



Now
you are the



of Christ and
individually
members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27, NRSV

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 26, 2024 10:15am

Paul makes it abundantly clear that we cannot fully be the body of Christ without one another. A gospel song by Hezekiah Walker describes this reality: "I need you, you need me. We're all a part of God's body . . . you are important to me, I need you to survive." The song goes on to repeat "I pray for you, you pray for me." What if we truly lived this way? How would that reshape our community, our congregation, and our daily lives?

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Gathering Music "Here I Am, Lord" Calvary Bell Choir

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Invocation

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

Responsive Call to Worship

We seek to love God with every fiber of our being.
We seek to love our neighbors as well as our enemies.

We begin by loving ourselves.

In loving ourselves, we find the strength to love others.

Let us be open to receiving what we need from God...

**to find the compassion to love strangers and
the courage to love our enemies.**

Let our self-love empower us to give our love away freely to the world.

**In loving ourselves, we bear witness to the love at the heart of all
things-God. Let it begin here, and now. Amen.**

The love of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

(Sharing of joy/peace)

Gathering Song

God, We Gather As Your People

ACS 1038



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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Responsive Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

It may be the hardest thing we will ever do, caught up in our self-righteousness, honing our pain.

The one who offended may not deserve forgiveness and we are not obliged to offer it. Why, then, should we forgive?

Because we have all caused pain.

Because we all miss the mark.

Because we can deepen our souls if we forgive.

Because restoring even one relationship heals many hearts.

Because we would be forgiven ourselves.

Because drawing closer to one another builds our communities.

Because the alternative is endless bitterness.

Because the world we seek to create is a world filled with forgiveness.

Because we need not remain caught up in our self-righteousness and pain.

It may be the hardest thing we will ever do.

Let us take the first step now.

We close our eyes and place our hands over them...

Lord God, forgive us for turning our eyes away from you.

Forgive us for being dissatisfied with the good things you have given.

Lord God, have mercy on us.

We place our hands on our lips...

Lord God, we are sorry for the things we have spoken which hurt or condemn. Open our lips so we can tell of your love.

Lord God, have mercy on us.

We open our hands and hold our palms out to God...

Lord God, forgive us for not doing the good you place before us.

Help us to use our hands to serve you and others.

Lord God, have mercy on us.

We place our hands over our heart...

Lord God, create in us a clean heart. Forgive our self-centeredness and fill us with your Holy Spirit—to live for others.

Lord God, have mercy on us.

We lift our hands over our heads up to the sky...

We give you thanks gracious God for your faithful love to us, that in your mercy we receive complete forgiveness for our sins. **Amen.**

Song “Change My Heart, O God” ELW 801

Scripture Readings

I Corinthians 12:12-31a

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, 24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Setting 11



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Now we lis - ten to God's Word.

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All Creation Sings

Gospel Reading Luke 4:14-21

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

14 Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message Pastor Amy Juel

Song of the Day "Christ, Be Our Light" ELW 715 (vs 1,2,5)

The Apostles' Creed (p. 105)

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

Offering Music "On Eagle's Wings" Calvary Bell Choir

Offertory Prayer

Together we pray, **We give gratefully for all that God has given us.
We measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give.
Let us give generously, to bless your church, your people,
and your creation. 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 "Give Me Jesus" Calvary Bell Choir
"One Bread, One Body" ELW 496
"Let Us Break Bread Together" ELW 471
"Take My Life, That I May Be" ELW 685

Post Communion Prayer

May this meal we have shared renew us and inspire us to join more joyfully
with you as you work for peace and justice in the world. **Amen.**

Announcements/Table Prayer

Sending Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and
be gracious to you; the Lord look on you in favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Song "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" ELW 551

Dismissal

Go in true peace; love and care for one another.
We will. Thanks be to God!

Postlude “This Little Light of Mine” Calvary Bell Choir

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PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF: Evelyn Krueger,
Bryan Kienholz, son of Geraldine Hiepler; Wilma Schreck, mother of Janet
(David) Haugen

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Darrel Ruff, Barb Torkelson

Lectionary Lessons for Sunday—and Beyond

The ELCA follows a “Revised Common Lectionary” for scripture lessons. Each week, we are provided three readings (an Old Testament reading, a New Testament reading, a Gospel reading, and a psalm.)

In worship, we sometimes use select readings from the list. We encourage you to bring the bulletin home and read all the scriptures for the week, maybe even more than once. You might be surprised how revisiting these words may bring to light God’s work in your life.

Scriptures for this week

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people

Psalms 19 The teaching of the Lord revives the soul.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a You are the body of Christ

Luke 4:14-21 Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah

Serving Sunday 10:15am

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel
Presiding: Pastor Wayne Kopitzke
Acolytes: Elizabeth & Isabelle Miller
Communion
Assistants: Bridget & Brooklyn Pederson
Greeters: Jan & Colleen Ruby, Dennis & Karen Sportel
Lector: Holly Ulrich
Office: Mary Ellen DeCathelineau - 9:30 - 11:15am
Sound: Shawn Swenson
Video: Jody Skindelien

ANNUAL MEETING

Today is our Annual Meeting after the 10:15am service. A light lunch will be served. We hope to see you there!

SCOUT SUNDAY

Sunday, February 2nd, is Scout Sunday. The Scouts will be ushering and lecturing for both services. They will also be having a chili lunch served in Bethany Hall from 11 to 1pm. Free will offering. All are welcome!

