

***The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany***  
*Sunday, February 16, 2025 10:15am*

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Lutheran theology insists that we are simultaneously sinners and saints. An intersectional understanding of identity and social location might also lead us to recognize that we simultaneously experience privilege and marginality, depending on our context. We are invited to consider how we each might locate ourselves in both the blessings and the woes, for the purpose of discovering our responsibilities and needs as we walk on the way of Jesus.

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### **We Gather & Prepare to Hear God's Word**

Gathering Music

Ringling 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 "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet" ELW 523

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

## **We Listen to the Word of God**

### **Jeremiah 17:5-10**

5 This is what the Lord says:

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,  
who draws strength from mere flesh  
and whose heart turns away from the Lord.

6 That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;  
they will not see prosperity when it comes.

They will dwell in the parched places of the desert,  
in a salt land where no one lives.

7 “But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
whose confidence is in him.

8 They will be like a tree planted by the water  
that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;  
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought  
and never fails to bear fruit.”

9 The heart is deceitful above all things  
and beyond cure.

Who can understand it?

10 “I the Lord search the heart  
and examine the mind,

to reward each person according to their conduct,  
according to what their deeds deserve.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 1**

1 Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,

**2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.**

3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.

**4 Not so the wicked!**

**They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

### **I Corinthians 15:12-20**

12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message Travis Aufderheide (Green Lake Lutheran Ministries)

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 6:17-26

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

17 He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, 18 who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, 19 and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

20 Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are you who hunger now,  
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

22 Blessed are you when people hate you,  
when they exclude you and insult you  
and reject your name as evil,  
because of the Son of Man.

23 “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

24 “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have already received your comfort.

25 Woe to you who are well fed now,  
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

26 Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,  
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message Pastor Amy Juel

**We Respond to the Call of God**

Song of the Day “Light Dawns on a Weary World” ELW 726

The Apostles’ Creed (p. 105)

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

Offering Music "Blessed Be the Name" ELW 797

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.**

**We Celebrate the Table of God**

The Great Thanksgiving

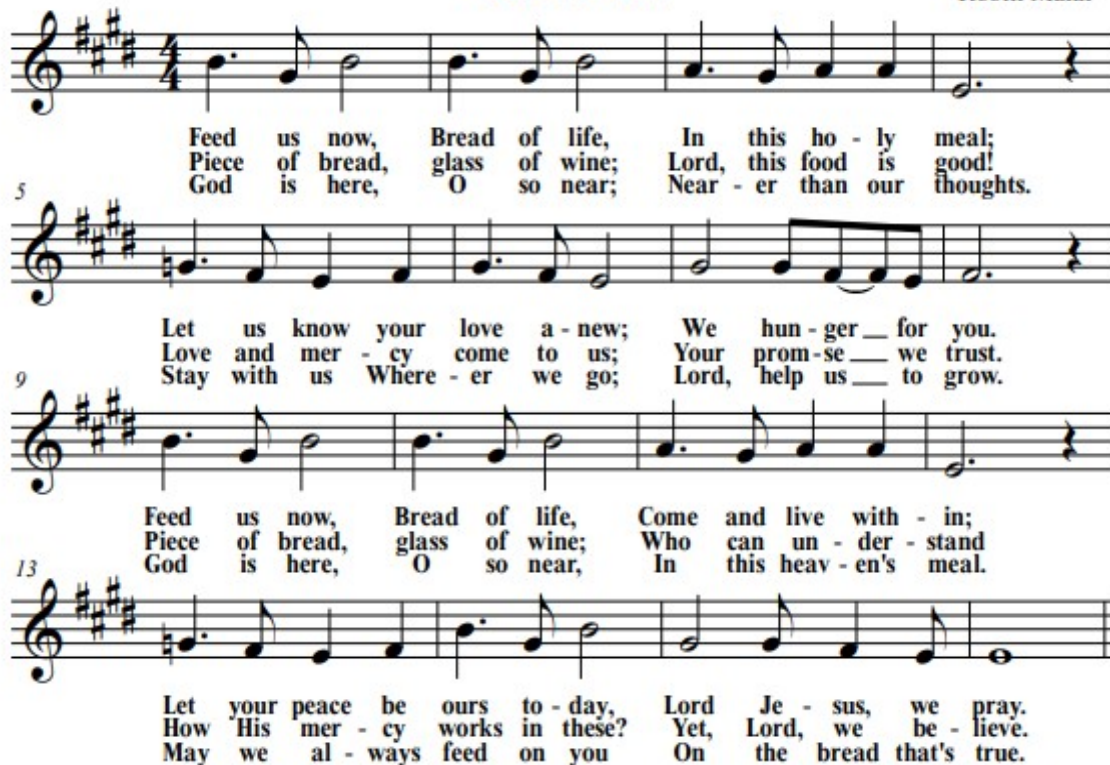
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music

**Feed Us Now**

Robin Mann



5  
Feed us now, Bread of life, In this ho - ly meal;  
Piece of bread, glass of wine; Lord, this food is good!  
God is here, O so near; Near - er than our thoughts.

