




JESUS

Christ the King Weekend

Sunday, November 24, 2024 10:15am

Jesus is a different kind of king. The readings on this Christ the King Sunday talk a lot about thrones! Kings and queens (and prince and princesses) sit in enormous, bejeweled chairs, far away from “the commoners.” How might Jesus’ throne look different from the big, fancy thrones we are familiar with? In fact, the place where we find God in Jesus is not on a throne but on the cross.

Gathering Music “You Are My King” “Lord, I Need You”
“We Will Glorify” “Jesus Messiah”

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

Saving God, we, your children, fail to live in peace.
We are your voices and choose to be silent.
We are your hands and feet and walk a different road.
Forgive us, for ignoring your love, for brushing aside your hand.
Enable us to worship you in spirit and in truth,
to bring to you our joyful songs in the everyday moments of our lives;
that your name might be glorified through our words and lives. Amen.

Friends hear this: our God is a loving and forgiving God. Our failures are erased every day because of the love and actions of Jesus Christ our Lord. For this, we are thankful. **Amen.**

Gathering Song “Living Waters”

Holy Baptism of Willa Van Eps (p. 227)

The Apostles’ Creed (p. 229)

Welcome to the Newly Baptized

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Song for Baptism “You Have Put On Christ” ELW 211

v.1 “Willa, you have put on Christ.” v.2 “You have put on Christ.”
v.3 “We have put on Christ.”

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray, **Reign and Rain down, Glorious One.**
Creation flows from you with new life springing up,
hope and wholeness, budding and blooming in our wasteland.
Flood us and fill us, King of kings. Let all the earth drink of you,
quenched with the fullness of your victorious love. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

9 As I watched, thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
10 A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousand served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened.
13 As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
14 To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

1 The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

**2 your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.**

3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.

**4 More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the Lord!**

5 Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, for evermore.

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Revelation 1:4b-8

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

8 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW 172

Gospel Reading John 18:33-37

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' 34 Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' 35 Pilate replied, 'I

am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' 36 Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' 37 Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message Pastor Amy Juel

Song of the Day "Mighty to Save"

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music "Make This Child Yours"

Offering Response **From Our Abundance We Give**

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of three staves. The lyrics are: "From our a-bun-dance we give, we who are blessed be-yond mea- sure grate-ful for all that we have, hearts o-ver-flow-ing with trea- sure, hum-bled by joy e-very day that we live. From our a-bun-dance we give." The chords are: F, F/A, Bb2, F/A, Gsus, G7, Csus, C, C, F, F/A, Bb2, F/A, Gsus, G7, Csus, C, A, A7, Dm, F/C, Gm/Bb, C, Bb, F.

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 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

Communion Music "Children of the Heavenly Father" ELW 781
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" ELW 742
"Jesus, Name Above All Names"
"God is So Good"

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, it is your will to restore all things. As you have gathered us as one at your table, bring together all peoples of the world under your just and gentle rule. We pray with thanks in your name, **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Blessing

God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you,
and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song "We Will Glorify"

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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Baptized into the life of Christ is Willa Jo Van Eps, daughter of Amber & Justin Van Eps, granddaughter of Chad & Krista Willis, and great-granddaughter of Vern & Millie Buer. Willa Jo's sponsors are Cooper Willis and Kailey Van Eps & Zachary Flickenger. Welcome Willa Jo.

The Radio Broadcast of this service for Sunday, November 24 is sponsored in honor of Willa Jo's baptism.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Arnette Sandbo-Hirman, Marie Engwall

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

Gary Quale and Barb Haarstad

Serving Sunday 10:15am

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel
Presiding: Pastor Wayne D. Kopitzke
Acolytes: Ethan Johnson & Keltyn Quist
Communion Assistants: Heather Bonnema, Janel Skindelien
Greeters: Lyle & Karen Loge, Ken & Betty Meister
Lector: David Sehloff
Office: Marcia Knutson - 9:30am to 11:15am
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Our pastors are always willing to provide support in time of need.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

We will have our Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 27th at 6:30pm. Calvary Bell Choir will be providing music. 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.

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!

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH PASTOR DWAIN

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

REMINDER - ANNUAL REPORTS

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

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 may 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

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**. Thank you, Creation Care teams of Vinje, Calvary and Bethel Congregations.

"LET'S TALK" WITH PASTOR DWAIN ON SUNDAYS

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".

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.

NAME TAGS

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

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.

"Over the past year several committees have been working on updating the audio and visual systems in the church sanctuary and also on adding acoustical panels to improve its sound. The company that has been

contracted for this work is Reach Communications who are located in Champlin, Minnesota. I'm happy to inform you that the acoustical panels have been installed in the Sanctuary. As for the installation of the new audio and video systems, it was felt that with the Christmas season approaching that it would be best to wait until after the holiday season to start that part of the project. Tentatively, January 6, 2025 had been set as the start date for that installation. We're excited to see this project move into the installation phase and thank the congregation for its support of these updates and improvements to our sanctuary."

*Mike Schroeder
A/V Committee Member*



BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

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 or Caleb Hanson 320-220-4939.

DEACONESS MEETING

Deaconess Meeting will meet on Wednesday, December 4 at 1:30pm in the Friendship Room.

SAVE THE DATE!

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

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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Weekly Attendance - 225
YouTube - 99 households
Sunday School Attendance - 41
General Offering - \$12,621.04

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

A busy day at Calvary you won't want to miss. We will have a Youth Led service with Noisy Offering. We will also have our Christmas Program.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Christmas is a peaceful, calm, hope-filled season... right? No! says Mr. Mouse. He believes Christmas is a season of gifts and stuff and things- "Gimme, Gimme, Gimme!" until our readers tell him the story of a very different, very wonderous Christmas. Join us Sunday, December 8 at the 10:15 Youth Led Worship Service as we hear the greatest story ever told and be reminded that all the stuff and things mean nothing when compared with the real gift of the season, Jesus!

UPDATED		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	9:30 Worship with Handbell Choir Pr. Amy preaching, Pr. Wayne presiding	UPDATED
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	

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 - "Let's Talk" with Pastor Dwaine
10:15am Worship Service with Baptism - Willa Jo Van Eps
Parents Amber & Justin Van Eps
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

Monday, November 25

10:00am Visitation - Marie Engwall
11:00am Memorial Service - Marie Engwall
5:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Scouts BSA

Tuesday, November 26

6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3749 - Room 201
6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181

Wednesday, November 27

12:00pm Silent Bible Study - Library
6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service - P. Dwaine preach/P Wayne preside with Bell Choir
playing - Pie/Coffee following service

Thursday, November 28

Office Closed

Friday, November 29

Office Closed

Saturday, November 30

5:30pm Chapel Service - Pastor Wayne

Sunday, December 1

8:00am Worship Service - P. Dwaine preach/P. Amy preside
9:05am Coffee Hour - Friendship Room
9:05am Sunday School
9:15am Gathering Room - "Let's Talk" with Pastor Dwaine
10:15am Worship Service with Baptism - Lainey Marie Bangen
Parents Eric & Rachel (Kallevig) Bangen
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
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