



**"It was intended that she should
save this perfume for the day
of my burial."**

John 12:7

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, April 6, 2025 10:15am

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

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 "This is Amazing Grace"

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 5)

We Listen to the Word of God

Isaiah 43:16-21

16 Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
17 who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18 Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
19 I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
20 The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
21 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."**

3 The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

**4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

5 May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

**6 Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

Hear ends the reading of the Psalm.

Philippians 3:4b-14

4 even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

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 John 12:1-8

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5 Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? 6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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 "Take My Life, That I May Be" ELW 583

The Apostles' Creed (p. 105)

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

Offering Music Holy Woman, Graceful Giver: John 12



1 Ho - ly wom - an, grace - ful giv - er, proph - et,
2 How the fra - grance filled the dwell - ing! How the
3 Lov - ing - ly Christ stilled the scoff - er who would
4 Though dis - dained or though con - test - ed, acts of



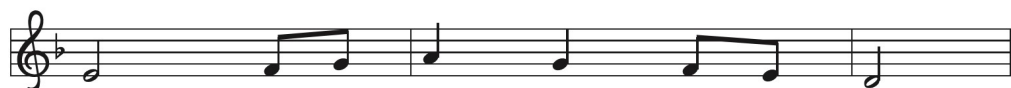
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jar, sought by Christ, by scorn un - daunt - ed, knelt in
place! How the act of pure de - vo - tion, whis - p'ring
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God. Grace - ful Mar - y, by your giv - ing, you have



love, his feet a - noint - ed for his com - ing bur - ial
of his com - ing pas - sion, blest the heart of Christ with
poor, and feed the spir - it, acts of beau - ty, acts of
shown a way of liv - ing: acts of beau - ty, love, and



hour, for his com - ing bur - ial hour.
grace, blest the heart of Christ with grace!
love, acts of beau - ty, acts of love.
good, acts of beau - ty, love, and good.

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Music: ALABASTER JAR, Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

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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	"Seed That in Earth is Dying"	ELW 330
	"Lamb of God"	ELW 336
	"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"	ELW 708

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.

Announcements

We Depart to Serve God

Sending Blessing

Sending Song "Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land" ELW 333

Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
We will. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

Readings and Psalm for Next Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the LORD submits to suffering

Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

Philippians 2:5-11

Humbled to the point of death on a cross

Luke 22:14–23:56

The passion of the Lord

Calvary's Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

7:30am - 4:00pm

Friday

7:30am - 2:30pm

Serving Sunday 10:15am

Preaching:	Pastor Amy Juel
Acolytes:	Bria Pederson, Samantha Miller
Communion:	Val Amberg, Brian Henrickson, Hudson Sjoberg
Greeters:	Wayne & Linda Nelson, Shawn & Krista Swenson
Lector:	Holly Ulrich
Office:	Alvina Henrickson - 9:30 - 11:15am
Sound:	Victoria Larsen
Video:	Jody Skindelien

Weekly Attendance - 179
YouTube - 154 households
Sunday School - 32
General Offering - \$6,932.90

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

If you are visiting Calvary, we welcome you. We would like you to sign our Friendship Register (located on either end of the pews) with any information you would like to share with us. If you have further questions about Calvary, please call our church office at 320-235-2508 and we can get you in touch with a Pastor. Blessings to you and we hope to have you visit again.

NTY
Friday, April 11
12:00 Noon

It's Spring and time for NTY to get together again in 2025!! Remember Carolyn Sowinski, the author, from Michigan? She was with us in August 2023 and would like to speak to our group again about another book she wrote and its connection to Calvary. It's a biography of Gabriel Stene, son of Norwegian immigrants who settled in Lake Andrew Township in 1867. He and his family lived in Willmar in the 1880's and were part of the Calvary congregation. Please call the church office by 4:30pm Wednesday, April 9th to register. Guests are always welcome. If you can't make it for lunch, you're welcome to come for the program at 1:00pm. The cost for lunch will be \$7.00, payable on the day of NTY. Please pay Sue Roepke in Bethany Hall and not at the church office. (Note that cancellations after Wednesday and no-shows will still require payment due to increased food costs.) Thank you. If you have any questions, please call Diane Asche at 295-8938.

