



THE GOOD SHEPHERD



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 11, 2025 10:15am

Though our gospel's setting says "it was winter" (John 10:22), our minds and bodies are likely caught up in the new life of Easter and spring. Perhaps that invites us to consider how we hear and interact with the Bible depending on the season. With all the rich creation imagery of Psalm 23, how do you envision and understand the pastures, streams, and valleys, particularly during spring? How would the role of a good shepherd change with the seasons in your landscape? Moreover, how would you view Easter differently if this were autumn, as in the southern hemisphere? When have weather events and climate trends in your location affected how you receive God's word?

We Gather & Prepare to Hear God's Word

Gathering Music

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 "Living Waters"

Holy Baptism of Madisyn James Birkland (p. 227)

The Apostles' Creed (p. 229)

Welcome to the Newly Baptized

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Song for Baptism "You Have Put On Christ" ELW 211

We Listen to the Word of God

Scripture Readings

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come

to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

2 he makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters;

3 he restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

**4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;**

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup overflows.

**6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;**

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,

and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal ;they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

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All Creation Sings

Gospel John 10:22-30

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."
²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."
The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Movement and Stillness" Pastor Wayne Kopitzke

Song of the Day "I Will Follow"

Prayers of the Church "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" ELW 752

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music "Psalm 23 (I Am Not Alone)"

Offertory Prayer

We pray together, **Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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 "Welcome Table"

"Shepherd Me, O God" ELW 780

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" ELW 843

Prayer after Communion

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing for Mother Figures

God of all creation,
pour out your blessing on all those who provide motherly care.
You have made them in your image
and given them children to love and care for in your name.
Bless them with a heart like your heart:
loving and kind, comforting and strong, nurturing and grace-filled.
As they participate in your ongoing creativity,
give them discernment to help children discover their unique gifts.
As they teach, grant them wisdom to know what is truly valuable.
As they strive to share your unconditional love,
give them long-suffering patience and a lively sense of humor.
As they model your mercy,
help them extend the forgiveness
they themselves freely receive from you.
In all circumstances fortify their faith,
that they may love you above all.
We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Sending Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always. **Amen.**

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

GO NOW WITH GOD

Hans Peterson
Larry Olson



vs. 1 Filled with the Ho - ly Spir - it
 vs. 1 *Lleno del Es - pi - ri - tu San - to* go now with God,
 vs. 2 Of - fer - ing a hand to a stran - ger *va - mos con Dios,*
 vs. 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us
 vs. 4 Cross - ing ev' - ry bound'ry, ev' - ry na - tion



go now with God. In - to the world as a serv - ant
va - mos con Dios. En - tran - do al mun - do pa - ra ser - vir
 Trust - ing in the ris - en sav - ior
 Grace on the jour - ney sur - rounds us
 Danc - ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion



go now with God, go now with God. Go now,
va - mos con Dios, va - mos con Dios, Va - mos,



go now, go now with God.
va - mos, va - mos con Dios.



Go now, go now, go now with God.
Va - mos, va - mos, va - mos con Dios.

Postlude

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Readings and Psalm for Next Week

Acts 11:1-18

Peter's vision: God give the Gentiles repentance that leads to life

Psalm 148

The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)

Revelation 21:1-6

New heaven, new earth: springs of living water in the new Jerusalem

John 13:31-35

Jesus gives a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you

Serving Sunday 10:15am

Preaching: Pastor Wayne Kopitzke
Communion: Aden Jacobson, Shane Baker, Meghan Knott
Greeters: Tom & Ashley Gilbertson
Lector: Karen Rinke
Office: Diane Asche - 9:30 - 11:15am
Sound: Shawn Swenson
Video: Jody Skindelien

Weekly Attendance - 220
YouTube - 83 households
General Offerings - \$10,875.24

THE BULLETIN TODAY IS SPONSORED BY THE 5 B'S IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR PARENTS' ODEE AND ALVINA HENRICKSON'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY

Thank you to everyone who attended our 65th wedding anniversary celebration. We are grateful for our church community and all of your kindness. Your presence made our celebration extra special. A thank you to our family for planning and coordinating the party and we would also like to thank Paula Lueders, Enola Dowdell and Kevin Christianson for their help the day of our celebration. Love Odee and Alvina Henrickson



Baptized this weekend is Madisyn James Birkland, daughter of Anders and Amy Birkland. Her sponsors are the congregation of Calvary Lutheran Church. Welcome Madisyn!

