

...you will not see me until the  
time comes when you say,  
“Blessed is the one who  
comes in the name of the Lord.”

Luke 13:35, NRSV

## ***The Second Sunday in Lent***

*Sunday, March 16, 2025 10:15am*

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*In the wilderness, shelter is a matter of life and death. When storms rage or predators prowl, shelter in rocks or among friends saves lives. In today's readings, God promises us lifesaving shelter in our Lenten wilderness. The psalmist celebrates the safety of a sanctuary and a high place, and Jesus compares himself to a mother hen, who keeps her brood safe in the shelter of her wings. As we reflect on the shelter we receive from God, we are invited to consider the literal shelters of our nonhuman neighbors. How can we ensure that animals have shelter, even as habitats are destroyed? Consider planting native plants or installing birdhouses at church to meditate on God as all creation's shelter.*

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

### **Gathering Music**

#### **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 gather as broken brothers and sisters in Christ.

**We realize our brokenness and seek strength and courage in the midst of our faith community.**

We gather as beloved brothers and sisters in Christ.

**We seek and embrace daily love and courage in the midst of our faith community.**

We are reminded that we are broken and beloved at the same time.

**As broken and beloved saints and sinners, we are comforted knowing God's love is steadfast.**

The steadfast love and peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(we greet one another)*

#### **Gathering Song "Day by Day" ELW 790**

#### **Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness**

In the season of Lent, we are invited on a journey. We are invited to walk a path of reflection, acknowledging both the shadows and light of our lives.

Trusting in the grace of God, and before one another, let us admit the shadows and light.

Holy God, **you know us better than we know ourselves. Sometimes we pretend to be better than we are. We do things we know will hurt others and act as though we are blameless. We are guilty, and we are broken. We ask for your forgiveness, because you love us more than we can imagine. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who came to show us the way. Amen.**

Friends in Christ hear this; trust in the Lord, and let your heart rejoice, for indeed we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Song** "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" ELW 334 (v. Lent 2)

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

#### **Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 4 But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." 5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

6 And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

7 Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." 8 But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" 9 He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other, but he did not cut the birds in two. 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 27: 1, 4-9**

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

**4 One thing I asked of the Lord;  
this I seek:**

**to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.**

5 For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.

**6 Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent**

**sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!

**8 “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”  
Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

9 Do not hide your face from me.  
Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!

Hear ends the reading of the Psalm.

### **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables

him to make all things subject to himself. 4 1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Children's Message "The Fox and the Hen"

### Gospel Acclamation

#### Drive Out The Darkness

P. Zach, I Wardell, D. Marotta,  
John Swinton, Owen Stroud

6 Come, O - come, be our light, drive out the dark - ness, come, & end all the

10 vio - lence; come, & do not be si - lent; come, we cling to Your

prom - ise; come, You'll break all in - jus - tice. Come, Je-sus, come.

### Gospel Reading Luke 13:31-35

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message** “Fierce and Vulnerable” Pastor Wayne Kopitzke

**We Respond to the Call of God**

**Song of the Day** “Jesus Loves Me” ELW 595

**The Apostles’ Creed** (p. 105)

**Prayers of the Church** (God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**)

**Offering Music** “All of Us are Loved”

**Offertory Prayer**

Together we pray, **We bring you only what is yours, Creator God, that you might use this offering for the building up of your kingdom and the glory of your name. 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** “We Come to the Hungry Feast” ELW 479

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” ELW 332

“Seek Ye First”

**Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father, as you did not spare your own Son, but gave him up to die on the cross for us all: Grant that we may live in him and he in us, as we serve you all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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

### We Depart to Serve God

#### **Sending Blessing**

God our tender parent, God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Song** "Lead Me, Guide Me" ELW 768

#### **Dismissal**

May the Lord, who is your stronghold, help you in times of trouble.  
Trust in the Lord!