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!

SILENT BIBLE STUDY

Meeting dates for April will be: 9th, 23rd and 30th at 12:00 noon in the library. ALL ARE WELCOME!

THANK YOU to Ashley Gilbertson for refreshing and refilling our Busy Bags for children in worship! Busy Bags are available near the coat room in the Narthex.

Our Food Shelf Drive was very successful, with 200 lbs. of food delivered to the Food Shelf as well as a check for \$1,557.75! WOW! A big Thank You, Calvary, for your willingness to help those with food insecurities! The first Sunday of each month will continue to be for Food Shelf donations. Social Kindness Committee.

NOISY OFFERING/YOUTH LED SERVICE SUNDAY, APRIL 13 at our 10:15 service. The money collected will 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

West Central Singers would like to thank Calvary for allowing us to use your beautiful facility for our concert.

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild will meet on Thursday, April 24 at 5:30pm in the Koinonia Room. We hope to see you then!

Humans Anonymous

"I couldn't help but wish there were a version Al-Anon or AA for regular life- call it HA, Humans Anonymous... That small groups left power hierarchies at the door and [people in leadership] were just as open and vulnerable as the rest of us are pressed to be. We could give people permission to be sad and scared and lonely, and we could do it together. We could look to our left and to our right and say, "I'm hurting and you're hurting, and I don't always understand your pain and you might not get mine, but we can still sit together. Stay and tell me your story and I'll tell you mine. Maybe we'll cry. I promise I won't try to fix you, and I won't judge you; I just want to sit with you. You can trust me with your story."
From *Loving Well in a Broken World* by Lauren Casper, page 99-100, paraphrased

When a friend read this paragraph to me, I felt it. I felt the weight of it pressing down on my shoulders and the emotion of it welling up behind my eyes. A place where there's no judgement, no one trying to fix things? People to share my story with who won't run with it, anxious to tell someone else and who won't use it against me, as leverage, when I don't live up to their unrealistic expectations? That doesn't sound like the world I live in. That sounds heavenly.

Maybe you felt something when you read that quote from Lauren Casper's book. Pain? Vulnerability? Fear? Loneliness? Maybe you want so badly to tell your story in a place that is safe and non-judgmental- a place where your eyes meet the caring eyes of another person when you look left or right. Maybe you're not alone.

Join us for Humans Anonymous- a new, confidential small group ministry that's not aimed at fixing anyone or studying anything. We'll just spend an hour a week sharing our lives and validating each other's stories. We may cry. We may laugh. Whatever we do, we'll do it together.

Humans Anonymous – Wednesday, April 9 – 4:15 to 5:15 – Koinonia Room

Any questions? Contact Pastor Amy



Hello, everyone,

As we sprint through 2025, I'm struck by how quickly time seems to fly—each day racing by, even those long days soon fade into memories. Family Promise continues to be incredibly blessed by your unwavering support and generous donations of time, resources, and treasures. So far this year, we've received three large donations of consumables and hygiene products, along with many smaller contributions. Thanks to your kindness, we are fully stocked on nearly all the items on our wish list!

That said, we do still need a few essentials, including:

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Floor cleaner (for mopping)
- Pillows

Your donations in these areas would be greatly appreciated. Additionally, financial contributions are especially helpful right now, as we're running slightly behind where we've been in previous years. On the brighter side, I'm thrilled to share that Family Promise has already helped four families transition into stable housing since the start of the year. And there's more to come—four more families are scheduled to move into their new homes in April and May! This progress puts us on track to achieve our goal of assisting an average of two families per month, totaling 24 families in 2025. Our dorm remains at full capacity, with rooms quickly being filled by families on our waiting list as soon as they become available. Beyond housing transitions, we've also been able to prevent two families from facing eviction. None of this would be possible without your financial and in-kind support.

