

The Third Weekend of Easter

Sunday, May 4, 2025 10:15am

*The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus.
Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus
(celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ.
Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us,
again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.*

We Gather & Prepare to Hear God's Word

Gathering Music "Hymn of Heaven" "Revelation Song" "Our God"

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome/Invocation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Alleluia, Amen.

Gathering Song "Gather Us In" ELW 532

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Loving God, **we confess that like Saul we think we are right.**

**Shine the light of your love on us, that we may see where
we have excluded you.**

Bring us to our knees that we may be changed.

Forgive us.

As God's beloved we are clothed in the love,

which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Your sins have been forgiven.

With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to
God. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

We pray together, **Christ Jesus, you returned to give your disciples
courage and strengthen their faith. Make us brave and help us to
believe in you, so that we may share your love with others. Amen.**

We Listen to the Word of God

Song "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" ELW 519

Scripture Readings

Acts 9:1-20

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

³O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴**Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

⁵For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

⁶**As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."**

⁷By your favor, O LORD,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

⁸**To you, O LORD, I cried,
and to the LORD I made supplication:**

⁹"What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!
O LORD, be my helper!"**

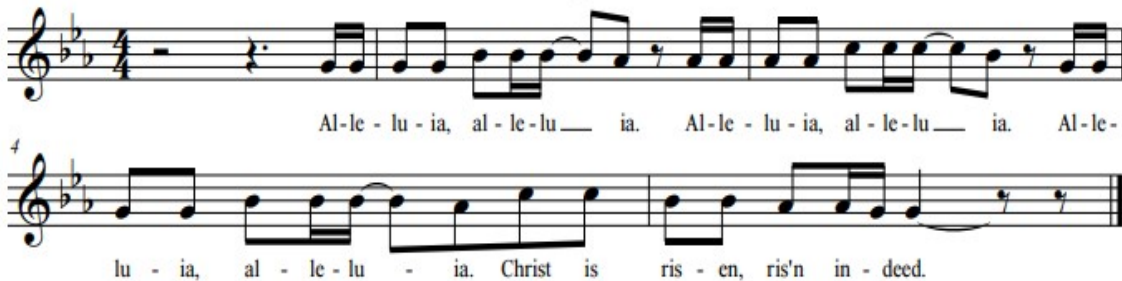
¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,

¹²**so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Setting 11



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Gospel John 21: 1-19

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you

know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."
The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Amy Juel

We Respond to the Call of God

Song of the Day "Build Us Up, Lord" ELW 670

Apostles' Creed (p. 105)

Prayers of the Church (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

Offertory Prayer

We pray together, **Self-giving God, your Son gave himself as a Lamb to be sacrificed to bring us life. Take our lives and our gifts and use them for your purposes. 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 "Lord, I Need You"
"Grace on Top of Grace"
"God is so Good"

Prayer after Communion

As the Risen Lord has come to us in this meal,
remind us that he is always with us, and that we now share in his
resurrection. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

We Depart to Serve God

Sending Blessing

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sending Song "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

Postlude

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Readings and Psalm for Next Week

Acts 9:36-43

Peter raises Tabitha/Dorcas from the dead

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

Revelation 7:9-17

A white-robed multitude sings before the Lamb

John 10:22-30

Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep

Serving Sunday 10:15am

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel
Acolytes: Jakub Nurmi
Communion: Kevin & Sandy Hanson, Val Amberg
Greeters: Scott & Kristi Glup, Carol Gilbertson
Lector: David Sehloff
Office: Mary Jo Ramey - 9:30 - 11:15am
Sound: Mark Bloomquist
Video: Jody Skindelien

Weekly Attendance - 246

YouTube - 119 households

General Offering - \$7,046.15

**THE BULLETIN TODAY IS SPONSORED BY THE 5 B'S IN
CELEBRATION OF THEIR PARENTS' ODEE AND ALVINA
HENRICKSON'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY HELD ON
SATURDAY, MAY 10TH.**

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.

**OPEN HOUSE 65TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY FOR
ODEE AND ALVINA HENRICKSON**

Everyone is invited to an Open House for Odee and Alvina Henrickson's 65th Wedding Anniversary celebration in Bethany Hall on Saturday, May 10 from 1-3pm.

SILENT BIBLE STUDY

Next meeting dates are May 7, and May 14 at 12:00 noon in the library. ALL ARE WELCOME!