YOUTH LED SERVICE NOISY OFFERING

On Sunday, February 2, youth will be leading our 10:15am service, and we will also receive a Noisy Offering with money collected to go to the AIM Program. **AIM is Advocacy & Inclusion Matter. AIM provides opportunities and resources to support inclusion and independence for people with disabilities. For more information, visit www.aimwcm.org**

CREATION CARE

Turn your thermostat down when using your fireplace – Save up to \$10 per year. You may be surprised to learn that fireplaces often lose more heat than they provide. That's because a fireplace must have air in order for the fire to burn. This air comes from your heated living space and is exhausted up the chimney, meaning your heating system must work harder to warm your home. Fireplaces also lose heat continuously even when they are not in use. **Anyone is welcome to join us for our meetings and learn more about the committee. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.**

Pastor Dwaine wants all of you to know that he is open to hearing from any of you. Here is his contact information:

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AV UPDATE

The new A/V system is up and running!! Yippee!! The video liturgy portion will be a work in progress as that needs to be entered manually. The new system is a blank slate and nothing we had will transfer over from Easy Worship. Every song, prayer and announcement that we have had in the past needs to be typed in and slides made one by one all the while, learning how the new system works. Naomi will be the one tasked with the bulk of creating the new slides so be sure to appreciate her when you see her as she has a big task ahead. Think of it as a surprise each Sunday to see what we have managed to tackle and add. Thank you for your patience with us and a HUGE thank you to those who are willing to learn the new system and all who have made the upgrade possible. If there is anything we can do for you in this transition, please don't hesitate to reach out to the office staff. Have a great week!

"Heavenly Father, we pray for the hearts of our volunteers, that they may be filled with love, compassion, and a deep sense of purpose. May their service be a reflection of the kindness and grace that you have shown us. Guard their hearts from weariness, and renew their passion for making a positive impact in the lives of others." A huge thank you to Calvary's volunteers - your time and talents are recognized and appreciated! Thank you for all you do each day to aid Calvary in its mission and work!! With gratefulness and appreciation

Calvary Church Council

FEBRUARY 2025 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 1st	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, February 2nd	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Youth Led/Noisy Offering/Scout Sunday
Saturday, February 8th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, February 9th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band
Saturday, February 15th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, February 16th	8:00am Traditional Worship with Calvary Bell Choir 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Camp Sunday
Saturday, February 22nd	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, February 23rd	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band





**Drop off your used dental products
February 8-9**

**There will be a drop box in the narthex.
These products will be recycled
and kept out of the landfill.**



Tooth Paste

(Empty tubes-Any brand)



mouth wash

(Empty mouthwash containers)



Floss picks

(Used floss picks)



Floss

(Empty floss containers)



Toothbrush

(Used toothbrushes)



Brush head

(Used brush heads)

Dear Friends in Christ,

*“I lift my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” (Psalm 121:1-2)*

Psalm 121 is a favorite of mine. It is a Psalm for sojourners...a Psalm for travelers. In this Psalm we hear a Hebrew poet crying out from a sense of fear and anxiety of what lies ahead in his journey. The psalmist is on a journey and is anxious and afraid of the unknown along the way. Sound familiar?

This Psalm about traveling, Psalm 121, reminds us in an interesting sort of way, that there are many people crying out for help amidst their life's journeys. Many suffer the loss of loved ones, depression, mental illness, physical disease, doubt, and separation from other people and from God. Wrestling with these daily crises on various levels, who of us would argue with the psalmist's question, "from where will my help come?" When we find ourselves sinking in the quicksand of some crisis, we do look up. We believe with the Hebrew poet that our deliverance is from above... "I lift my eyes to the hills." What we are saying is that God is with us in the midst of all that we are experiencing. To be sure, there are times when we think God has deserted us....that the hills are silent...and we too must cry, "from where will my help come?" This Psalm provides a word of strength and comfort for us. God is our helper...our creator...our keeper...our protector...our shade. Moreover, God is not only present in our crises to help, but as this Psalm of trust reassures us, God is with us every step of the way along our life's journey.

As a congregation, members of Calvary Lutheran Church are certainly on a journey together. Historically, Calvary has been a beacon of light and love in the Willmar community and beyond. Looking at the gallery of photos in Bethany Hall, we are reminded of the many women and men who have served as pastors along Calvary's journey. We are so very grateful for each and every one of them along this congregation's journey. Each has been a servant of God – preaching the Word, administering the Sacraments, leading worship, teaching, visiting, and officiating at weddings, funerals and memorial services. We are grateful for Pastor Dwaine's time with us, and we wish him blessings and Godspeed in the next chapter of his life.

As we as a congregation lift our eyes to the hills...I invite us to pray this prayer...
Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through joys and perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not always knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ("The Ventures Prayer" -- LBW page 153)

With you on the journey...
Pastor Wayne

Sunday, January 26

8:00am Worship - P. Amy preach/P. Wayne preside
9:00am Coffee Time
9:05am Sunday School
10:15am Worship
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
11:15am Annual Meeting – Bethany Hall
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

Monday, January 27

5:00pm Bell Choir
7:00pm Scouts BSA

Tuesday, January 28

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

Wednesday, January 29

12:00pm Silent Bible Study - Library
6:30pm 6-9 Grade Confirmation – Friendship Room

Thursday, January 30

9:30am Text Bible Study – Friendship Room
1:00pm Quilting
5:45pm Girl Scout Troop #3655 – Friendship Room

Friday, January 31

5:30pm Swim Team Get Together – Bethany Hall

Saturday, February 1

5:30pm Chapel Service - P. Wayne

Sunday, February 2

8:00am Worship - P. Wayne Preach – Scout Sunday
9:00am Coffee Time
9:05am Sunday School
10:15am Worship – Youth Led/Scout Sunday/Noisy Offering
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
11:00am Scout Chili Feed – Bethany Hall
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
4:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3515 – Room 201
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

Weekly Attendance - 146
No Sunday School/No YouTube
General Offering - \$10,701.76

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