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

#### **Postlude**

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**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Dean Wallace

**Congratulations to Landon and Kayla Baker on the birth of their daughter, Elodie Erma Baker who was born on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Elodie was welcomed home by big sister Laken. Elodie is the Granddaughter of Kevin and Sandy Hanson.**

### Readings and Psalm for Next Week

#### [Isaiah 55:1-9](#)

*Everyone who thirsts, come to the water; seek the LORD*

#### [Psalm 63:1-8](#)

O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)

#### [1 Corinthians 10:1-13](#)

*Israel, baptized in cloud and seas, ate the same spiritual food as Christians*

#### [Luke 13:1-9](#)

*Unless you repent, you will perish: parable of the fig tree*

**Weekly Attendance - 239 / Ash Wed - 137**  
**YouTube - 92 households/Ash Wed - 91 households**  
**Sunday School - 29**  
**General Offering - \$16,474.56**

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

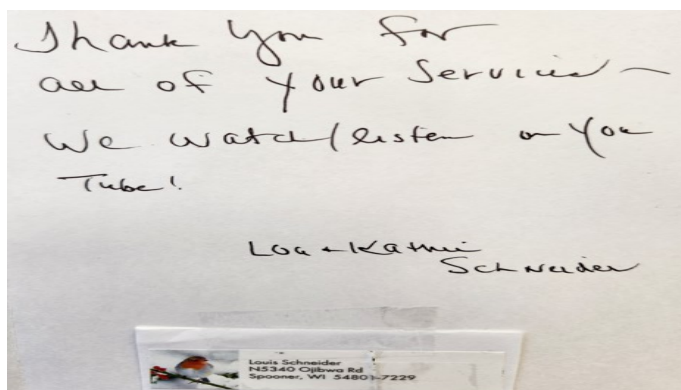
**Preaching:** Pastor Wayne D. Kopitzke  
**Acolytes:** Leo & Isabelle Engel  
**Communion:** Beth Bloomquist, Shawn Swenson, Dion Warne  
**Greeters:** Jason & Anne Hultgren, Gerald & Eileen Sweep  
**Lector:** Jean Berg  
**Office:** Mary Jo Ramey - 9:30 - 11:15am  
**Sound:** Mark Johnson  
**Video:** David Sehloff

### **2025 Calvary Council Leaders**

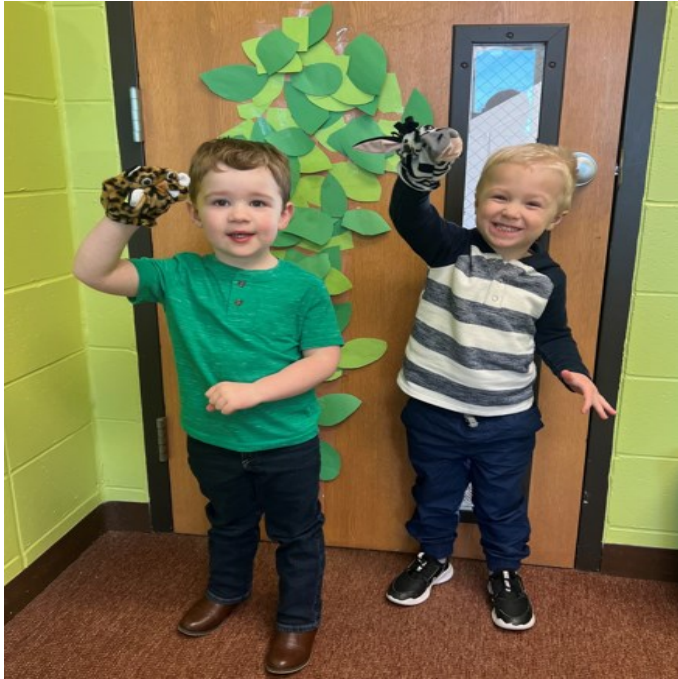
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**Greetings! It has been brought to our attention that there have been some members getting emails requesting purchasing gift cards. Please know that none of the staff at Calvary will send out a personal email requesting you to purchase a gift card. If you should receive a personal email from any of the Pastors or staff that is questionable, please contact the church office at 320-235-2508 before sending anything out. We want to keep you all safe. Have a wonderful rest of your week!**

We received this Thank You recently. What a wonderful surprise.







Taken by our Sunday School Teachers of our youngsters. Look at those smiles. Doesn't it make you just smile yourself?



While your kids are in Sunday School, please come and meet our new council members. They will be having coffee and treats in the **Koinonia Room (2nd floor of Sunday School wing)** on **Sunday, March 23 at 9:00am**. It is not a formal meeting, it is a time for fellowship and getting to know each other. Open to all ages. Bring any ideas or suggestions you may have. See you then!



### HONOR LOVED ONES

Every Easter, Calvary loves to fill the Sanctuary with flowers, provided in honor and in memory of loved ones. You are invited to purchase plants for \$10 per plant to express your love and appreciation and help the church defray the cost of providing the plants. **Friday, April 11, 2025**, is the last day to order Easter flowers. Please stop by the office to place an order for a loved one. If paying by check, make payable to "Calvary Lutheran Church". Thank you!