NTY

Friday, May 9 12:00 Noon

This month we will have our very own Calvary member, Jim Swenson, speak about His Faith Journey and his story of TWO hearts. This is a story of support from families, friends, and many, many medical staff who have helped Jim to survive over and over again. Most importantly, it is about the sustaining assurance of God's grace. Combined with his life, it also demonstrates the value and importance of organ and tissue donation. Many of you probably never knew that Jim had a heart transplant, so it will be a most informative and inspiring story that he will share with us. Please call the church office by 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, May 7th to register. Guests are always welcome. If you can't make it for lunch, you're welcome to come for the program at 1:00p.m. Cost for lunch will be \$7.00, payable to 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 any questions, please call Diane Asche at 295-8938.



**Listening with Heart:
Navigating Conversations and Fostering
Connections with
Dementia**

If you are a friend to someone with dementia, have a loved one experiencing dementia, or have a desire to learn about the topic, this session is for you! We hope you will join us and learn from Amy House a recognized leader in Dementia care and education.

Calvary BeFrienders welcome you to join us for this virtual event on Tuesday, May 20 from 6:30 - 8:00pm. Pre-registration is required with a cost of \$20 per person of which \$10 will be offset with BeFriender funds. Please call the church office by Monday, May 5 to register or for more information. Calvary BeFriender Leaders Beth Bloomquist and Nancy Holt

**CALVARY HOST WEEK FOR
FAMILY PROMISE**

Calvary will be the Host Congregation for Family Promise during the week of May 25-31. If you would like to volunteer to make a meal for the homeless, that would be fantastic! Presently there are 5 families being housed in the Willmar facility. The meals are typically feeding about 10 adults and 5 teens and 5 toddlers. We need volunteer meals May 26, 27, and 29th. Maybe team up with a friend ... "I'll make the entrée, you make the sides" Contact Joni Hanson 320-220-1324, or leave your name in the church office.



PERSONAL COVENANT WITH CREATION

Last year the Calvary Council adopted a Congregational Care-For Creation Covenant affirming God's creation; acknowledging God as the source of all things and Christ as the redeemer of all things; accepting our vocation as Earth-keepers who care for creation; and accepting our responsibility to live justly in relation to our fellow human beings in ways that all creatures may mutually thrive together.

One of the goals of Calvary's Creation Care Ministry is "discipleship at home and work". We encourage ourselves to as individual members of this congregation to care for creation in our personal lifestyle knowing that our habits and practices can contribute significantly to care for creation.

With that goal in mind, the Creation Care Team invites you to make a personal covenant with creation to live green by completing this online form:

<https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/personal-discipleship/personal-covenant-with-creation/>.

Or you can scan this QR Code:



Thank you and Happy Earth Day,

The Calvary Creation Care Team

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

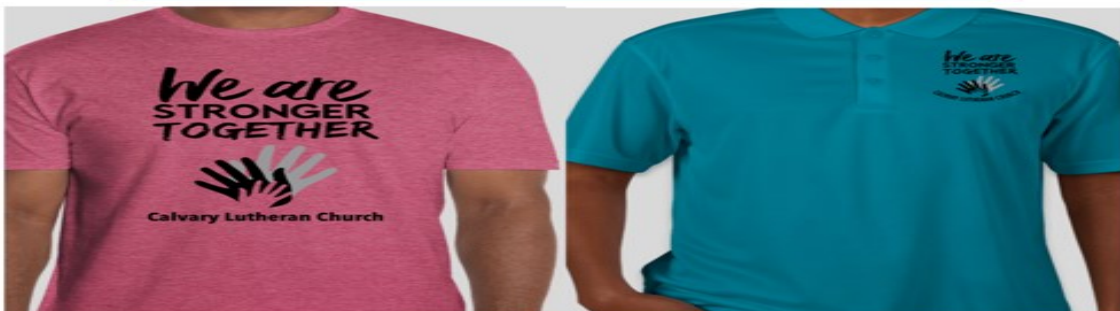


**"Depression is
the soul's way
of telling you to
change something in
your life, not to cut
your own bangs."**

MAY 2025 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 3rd	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, May 4th	8:00am Traditional Worship 10:15am Praise Band Worship
Saturday, May 10th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, May 11th	8:00am Traditional Worship 10:15am Praise Band Worship w/Baptism
Saturday, May 17th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, May 18th	8:00am Traditional Worship 10:15am Praise Band Worship w/Baptism
Saturday, May 24th Memorial Weekend	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, May 25th Memorial Weekend	9:00am Worship (We begin our summer schedule)

**Would you be interested in
purchasing a shirt to
show your Calvary Spirit?**



- If there is enough interest, we will gather more information.
- Cost is determined by the number ordered.
- (Rough estimate, \$20-\$30)

***Please contact the
church office or Naomi
if this interests you.***



ATTENTION: If anyone would like a **name tag with a pin instead of a magnet**, please contact the Church Office. We will make you a new name tag. Thank you!

