



The 25th Weekend of Pentecost

Sunday, November 10, 2024 10:15am

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

Gathering Music "Amazing Grace" (Eagles Style)

"Rock of Ages (When the Day Seems Long)"

"Sweet Jesus"

Ringing of the Bell Welcome

Invocation

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

Call to Reconciliation and Confession

The world teaches us many ways to love, but all are based on selfish desires and needs.
God teaches us how to love: completely, uniquely, unconditionally.
Let us confess our difficulty in loving as God teaches us, as we pray, saying,

We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as you wish. It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. And it is difficult to love anyone—even You—more than we love ourselves.

As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are, not what they do; In God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do, and don't; In God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope. Forgiven, loved, sent forth—we are not far from God's Kingdom! Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

Gathering Songs "This is My Commandment"

"Awesome God"

"We Are an Offering"

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray, Generous God, help us to share what we have, so that all people may have enough. Amen.

Scripture Readings I Kings 17:8-16

8 Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 9 "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." 10 So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." 11 As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." 12 But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." 13 Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." 15 She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. 16 The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

- 1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
- 2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
- 3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
- 4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.
- 5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,
- 6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever:
- 7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.
 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
- 8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
- 9 The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- 10 The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Hebrews 9:24-28

24 For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. 25 Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the holy place year after year with blood that is not his own, 26 for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW 172

Gospel Reading Mark 12:38-44

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

38 As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, 39 and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! 40 They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

41 He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. 42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. 43 Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. 44 For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Message Pastor Dwaine Sutherland

Song of the Day



The Apostles' Creed (p. 105)

Prayers of the Church

(Response, "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" ELW 752

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music "Take My Life, That I May Be" ELW 583
Offering Response "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW 185
Offertory Prayer

Together we pray, Holy God, as you are faithful to us, may we be faithful to you: Faithful with our time and energy; faithful with our possessions and wealth. Receive these gifts by your grace. In your name we pray, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving The Words of Institution The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music "Remembrance"

"Day by Day" ELW 790
"Blessed Assurance" ELW 638

Post Communion Prayer

Jesus, No words can express our gratitude and amazement that you should die for us. How amazing is it that each of our lives is so valuable to you that you would lay yours down to reach us. May the bread and wine remain with us as we seek to take your message of love and grace into the world. **Amen.**

Announcements

A Prayer for Veterans

Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Song "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" ELW 888

Dismissal

Go in peace. Let the spirit of truth lead you to proclaim the wonderful works of God! **We will! Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Communion prayer, https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/communion_prayer_and_meditations.html
Confession and Forgiveness, http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/
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PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF: Arnette Sandbo-Hirman, Larry Scholla

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Marilyn Eliason, Marie Engwall, Sandy Kemnitz, David Schmidt, Gary Quale, Donna Gilbertson, Ione Andreen

Serving Sunday 10:15am

Preaching: Pastor Dwaine Sutherland

Presiding: Pastor Amy Juel

Acolytes: Jasmine & Raymond Jaeger

Communion

Assistants: Caleb & Kim Hanson

Greeters: Jason & Anne Hultgren, Marie Fett

Lector: Jean Berg

Office: Karen Rinke - 9:30am to 11:15am

Sound: Dean Hanson

Video: Jody Skindelien

Holy Communion Reminders...

*Communion is celebrated at the altar rail on the first and third Sundays of each month. Communion is celebrated by intinction on the second, fourth, and fifth Sundays of each month. Individual cups are available on intinction Sundays for those who prefer not to intinct.

*Wine and grape juice; bread or wafers and gluten free wafers are available at each communion station.