9  
Let us know your love a - new; We hun - ger \_ for you.  
Love and mer - cy come to us; Your prom - se \_ we trust.  
Stay with us Where - er we go; Lord, help us \_ to grow.

13  
Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live with - in;  
Piece of bread, glass of wine; Who can un - der - stand  
God is here, O so near, In this heav - en's meal.

Let your peace be ours to - day, Lord Je - sus, we pray.  
How His mer - cy works in these? Yet, Lord, we be - lieve.  
May we al - ways feed on you On the bread that's true.

“Jesus Loves Me” ELW 595  
“You are Holy” ELW 525

#### 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.**

#### Blessing of Homebound Communion

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 Travis Aufderheide-Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

#### **We Depart to Serve God**

Sending Blessing

Sending Song “My Lighthouse”

Dismissal

Go in true peace; love and care for one another.

**We will. Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** James Swenson

#### **2025 Calvary Council Leaders**

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## **Readings and Psalm for Next Week**

[Genesis 45:3-11, 15](#)

Joseph forgives his brothers

[Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40](#)

The lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. (Ps. 37:11)

[1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50](#)

The mystery of the resurrection of the body

[Luke 6:27-38](#)

Love your enemies

## **Serving Sunday 10:15am**

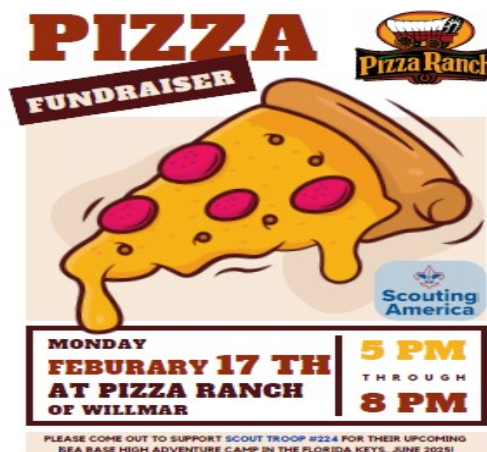
<b>Preaching:</b>	Pastor Amy Juel
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<b>Lector:</b>	Andy Berg
<b>Office:</b>	Julie Olson
<b>Sound:</b>	Dean Hanson
<b>Video:</b>	David Sehloff

## **CAMP SUNDAY TODAY**

Travis Aufderheide from Green Lake Lutheran Ministries will join us for worship and Sunday School! He will bring us an update during worship on all the great things happening at Bible Camp AND spend time having some fun with our Sunday School students during Sunday School Opening. Please join us and bring any Bible Camp questions you might have!

## **SECURITY SYSTEM UPDATE**

Starting Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, all church doors will be locked. Please use the entrance on the East side with the ring camera for entry (left side) during the day. We will do our best to watch as people arrive and buzz you in right away. On days with Text Study, Gather, Quilters and other meetings, we will unlock the Handicap Accessible door for your use during those times. Look for the signs on the door for a number to call if we are away from our desk and don't see you arrive at church. Thank you for your patience during this new process.



### **WE CAN HELP!**

**We have learned that the Campus Ministry Center across from Ridgewater serves 300+ meals each week and they wash and dry dishes by hand! They need dishtowels, so we will have a bin in the narthex beginning February 15 until the 28th. Towels should be new or very gently used. Pictured below are examples of what is needed.**

**Thank you Calvary!  
Social Kindness Committee**



### **CREATION CARE SAVE A DATE:**

Calvary, Vinje and Bethel will be hosting a Creation Care booth at the 2nd Annual Healthy Earth Healthy Kids EcoFair that will be held at the Willmar Civic Center on Saturday, April 26th.

