



*"God is our
refuge and
strength, an
ever present
help in trouble."*

The 26th Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday, November 17, 2024 10:15am

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

Gathering Music "Living Hope" "Mighty to Save"
 "Sweet Jesus" "This I Believe"

Ringing 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

Confessing our sins to God is a lot like cleaning out our homes
and taking out the garbage.

**We know that God can take out what is polluted in our lives
and give us a clean heart and fill us with a new and right spirit.**

The book of Hebrews tells us that we can

"come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith,
with hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience
and with bodies washed with clean water."

**Through God's love in Christ we are made clean and forgiven.
Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray, **Blessed God,**
who caused all holy scripture to be written for our learning:
Grant us to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that we may embrace and hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting
life. With signs of heaven, sighs of hope we pray, Amen.

Gathering Song "Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Scripture Readings

Daniel 12:1-3

“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

2 I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you.”

3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones
in whom is all my delight.

**4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

**6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**8 I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

**10 For you do not give me up to Sheol
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

11 You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

11 And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” 13 and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message “When Things Fall Apart”

Gospel Acclamation “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ELW 172

Gospel Reading Mark 13:1-8

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

1 As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” 2 Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4 “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” 5 Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8 For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message "God: Our Refuge and Strength" Pastor Wayne Kopitzke

Song of the Day "I've Been Redeemed"

I've been redeemed (echo)
By the blood of the Lamb (echo)
I've been redeemed (echo)
By the blood of the Lamb
I've been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb
I'm going to the promised land
All my sins are washed away
I've been redeemed

God sent His Son (echo)
to die for me (echo)
God sent His Son (echo)
to die for me
God sent His Son to die for me
So I could live eternally
All my sins are washed away
I've been redeemed

I've been redeemed (echo)
By the blood of the Lamb, (echo)
I've been redeemed (echo)
By the blood of the Lamb,
I've been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb,
I'm going to the promised land
All my sins are washed away,
I've been redeemed.
I've been redeemed.

The Apostles' Creed (p. 105)

Prayers of the Church (Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music "Your Spirit Groans for Peace"

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

Offertory Prayer

Together we pray, **God, we thank you for the abundance of gifts you provide for us. Help us to be generous to others as you are to us. We pray with thanks in our hearts. Amen**

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

Communion Music "Broken Body of Christ"
"You Are My All In All"
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" ELW 742

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Homebound Communion Blessing

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

Temple Talk Council Member, Caleb Hanson

Sending Blessing

With God all things are possible.
May you carry that confidence into your daily life. **Amen.**

Sending Song "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" ELW 774

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ!
We will! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Larry Scholla, Joel Ripley, brother of Pam DeKraai

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: James Swenson, Gary Quale, Marie Engwall

Serving Sunday 10:15am

Preaching: Pastor Wayne D. Kopitzke

Presiding: Pastor Dwaine Sutherland

Acolytes: Owen Sjoberg, Crosby Pederson

Communion

Assistants: Lori Holmgren, Cathy Halbritter

Greeters: Corey & Elissa Nelson, Leon & Deb Lentz

Lector: Shane Baker

Office: Susan Martin - 9:30am to 11:15am

Sound: Dean Hanson

Video: David Sehloff

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.*

**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.

**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.

**GATHERING PLACE DISCUSSIONS
ON SUNDAYS WITH
PASTOR DWAIN**

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".

HOPE CIRCLE

Calvary's Hope Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 20 at 8:30am at McMillans Restaurant.

REMINDER - ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual reports are due **Tuesday, December 3**. Please email plueders@calvarywillmar.org. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING EVE 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/NO MESSENGER FOR 11-29-24

The church office will be closed November 28th & 29th in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday. Due to the short work week, we will not be sending out or printing the Messenger.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH PASTOR DWAIN

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

Weekly Attendance - 204
YouTube - 100 households
Sunday School Attendance - 40
General Offering - \$6,674.07

GATHER BIBLE STUDY

Gather Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, November 20 at 10:00am in the Friendship Room.

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!

TIME AND TALENTS NEEDED

Please consider giving your time and talents to either the Finance or Stewardship Committee! We are looking for individuals with skills in the area of finance who are good with numbers, projections, and have good analytical skills required to prepare budgets and make profit/loss predictions. For the Stewardship Committee we are looking for individuals with skills in relationship building, are comfortable working with people, and have a strategic mind for idea creation, finding solutions, and engaging others. If this sounds like you and you are committed to serve Calvary in this capacity, please contact either Shawn Swenson 218-443-0427 (shawnsvenson@gmail.com) or Caleb Hanson 320-220-4939 (calebhanson91@gmail.com).

