies, be aware of those teaching moments and share God's love and grace with others, heal through love and forgiveness, and be in relationship with God and with all of God's children.

With you on the journey...
Pastor Wayne



WEST CENTRAL
SINGERS
presents
Nursery Rhymes and Poems

Director Naomi Powers-Baker
Accompanist Kari Stadem

Saturday, October 26, 2024 + 4 pm
Peace Lutheran Church + 100 4th Ave SW + New London, MN

Sunday, October 27, 2024 + 4 pm
Calvary Lutheran Church + 302 Olena Ave SE + Willmar, MN

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Tickets Available at the Door - Adults \$10 | Children & Students free!



Sunday, October 6

8:00am Kaleidoscope Quartet - 8:00 service
8:00am Worship Service - P. Wayne preach/P. Dwaine preside
9:05am Sunday School
10:15am Worship Service - Confirmation
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, October 7

11:00am Cub Flu & Covid Shot Clinic - Friendship Room
5:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Scouts BSA

Tuesday, October 8

12:00pm Finance Committee - Friendship Room
2:00pm BeFriender's Meeting - Library
6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3749 - Rooms 109/111
6:00pm Council Meeting - Friendship Room
6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181

Wednesday, October 9

12:00pm Silent Bible Study - Library
5:30pm Singing for Fun
6:30pm 6-9th Grade Confirmation - Bethany Hall

Thursday, October 10

9:30am Text Bible Study - P. Amy Friendship Room
1:00pm Quilters
5:45pm Troop #3655 - Bridging Ceremony - Bethany Hall
6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3656 - Koinonia Room

Friday, October 11

12:00pm NTY
5:30pm Sakry/Thorpe Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, October 12

3:00pm Sakry/Thorpe Wedding
5:30pm Chapel Service - P. Amy

Sunday, October 13

8:00am Worship Service - P. Amy Preach/P. Wayne preside
9:05am Coffee Hour - Friendship Room
9:05am Sunday School
10:15am Worship Service
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
4:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3515 - Rooms 109/111
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

Calvary Staff

Minister: All Disciples of Christ at Calvary Lutheran Church
Senior Pastor: Dwaine Sutherland
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Associate Pastor: Wayne D. Kopitzke
Director of Music Ministry: Naomi Powers-Baker
Office Manager: Paula Lueders
Office Assistant: Marie Fett
Custodians: Kim Schow & Ken Newberg
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2024 Calvary Council Leaders

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Caleb Hanson
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Our pastors are always willing to provide support in time of need.