**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.**

**THANK YOU MIKE!** *A huge THANK YOU goes out to Mike Schroeder for leading Calvary through the AV Project! Thank you for your commitment, time, effort, and energy to see it through from start to finish! Thank you to all that assisted in any way with decision making and implementation. Thank you to the donors who helped make it all possible. Thank you to the volunteers and staff for rising to the challenge and continuing to learn and grow with the technology. Calvary will continue to benefit for years to come! -Calvary Church Council*

### **CIRCLE OF WELCOME**

Members of Calvary and River of Hope (RoH) Lutheran Church in Hutchinson are partnering together to support a Willmar refugee family through the Lutheran Social Service program called "Circle of Welcome". This is an opportunity to walk with a refugee family as friends, supporters, and advocates to help them become established more quickly. Activities might include setting up furniture, helping adults find employment, practicing English, and running errands. We have met with the RoH volunteers both online and in person during training provided through LSS. We are currently waiting for the first meeting with the family we will be supporting to be arranged in the coming weeks. If you have any questions about this program or would like to help out in some way, please contact David Sehloff ([dsehloff@gmail.com](mailto:dsehloff@gmail.com)) or Cathy Halbritter ([jchalbritter@gmail.com](mailto:jchalbritter@gmail.com)).

**Weekly Attendance - 173  
YouTube - 128 households  
Sunday School - 35  
General Offering - \$23,873.93**

**Lakeland Conference Assembly  
Sunday, February 23, 2025  
Vinje Lutheran**

**4:30-5:00: Registration**  
**5:00~6:00 Meal, conversation**  
**6:00~6:45 Conference business**  
**7:00-~7:30 Worship**

Each congregation may bring up to 6 delegates according to our constitution. Please RSVP to the church office if you are interested in representing Calvary at Conference Assembly. Any questions, please contact Pastor Amy or Pastor Wayne.

**What is a Conference Assembly?**

There are 10 conferences in the Southwestern Minnesota Synod divided by their geographic locations. Conferences meet regularly throughout the year to share updates on ministries, congregations, and communities, and in preparation for the Synod Assembly. Each conference has an elected dean and chair. This annual meeting, named the Conference Assembly, is led by the Conference Chair, assisted by the Conference Dean and attended by both lay and rostered members throughout the conference to consider nominations and resolutions/memorials that may be forwarded to Synod Assembly. Voting members may also nominate people for synod-wide positions and elect conference positions. All congregational members are welcome!

***MARCH 2025 WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

Saturday, March 1st	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, March 2nd	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band/Youth Led/Noisy Offering
<i>*Wed., March 5th</i>	<i>6:15pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion</i>
Saturday, March 8th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, March 9th (Daylight Savings Time)	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Worship
<i>*Wed., March 12th</i>	<i>5:30pm Meal 6:15pm Lenten Worship 7:00pm Confirmation</i>
Saturday, March 15th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, March 16th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Worship
<i>*Wed., March 19th</i>	<i>5:30pm Meal 6:15pm Lenten Worship 7:00pm Confirmation</i>
Saturday, March 22nd	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, March 23rd	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Worship
<i>*Wed., March 26th</i>	<i>5:30pm Meal 6:15pm Lenten Worship 7:00pm Confirmation</i>
Saturday, March 29th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, March 30th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Worship

**Sunday, February 16**

8:00am Worship – P. Amy preach/Camp Sunday  
 9:00am Coffee Time  
 9:05am Sunday School  
 10:15am Worship – Camp Sunday  
 10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm  
 1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181  
 2:00pm Frog & Toad Play – Barn Theatre  
 4:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3515 – Room 201  
 8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

**Monday, February 17 – RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY**

5:00pm Bell Choir

**Tuesday, February 18**

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

**Wednesday, February 19**

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

**Thursday, February 20**

9:30am Text Bible Study – Friendship Room  
 1:00pm Quilting  
 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3656 – Koinonia Room

**Saturday, February 22**

4:00pm Chapel Baptism – Tobias Dickerson  
 5:30pm Chapel Service

**Sunday, February 23**

8:00am Worship – P. Amy preach  
 9:00am Coffee Time  
 9:05am Sunday School  
 10:15am Worship  
 10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm  
 1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181  
 4:00pm Scouts set up for Pinewood Derby  
 4:30pm Lakeland Conference - Vinje  
 8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181



2025 Financials January & YTD						
	January Actual	January Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income	\$ 50,791.06	\$ 54,416.63	\$ (3,625.57)	\$ 50,791.06	\$ 54,416.63	\$ (3,625.57)
Expenses	\$ 57,530.12	\$ 64,485.51	\$ (6,955.39)	\$ 57,530.12	\$ 64,485.51	\$ (6,955.39)
Net Income	\$ (6,739.06)	\$ (10,068.88)	\$ 3,329.82	\$ (6,739.06)	\$ (10,068.88)	\$ 3,329.82