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

Would you like to give a poinsettia plant for decorating our church during this Christmas season? The poinsettias 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.**

GIVING TREE

Once again, the Social Kindness will be providing each of us the opportunity to give a Christmas gift to someone in our community in need. Our Giving Tree, filled with ornaments, will be going up November 23. That will give each of you plenty of time to choose an ornament (or 2), purchase the requested gift and return it to the church office before **December 15.** Please use a gift bag and attach the colored ornament to the bag. These gifts bring such joy to the recipients and to the givers, as well. Thank you for your participation.

Social Kindness Committee

AV UPDATE

There was a delay due to acoustic panels being damaged in shipment. Everything is ready to go, but due to the busy Christmas holiday, installation will start at the beginning of 2025.

NAME TAGS

We will be placing an order for Name Tags. If you are in need of one, please contact the office. Thank you.

CREATION CARE

Solar Lights for Ukraine - Update

Thanks to the generous contributions, we have raised funds for 100 lights to ship to Ukraine. Putting the parts together is not complicated. We now need volunteers to assemble and get ready to ship. Come join other community volunteers on **Tuesday, Dec 3, at 6:30 at Vinje.**

Creation Care teams at Vinje, Calvary and Bethel

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

Did you know?

Calvary has a team of 8 trained lay BeFriender Ministers who are available to visit with you and listen to your concerns. We have both male and female lay volunteers who maintain confidentiality.

Are you experiencing any life events such as:

- *Death of a loved one
- *Caregiver stress
- *Financial worries
- *New parent or parenting challenges
- *Empty nest syndrome
- *New to Calvary or the Willmar community
- *Social isolation

Let us be there for you and with you! The heart of the BeFriender Ministry is listening (not counseling)

For more information contact:
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Dear Friends in Christ,

We are moving quickly through the month of November. November is a month for remembrance. We think back to the past growing season and warmer weather. We look back over the past year - and give thanks to God for the blessings of this year. Or we may look back over the year and remember the pain – in that case, we may look forward to the future with hope.

November is a month for remembrance. November calls to mind those who have served their country with the observance of Veterans' Day.

November is a month for remembrance. As November heralds the dying of the landscape around us, the readings and liturgy call us to remember those who have died in Christ. As the liturgical year draws to a close, we hear warnings about the end of time, stories of crisis and judgment, and parables of loss and death. The Christian community speaks honestly about human frailty and mortality.

November is a month for remembrance, but it also encourages us to look ahead. At the same time, we confess our faith in the risen Lord, in the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. While we may face dying or death with fear, the liturgy calls us to hear the Lord's promise that he is with us in life and in death.

Christ has claimed us in Holy Baptism. Christ nourishes us in the Holy Communion. Christ leads us to the new Jerusalem. There we shall join all the saints in praise of God, who has turned our graves into the doorway to eternal life.

All Saints' Sunday, November 3, was the church's way of remembering where we have come from, but also where we are headed. On Christ the King Sunday, November 24, we will remember that Jesus was named a king only in death. Our merciful and loving ruler reigned from the cross. The Prayer of the Day for that Sunday encourages us not only to remember what Jesus has done for us, but also to look to the glorious future:

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship page 53)

With you on the journey...

Pastor Wayne

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 Today's World" - P. Dwaine
 10:15am Worship Service
 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, November 18

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

Tuesday, November 19

6:30pm Creation Care
 6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181

Wednesday, November 20

8:30am Hope Circle - McMillans
 10:00am Gather Bible Study - Friendship Room
 5:15pm Confirmation - Hope for Our City
 5:30pm Singing for Fun
 6:45pm 6-9th Grade Confirmation – Friendship Room

Thursday, November 21

9:30am Text Bible Study - P. Amy - Friendship Room
 1:00pm Quilters
 2:00pm Coffee & Conversation with P. Dwaine at LuLu Beans
 5:45pm Girl Scout Troop #3655 – Friendship Room
 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3656 - Koinonia Room

Friday, November 22

12:00pm Nominating Committee (Zoom)

Saturday, November 23

5:30pm Chapel Service - P. Dwaine

Sunday, November 24

8:00am Worship Service - P. Amy preach/P. Wayne preside
 9:05am Coffee Hour - Friendship Room
 9:05am Sunday School
 9:15am Gathering Room - "What it is like to be a Christian in Today's World" - P. Dwaine
 10:15am Worship Service with Baptism - Willa Jo VanEps
 10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
 1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
 4:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3515 - Room 201
 8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

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 OUR QR CODE.

