



IN THE BEGINNING
WAS THE **WORD**,
AND THE **WORD**
WAS WITH **GOD**,
AND THE **WORD**
WAS GOD.

JOHN 1:1

2nd Weekend of Christmas
Saturday, January 4, 2024 5:30pm
Sunday, January 5, 2024 8:00am, 10:15am

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

Gathering Music 5:30 Molly Aalfs
8:00, 10:15 Donna Jo Kopitzke

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

God-with-us,

**we confess that we have turned away
those seeking shelter,
claiming there is no room when we have plenty.
We have made power and wealth our idols,
while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.
We have overlooked the shepherds,
expecting good news in prettier packaging.
Too often, we have valued violence
instead of your peace.
Turn us from our ways to your ways.
Grant us the grace to begin again.
Free us from all that keeps us bound,
and forgive our sin,
through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.**

Hear the good news and rejoice!
You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray, **O God our redeemer, you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Gathering Song “Angels from the Realms of Glory” ELW 275

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-14

7 For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

8 See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor together;
a great company, they shall return here.

9 With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back;
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path where they shall not stumble,
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

10 Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him
and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock.”

11 For the Lord has ransomed Jacob
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

12 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

13 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.
14 I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:12-20

12 Extol the Lord, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
**13 For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.**
14 He grants peace within your borders;
he fills you with the finest of wheat.
**15 He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.**
16 He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.
**17 He hurls down hail like crumbs—
who can stand before his cold?**
18 He sends out his word and melts them;
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.
**19 He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.**
20 He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his ordinances.
Praise the Lord!
Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Ephesians 1:3-14

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9 he has made known to us the mystery of

his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10 as a plan or the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW 172

Gospel Reading John 1:1-18

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. 15 (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") 16 From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace 17 The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has

ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.
The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Message 5:30 - "And the Word Tabernacled Among Us"
Pastor Dwaine Sutherland
8:00 & 10:15 Pastor Amy Juel

Song of the Day "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" ELW 270

The Apostles' Creed (p. 105)

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music

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

Offertory Prayer

Together we pray, **God of heaven and earth,**
from the beginning, you have called forth life,
in which you take delight.
The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.
Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,
that we may join the chorus of creation
to tell of your salvation from day to day. 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 "What Feast of Love" ELW 487

“The First Noel” ELW 300
“Love Has Come” ELW 292

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.
Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace,
comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Blessing

The God of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
lavish you with grace, illumine your path,
and increase your joy, today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song “Let the Whole Creation Cry” ELW 876

Dismissal

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF: Steven Swenson,
Dorothy Freese and James Thompson.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Evelyn Krueger

**THE BULLETIN IS SPONSORED IN MEMORY OF PAT MUEHLBAUER ON
THE 4TH ANNIVERSARY OF HER PASSING. FROM RON & FAMILY -
MIKE, MISSY, LISA, TODD & MARCY**

**The updated Org Chart and Proposed Bylaws additions and edits
have been approved by the Church Council, and we have shared it via
constant contact email. A Coffee w/the Bylaws Committee will be
Sunday, January 5th at 9:00am coffee time. I extend much gratitude
to the committee members and pastors, past and present, for their
hard work and dedication to this endeavor!**

Thank you, Bridget Pederson, Bylaws Committee Chair

Calvary Staff

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS BEGINNING IN JANUARY

Is the Holy Spirit nudging you to get involved with Sunday School? Here's your chance! Our learners are in need of a teacher (or teaching team) in the **FIRST/SECOND** grade classroom and a part time teacher in the **FOURTH** grade classroom. Please contact Pastor Amy for more information!

Youth Led Service and Noisy Offering will be on Sunday, January 12.

CONFIRMATION RESUMES ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH AT 6:30 IN THE FRIENDSHIP ROOM. SEE EVERYONE THEN!

NAME TAG

If you ordered a name tag, please stop by the office and pick it up. Thank you!