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Missy Muehlbauer, Sheri Berg, sister of Karen Loge hospitalized in Mankato

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF: Mildred Syverson whose funeral was this weekend.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH



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What mental health needs is
more sunlight, more candor,
more unashamed
conversation.

**A HUGE THANK YOU
TO ALL OF OUR NURSES!**

CALVARY HOST WEEK FOR FAMILY PROMISE (UPDATED)

Calvary will be the Host Congregation for Family Promise during the week of May 25-31. **We are still in need of someone to make a meal for Monday, May 26. Also needed is a grocery shopper to purchase and deliver groceries on Monday, May 26. (Family Promise will pay for the groceries).** The meals are typically feeding about 10 adults and 5 teens and 5 toddlers. Contact Joni Hanson 320-220-1324, or leave your name in the church office. Thank you for your help!

CREATION CARE TIP:

Create a Pollinator Plot: Use native perennial plants and enjoy the flowers while providing pollinator habitat. Milkweed can be included to attract Monarch butterflies.

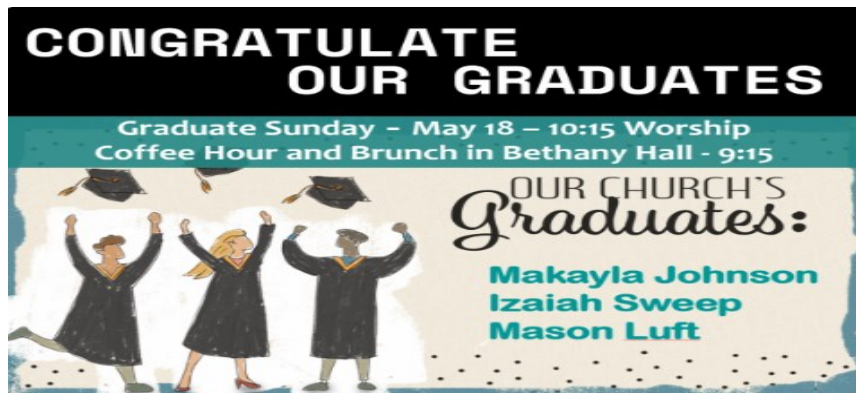
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, May 12 at 8:00am at McMillans.

SILENT BIBLE STUDY

Next meeting date is May 14 at 12:00 noon in the library. ALL ARE WELCOME!



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!



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 in the **Friendship Room**. Pre-registration is required with a cost of \$20 per person of which \$10 will be offset with BeFriender funds. **The deadline has been extended to Friday, May 16th.** Please call the church office if interested.

Calvary BeFriender Leaders Beth Bloomquist and Nancy Holt

NOTICE:

Starting next Monday, May 12th, they will be working on the roof above the office wing of the church. They are hoping to be done in three days and for your safety on those days, we may need people to use a different entrance. Please be patient with us and we will do our best to let you know where to enter the church. If you would like to know which door to use ahead of time, please feel free to call the church 320-235-2508. Thank you

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.



The scammers are busy again! Many Calvary members have received a text message from Pastor Amy on May 8th stating "please let me know when you are available. There is an errand I need your help with. I am heading into a meeting now with limited phone calls, so just reply my text, Peace & Blessings, Pastor Amy Juel. Please delete it and if possible, block it. IT IS A SCAM! Thank you!

Sunday, May 18th
In appreciation for all that Pastor Wayne and Donna Jo have done for Calvary, we are having a fellowship time in their honor between services on Sunday, May 18th.

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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
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

Monday, May 12

8:00am Stewardship Committee - McMillans
5:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Scouts BSA

Tuesday, May 13

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

Wednesday, May 14

12:00pm Silent Bible Study - Library

Thursday, May 15

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, May 17

5:30pm Chapel Service – P. Wayne

Sunday, May 18

8:00am Worship – P. Wayne
9:00am Coffee Time with Pastor Wayne & Donna Jo - Friendship Room
9:15am Coffee/Brunch in Bethany Hall for Seniors
10:15am Worship – Baptism for Elodie Baker
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
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

If you would like to contribute to the mission of Calvary Lutheran Church, please click on our QR code. Thank you!