SOCIAL KINDNESS COMMITTEE

Social Kindness Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 6 at 1:00pm in the Friendship Room.

DEACONESS COMMITTEE

The Deaconess Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 7 at 1:30pm in the Friendship Room.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee will meet on Monday, May 12th at 8:00am at McMillans.

A poster with a black top section containing the text "CONGRATULATE OUR GRADUATES" in white. Below this is a teal section with white text: "Graduate Sunday - May 18 - 10:15 Worship" and "Coffee Hour and Brunch in Bethany Hall - 9:15". The bottom section is white with a blue border. On the left, there is an illustration of three graduates in black gowns and caps, jumping joyfully. On the right, the text "OUR CHURCH'S Graduates:" is written in a mix of serif and script fonts. Below this, the names "Makayla Johnson", "Izaiah Sweep", and "Mason Luft" are listed in teal. The bottom of the white section is decorated with small black dots.

**CONGRATULATE
OUR GRADUATES**

Graduate Sunday - May 18 - 10:15 Worship
Coffee Hour and Brunch in Bethany Hall - 9:15

OUR CHURCH'S
Graduates:

**Makayla Johnson
Izaiah Sweep
Mason Luft**

Calvary Staff

Associate Pastors: Amy Juel, Wayne Kopitzke
Interim Pastor: Rick Hoyme
Director of Music Ministry: Naomi Powers-Baker
Office Manager: Paula Lueders
Office Assistant: Marie Fett
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Interim Pastor Rick Hoyme
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Our pastors are always willing to provide support in time of need.

Although, as I write this, I have only been with the saints of Calvary for one week I can already thank the many of you I have met for your welcome, your graciousness and your warmth. I am also grateful for the welcome and guidance of your staff as they walk me through procedures, customs and reminding me how to open the entrance doors without alarming the Willmar Police Department. So far, so good...

I am going to use this opportunity to communicate with you about the role of an interim pastor and what you can expect from me in the months ahead. I am aware this is not exactly page turning stuff, but it will help us all to be aware of expectations and to see why I am doing what I am doing.

I am essentially serving three parallel roles:

1. I am your temporary Administrative Pastor. I was identified by our synod's bishop and the appointment is approved by Calvary's church council. In this role, I will preach, teach, administer the sacraments, visit the sick, conduct funerals, weddings etc... in other words, the stuff that your pastors normally do.
2. I am here to prepare you to call your next Administrative Pastor. I will work with your leadership to look at current staffing; to examine any existing conflicts within the congregation and work with leadership to resolve them; I will guide the leadership and the congregation through a process to listen in ways that are constructive and objective;
3. I am here to honor Calvary's past, but to also guide you into looking to the future and to call the best pastor to shepherd you into that future. How long will all of this take? That is an open question. My experience is that the norm is between 6-12 months, often closer to 12 rather than 6. Sometimes the interim pastor works until the newly called pastor begins. Other times a pastor, often referred to as a bridge pastor, bridges the gap between the interim and the newly called pastor.

Across our denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is experiencing a shortage of ordained pastors. The reasons for the shortage are a subject for another day, but that shortage could impact all the time frames referred to above. I mention that not to promote anxiety, but simply to frame the reality.

But in the meantime, I shall go to work, learn more about you as individuals, as families and as a congregation.

And know this, I will pray for Calvary every day, I will pray for the staff every day, and I will pray for the leadership of this good church, every day.

I only ask that you pray for me as well.

Pastor Rick Hoyme

Sunday, May 4

8:00am Worship – P. Amy
9:00am Coffee Time
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, May 5

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

Tuesday, May 6

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

Wednesday, May 7

12:00pm Executive Committee – Conference Room
12:00pm Silent Bible Study - Library
1:30pm Deaconess Meeting – Friendship Room

Thursday, May 8

9:30am Text Bible Study – Friendship Room
1:00pm Quilting

Friday, May 9

12:00pm NTY – Bethany Hall

Saturday, May 10

1:00pm Odee & Alvina Henrickson's 65th Wedding Anniversary
Bethany Hall
5:30pm Chapel Service – P. Wayne

Sunday, May 11

8:00am Worship – P. Wayne
9:00am Coffee Time
10:15am Worship – Baptism Madisyn Birkland
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
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If you would like to contribute to the mission of Calvary Lutheran Church, please click on our QR code. Thank you!