*In an effort to keep everyone in the congregation as healthy as possible, all who serve Holy Communion use hand sanitizer. According to the Centers for Disease Control, hand sanitizer is better at killing bacteria and most viruses than hand washing alone.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who donated to the Hats, Mittens, Socks Drive for our Willmar School kids. We were able to provide the schools with 34 hats, 39 pairs of gloves and mittens, and 102 pairs of socks, along with 127 pairs of underwear! What a blessing! Social Kindness Committee



Order Your Poinsettias

Would you like to give a poinsettia plant for decorating our church during this Christmas season? The poinsettia's are given 'in memory of' or 'in honor of' a loved one. The cost is \$10 per plant. Stop by the church office along with your payment. Please make checks payable to Calvary Lutheran Church. **The deadline for ordering these plants is December 2nd.** You make take your plant home after the service on **December 24th.**

ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOUR HELP

During our upcoming holiday season in church, we have no one signed up to help with communion in the month of December. Please seriously consider helping as we have many services with communion being served. Contact the church office or Susan Roepke 320-894-4228 if you can help. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION & FAMILY MINISTRY ASSOCIATE POSITION

Calvary is looking to hire a Faith Formation and Family Ministry person. If you are interested in applying for this position, you can see the full job description on Calvary's Website. The job is open to everyone. Please contact the Church Office, Pastor Dwaine or Pastor Amy.

and clearing customs. Use to update you on the funding for this import the people of Ukraine. Creation Care teams a and Bethel

CALL COMMITTEE FOR FAITH FORMATION ASSOCIATE POSITION

Calvary Lutheran Church is putting together a Call Committee for the possibility of calling a Deacon for the Faith Formation and Family Ministry Associate position. If you have any questions or have an interest in serving on the Committee, please contact Pastor Dwaine or Pastor Amy.

COULD YOU PROVIDE SPECIAL MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve - 3:30pm Christmas Eve - 5:30pm Christmas Eve - 10:00pm Christmas Day - 9:30am Please contact Naomi Baker for more information.

GATHERING PLACE DISCUSSIONS ON SUNDAYS WITH PASTOR DWAINE

Join Pastor Dwaine on Sundays from 9:15 - 9:45 in the Gathering Place to talk about "What Is It Like to be a Christian in Today's World".

SOLAR LIGHT ASSEMBLY

The date for assembling the Solar Lights for Ukraine will be **Tuesday**, **December 3 at 6:30 at Vinje**. All the parts needed for our 100 lights (yes 100!!) were delayed in shipping and clearing customs. We will continue to update you on this change. THANKS to all who have provided funding for this important outreach to the people of Ukraine. Creation Care teams at Vinje, Calvary and Bethel

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH PASTOR DWAINE

Meet Pastor Dwaine for coffee and conversation on Thursdays at 2:00pm at LuLu Beans.

FAMILY PROMISE HOST DATE

The week of November 11-17 is Calvary's next host week. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Joni Hanson at 320-212-1324. Thanks so much for your help!

SINGING FOR FUN

"I went to Singing for Fun and had a blast! You should try it!" Join us Wednesdays at 5:30pm in the Chapel. All ages are welcome! The more, the merrier. You don't even need to know how to read music. See Naomi Baker for more information.

Sunday, Nov. 24th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band led Worship Pr. Amy preaching, Pr. Wayne presiding
Saturday, Nov. 23rd	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Dwaine preaching
Sunday, Nov. 17th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band led Worship Pr. Wayne preaching, Pr. Dwaine presiding
Saturday, Nov. 16th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Amy preaching
Sunday, Nov. 10th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band led Worship Pr. Dwaine preaching, Pr. Amy presiding
Saturday, Nov. 9th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary - Pr. Wayne preaching

DECEMBER 2024 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 30th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Wayne preaching				
Sunday, Dec. 1st	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Pr. Dwaine preaching, Pr. Amy presiding				
Saturday, Dec. 7th	5:30pm Traditional Worship - Pr. Amy preaching				
Sunday, Dec. 8th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am YOUTH LED/SS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM/NOISY OFFERING Pr. Wayne preaching, Pr. Dwaine presiding				
Saturday, Dec. 14th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Dwaine preaching				
Sunday, Dec. 15th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Pr. Amy preaching, Pr. Wayne presiding				
Wednesday, Dec. 18th	6:30pm Blue Christmas				
Saturday, Dec. 21st	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Wayne preaching				
Sunday, Dec. 22nd	9:30am Pr. Dwaine preaching, Pr. Amy presiding				
Monday, Dec. 23rd	7:00pm Little Norwegian Christmas				
Christmas Eve	3:30pm Pr Dwaine preaching, Pr Amy, Pr Wayne presiding 5:30pm Pr Dwaine preaching, Pr Amy, Pr Wayne presiding 10:00pm Pr Wayne preaching				
Christmas Day	9:30am Pr Amy				
Saturday, Dec. 28th	5:30pm Traditional Worship - Pr Amy				
Sunday, Dec. 29th	9:30am Traditional Worship - Pr Wayne preaching, Pr Dwaine presiding				