**THE NEXT SILENT BIBLE STUDY** will meet March 26th at 12:00 noon in the library. All are welcome!

### CREATION CARE TIP

**Enhance your Community** - When out for a walk, take something along to collect trash and recycling.

### MARCH IS FOOD SHELF MONTH

March is the month that we emphasize the need to stock the shelves at the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf. In order to collect a good variety of non-perishable food, we suggest the following for each week:

March 1 & 2 - **Canned vegetables, fruit, meat (tuna, spam, etc.)**

March 8 & 9 - **Soups, crackers**

March 15 & 16 - **Cereals, peanut butter, breakfast items, granola bars**

March 22 & 23 - **Pasta, sauces, mac & cheese, dry milk, etc.**

March 29 & 30 - **Any non-perishable food**

As always, monetary donations are welcome and can be left in the office or the offering plate (with food shelf designation). We have set a goal of \$1,600. Let's get on board and fill the cart every week! Thank you for your willingness to give.

Social Kindness Committee

**WEST CENTRAL SINGERS**  
presents  
**A to Z:  
A Choral  
Smorgasbord**

Director Naomi Powers-Baker  
Accompanist Kari Stadem

**Saturday, March 29, 2025**  
4 pm | Faith Lutheran Church  
310 Medayto Drive | Spicer, MN

**Sunday, March 30, 2025**  
4 pm | Calvary Lutheran Church  
302 Olena Avenue SE | Willmar, MN

[westcentralsingers.com](http://westcentralsingers.com)  
Tickets Available at the Door  
Children & Students Free!  
Adults \$10

## Weekly Lenten Services 2025

**BROKEN AND BELOVED**

- Ash Wednesday, March 5th, 6:15pm**  
 David-Broken by Sin  
 Psalm 51, Create in Me a Clean Heart
- Wednesday, March 12th, 6:15pm**  
 Week 2: Naomi-Broken by Grief  
 Ruth 1: 19b-21a, Call Me Mara
- Wednesday, March 19th, 6:15pm**  
 Week 3: Elijah-Broken by Fear  
 I Kings 19:1-15a, He was Afraid
- Wednesday, March 26th, 6:15pm**  
 Week 4: The Syrophenician Woman-  
 Broken by Desperation  
 Mark 7:24-30, She Begged Him
- Wednesday, April 2nd, 6:15pm**  
 Week 5: Mary Magdalene-Broken by Demons  
 Luke 8:1-3, Mary, Called Magdalene
- Wednesday, April 9th, 6:15pm**  
 Week 6: Peter-Broken by Failure  
 Luke 22: 54-62, He Denied It
- Maundy Thursday, April 17th, 6:15pm**  
 He took a Towel  
 John 13:3-15; 34,35
- Good Friday, April 18th, 6:15pm**  
 Torn in Two  
 Mark 15:21-41

## MARCH 2025 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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 (Goulash, bread, veggies/dip, bar/cookie)</i> <i>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 (Hotdogs, Mac &amp; Cheese, veggies/dip, bar/cookie)</i> <i>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/Coffee w/Council 10:15am Praise Band Worship
<i>*Wed., March 26th</i>	<i>5:30pm Meal (Creamy potato bacon soup, Chicken noodle soup, bread, crackers, veggies/dip, bar/cookie)</i> <i>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, March 16**

8:00am Worship – P. Wayne  
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 Girl Scout Troop #3515 – Room 201  
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

**Monday, March 17**

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

**Tuesday, March 18**

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

**Wednesday, March 19**

8:30am Hope Circle – McMillans  
10:00am Gather Bible Study – Friendship Room  
5:30pm Lenten Meal  
6:15pm Worship Service  
7:00pm Confirmation 6-9<sup>th</sup> grade

**Thursday, March 20**

9:30am Text Bible Study – Friendship Room  
1:00pm Quilting  
5:45pm Girl Scout Troop #3655 – Friendship Room  
6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3656 – Koinonia Room

**Saturday, March 22**

5:30pm Chapel Service – P. Amy

**Sunday, March 23**

8:00am Worship – P. Amy  
9:00am Coffee Time with Council – Koinonia Room  
9:00am Girl Scout Troop 3655 selling cookies  
9:05am Sunday School  
9:05am 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Instruction – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Room 112  
10:15am Worship  
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm

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