MEMORIAL TREE

Honoring the memory of those we have lost

Thank you to all of those who have volunteered to help decorate the church for the holidays. Ornaments can be added to the Memory Tree located at the east entrance. Ornaments must be picked up by Monday, January 6th, or they will be stored for next time.

Want to help take down the tree and store the ornaments join us on Tuesday, January 7th at 10:30am. Many hands make the work more fun. There will be treats.

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th after 10:15am service. More details to follow.



DONATIONS TO NEW 2 YOU

Is one of your New Year's Resolutions to clean your closets? If so, bring your items to New 2 You and mention Calvary Lutheran Church for us to get credit for **Be The Good Program**. Recently, we have received close to \$400 worth of gift cards that we have passed on to Family Promise, the Women's Shelter, and Social Kindness. Thank you for your help!

SILENT BIBLE STUDY

Meeting the 1st & 2nd, and 4th Wednesdays of the month in January we will start again on the 8th of January. All are welcome to bring your lunch and join us as we practice silent study listening for the Spirit to speak to us.

CREATION CARE

Recycle Styrofoam – Clean Styrofoam can be recycled in Hutchinson, MN at McLeod County Recycling. Styrofoam and paper shredding is available during regular business hours (Monday-Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm) at 1065 5th Ave. SE, Hutchinson. Call with questions at (320) 484-4300.

CHARITY CIRCLE

Charity Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 7 at 6:30pm in the Friendship Room.

SOCIAL KINDNESS

Social Kindness Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 7 at 1:00pm in the Friendship Room.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Thank you to all who have signed up to serve meals January 20, 21 & 23. **We now are in need of a grocery shopper to purchase groceries for that week using Family Promise funds. Groceries will need to be brought to Family Promise the morning of January 20th. Please call Joni Hanson 320-220-1324 if you are able to help out. Thank you!**

JANUARY 2025 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 4th	5:30pm Traditional Worship - Pastor Dwaine preaching
Sunday, January 5th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Pr. Amy preaching, Pr. Wayne presiding
Saturday, January 11th	5:30pm Traditional Worship - Pr. Wayne preaching
Sunday, January 12th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am YOUTH LED & NOISY OFFERING Pr. Dwaine preaching, Pr. Amy presiding
Saturday, January 18th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Amy preaching
Sunday, January 19th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Pr. Wayne preaching, Pr. Amy presiding
Saturday, January 25th	5:30pm Traditional Worship - Pastor Dwaine preaching
Sunday, January 26th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Pr. Amy preaching, Pr. Wayne presiding

*Hey Calvary campers, our
camp week is set!*

**OUR CONGREGATION IS GOING
TO CAMP JUNE 15-19!**



Sunday, January 5

8:00am Worship - P. Amy preach/P. Wayne preside
 9:00am Coffee Time with Bylaws Committee
 9:05am Sunday School
 9:15am "Let's Talk" - P. Dwaine in Gathering Room
 10:15am Worship
 10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
 1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
 3:00pm Dorothy Freese Visitation at Harvey Anderson Funeral Home
 8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

Monday, January 6

10:00am Dorothy Freese Visitation
 11:00am Dorothy Freese Memorial Service
 6:30pm Scouts
 7:00pm Scouts BSA

Tuesday, January 7

1:00pm Social Kindness - Friendship Room
 6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181
 6:30pm Charity Circle - Friendship Room
 7:00pm Native American History - Bethany Hall

Wednesday, January 8

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

Thursday, January 9

9:30am Text Bible Study
 1:00pm Quilting
 2:00pm Coffee with P. Dwaine at Lulu Beans
 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3656 - Koinonia Room

Saturday, January 11

5:30pm Chapel Service - P. Wayne

Sunday, January 12

8:00am Worship - P. Dwaine preach/P. Amy preside
 9:00am Coffee Time
 9:05am Sunday School
 9:15am "Let's Talk" - P. Dwaine in Gathering Room
 10:15am Worship - Youth Led/Noisy Offering/Baptisms
 10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
 1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3500 - Friendship Room
 8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181



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