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

We will have our Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 27th at 6:30pm with pie and coffee to follow.

CONFIRMATION REMINDER

There will be no confirmation November 27th due to Thanksgiving service.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed November 28th & 29th in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, December 10th at 9:30, we will gather in Bethany Hall to do holiday baking. More details to follow.

LIBRARY HOURS The library will be open every Sunday between the 8:00 and 10:15 services.

MEMORIAL TREE Honoring the memory of those we have lost

Looking for individuals or families willing to help with set up the first week of December, maintaining, and take down of the Memorial Tree. Please contact the church office or Krista Willis at 320-905-2946. Our Memorial Tree will be located at the east entrance. You may add your ornaments during regular office hours, M-F, 7:30 to 4:30pm. Please pick them back up by Monday, January 6th, or they will be stored for next time. Thank you!

Weekly Attendance - 318 YouTube - 106 households Sunday School Attendance - 53 General Offering - \$16,828.82

2024 Calvary Council Leaders

Mary Jo DeCathelineau - Congregational President - <u>grant01@tds.net</u> Brian Henrickson - Vice President - <u>brian.henrickson60@gmail.com</u> Bridget Pederson - Secretary - <u>bridgetpederson@yahoo.com</u>

Harley Aalfs
Shane Baker
John Dean

Bob Dickerson
Caleb Hanson
Lori Holmgren

2024 Financials October & YTD								
	October	October	Over/(Under)			Over/(Under)		
	Actual	Budget	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Budget		
Income	\$ 44,284.71	\$ 67,387.50	\$ (23,102.79)	\$544,911.93	\$673,875.00	\$(128,963.07)		
Expenses	\$ 65,907.31	\$ 67,352.21	\$ (1,444.90)	\$631,219.47	\$673,522.56	\$ (42,303.09)		
Net Income	\$ (21,622.60)	\$ 35.29	\$ (21,657.89)	\$ (86,307.54)	\$ 352.44	\$ (86,659.98)		

Sunday, November 10

Worship Service – P. Dwaine preach/P. Amy preside 8:00am

9:05am Coffee Hour - Friendship Room

9:05am Sunday School

Gathering Room - "What it is like to be a Christian in Todays World" - P. Dwaine 9:15am

Worship Service 10:15am

10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm

Worship Service-WRAC 181 1:00pm

4:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3515 - Room 201

8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

Monday, November 11

1:00pm

Larry Scholla - Visitation Larry Scholla - Memorial Service 2:00pm

Bell Choir 5:00pm 6:30pm **Cub Scouts** 7:00pm Scouts BSA

Tuesday, November 12

12:00pm Finance Committee 6:00pm Council Meeting

Girl Scout Troop #3749 - Room 201 6:00pm

Worship Service - WRAC 181 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 13

Singing for Fun 5:30pm

6:30pm 6-9th Grade Confirmation – Friendship Room

Thursday, November 14

9:30am Text Bible Study - P. Wayne - Friendship Room

1:00pm **Quilters**

2:00pm Coffee & Conversation with P. Dwaine at LuLu Beans

Girl Scout Troop #3655 - Friendship Room 5:45pm

Saturday, November 16

5:30pm Chapel Service - P. Amy

Sunday, November 17

8:00am Worship Service - P. Wayne preach/P. Dwaine preside

9:05am Coffee Hour - Friendship Room

9:05am Sunday School

9:15am Gathering Room - "What it is like to be a Christian in Todays World" - P. Dwaine

10:15am Worship Service

10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm

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