I'd also like to highlight the ongoing success of our meal nights, made possible by local churches. These nights have become a highlight of the week for the children and families here—fondly referred to as "feast nights" with the same sparkle of joy as Christmas morning. It's a beautiful opportunity to share meals, build connections, and remind these families that they are seen, valued, and never alone. The heartfelt feedback from participants speaks volumes about the positive impact these gatherings have.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for everything you do to make all this possible. I genuinely love the work I do here, and I couldn't do it without your incredible support.

With deepest gratitude,

Jason Burnett
Executive Director

Empty Tomb Cookies – make them on Easter Saturday evening!

Ready In: 8hrs 30mins

Yields: 1-2dozen

Ingredients

- 1cup whole pecans, in a plastic baggie
- 1teaspoon vinegar
- 3egg whites
- 1pinch salt
- 1cup sugar



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees--you MUST do it now. Also, gather a cooking mallet, kitchen mixer, masking tape and Bible.
2. Read John 19:1-3 ~ Jesus was beaten for our sins; beat the nuts with a cooking mallet; set aside.
3. Read John 19:28-30 - Jesus drank something like vinegar (gall), sniff the fragrance, dip finger in and taste, too; place the vinegar in a mixing bowl.
4. Read John 10:10-11 - Egg whites symbolize Jesus' holy, innocent life; add whites to the bowl with the vinegar.
5. Read Luke 23:27 - the bitter tears of the women; taste a few grains, remember your own sins; add the salt to the bowl.
6. Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16 - Sweet salvation! Taste and see; add to the bowl.
7. Crank up the mixer and let it go while you read from Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3; let the mixer go for about 12-15 MINUTES; this needs to be VERY stiff!
8. Read Matthew 27:57-60 - Fold the nuts into the egg-sugar mixture; this symbolizes the rocks in the garden.
9. Using a scoop or knife & spoon, drop by spoon into mounds (to resemble a rocky tomb); put into the oven and turn it OFF!
10. Read Matthew 27:65-66 - The tomb is sealed; use two pieces of tape (5-6 inches long) to "seal" the door edges (symbolically).
11. Read John 16:20 & 22 - Consider these passages, then go to bed!
12. NEXT MORNING: Read Matthew 28:1-9 - Jesus is risen! Behold--the empty tomb! Unseal the oven door, take out the cookies, break or bite one in half -- it should be hollow inside---empty---just like the Tomb!
13. He is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Sunday, April 6

8:00am Worship – P. Amy
9:00am Coffee Time
9:05am Sunday School
9:05am 1st Communion Instruction – 2nd Grade – Chapel
10:15am Worship
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

Monday, April 7

8:00am Stewardship Committee - McMillans
10:00am Curtis Jacobson Visitation
11:00am Curtis Jacobson Funeral
5:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Scouts BSA

Tuesday, April 8

12:00pm Finance Committee – Friendship Room
6:00pm Council Meeting – Koinonia Room
6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3749 – Room 201
6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181

Wednesday, April 9

12:00pm Silent Bible Study
4:15pm Humans Anonymous – Koinonia Room
5:30pm Lenten Meal
6:15pm Worship Service
7:00pm Confirmation 6-9th grade

Thursday, April 10

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

Friday, April 11

12:00pm NTY (Not Through Yet) – Bethany Hall
1:00pm Maynard/Gerdes Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, April 12

5:30pm Chapel Service – P. Wayne

Sunday, April 13

8:00am Worship – P. Wayne
9:00am Coffee Time
9:05am Sunday School
10:15am Worship/Youth Led/Noisy Offering/Julius Hanson Baptism
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
4:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3515 – Room 201
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

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