

The Fifth Weekend of Easter
Sunday, May 18, 2025 10:15am

*Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth.
The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism
God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone
in a new light—through the lens of love.*

We Gather & Prepare to Hear God's Word

Gathering Music

Ringing 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 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” ELW 631

Holy Baptism of Elodie Erma Baker (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

Psalm 148

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

²**Praise him, all his angels;**

praise him, all his host!

³Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴**Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.

**⁶He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

**⁸fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

**¹⁰Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**¹²Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

**¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Revelation 21:1-6

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

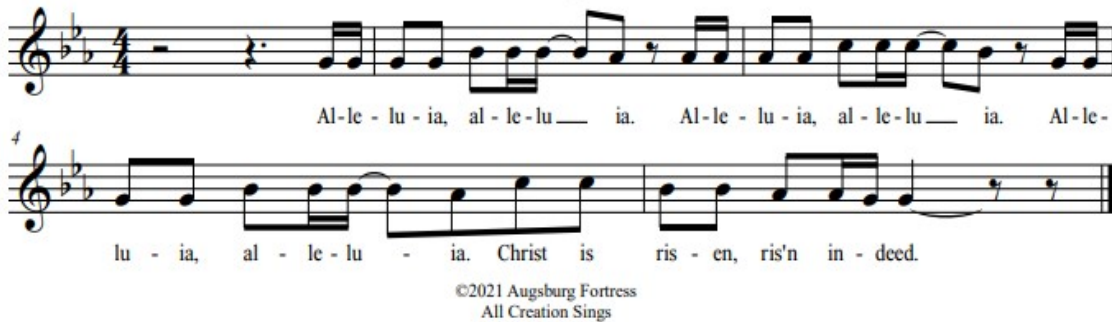
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the

beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.
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 13:31-35

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "The Hardest Thing You've Ever Done" Pastor Wayne Kopitzke

Song of the Day "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" ELW 367

Recognition/Blessing of Graduates

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music “A New Commandment”

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 “This Little Light of Mine” ELW 677
“I Come with Joy” ELW 482
“Here is Bread” ELW 483

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.**

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

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 “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” ELW 808

Postlude

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Readings and Psalm for Next Week

Acts 16:9-15

Lydia and her household are baptized by Paul

Psalm 67

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. (Ps. 67:4)

Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

The Lamb is the light of the city of God

John 14:23-29

The Father will send the Holy Spirit

John 5:1-9 (alternate)

Jesus heals on the Sabbath



Serving Sunday 10:15am

- Preaching:** Pastor Wayne Kopitzke
Musician: Naomi Baker
Assisting with Baptism: Emma Larson
Communion: Corey, Elissa and Lola Nelson
Greeters: Dennis & Karen Sportel, Harland & Diane Asche
Lector: Mary Jo deCathelineau
Office: Julie Olson - 9:30 - 11:15am
Sound: Mark Johnson
Video: Jody Skindelien

Weekly Attendance - 226

YouTube - 87 households

General Offerings - \$11,713.74



Baptized today is Elodie Erma Baker, daughter of Landon & Kayla Baker. Her sponsors are Tyler & Michelle Hanson; Derek & Bailie Baker. The flowers on the altar are in celebration of Elodie's baptism.

Welcome Elodie!

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.

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

2025 Senior Prayer Boxes

Congratulate our seniors by writing a special note and/or a favorite Bible verse for their Graduation Prayer Boxes

Thank you to the Social Kindness Committee for serving lunch at the Campus Ministry Center!

CREATION CARE
Creation Care will meet on Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30pm in the Friendship Room.

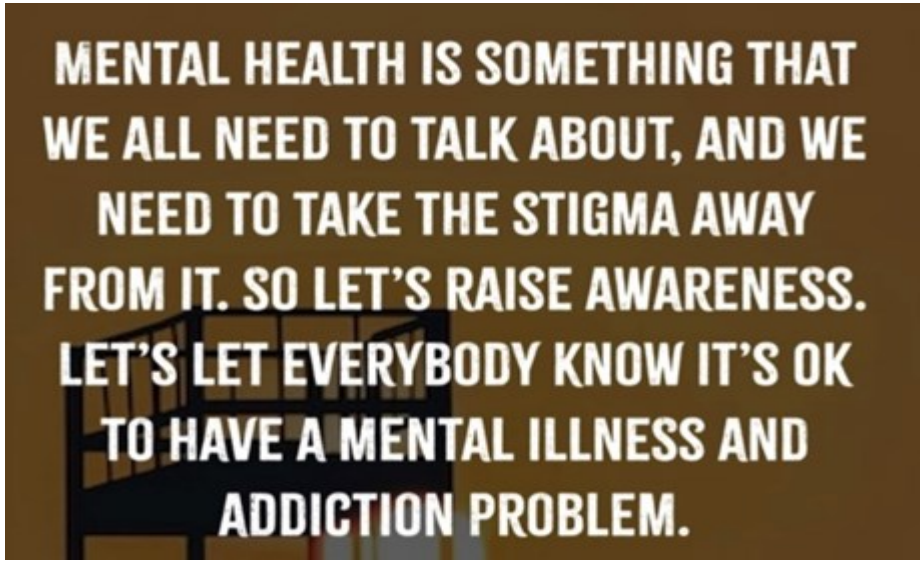
Creation Care Tip:
Garden Organically - Benefits are eating locally grown food, provides a place to compost all the organic matter generated from your household, garden plants provide pollinator habitat, garden space reduces mowing which reduces carbon in the air, and you get to know your neighbors by sharing produce.

HOPE CIRCLE
Hope Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 21 at 8:30am at McMillans.

GATHER BIBLE STUDY
Gather Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, May 21 at 10:00am in the Friendship Room.

LIBRARY

If you currently have any overdue library books, please return them at your earliest convenience to the library or the Church Office. Thank you!



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!

COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL



Coffee with the Council has had some date changes. The new meeting dates are:

- **June 1 – 10:00am** (will not meet May 25 due to Memorial Day Holiday)
- **June 29 – 10:00am** (Council does not meet in July)

Back to the 4th Sunday of the month starting in August

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.



LAST CHANCE!

**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.***

**NTY
Overtime!**

**Wednesday, May 28th
11:30—Lunch & pontoon rides
Dickerson's Lake Florida Resort
Call & let us know you're coming!
All are welcome!
320-354-4272**

Dear Members of Calvary Lutheran Church,

After much prayer and conversation with family, friends, and church leadership, I have made the decision to complete my $\frac{3}{4}$ time visitation/preaching ministry with you as of Saturday, May 31, 2025. My last Sunday with you will be May 18, and my last chapel service with you will be Saturday, May 31, 2025. When I began providing pulpit supply at Calvary in September of 2023, I thought it would be short-term. Little did I realize that I would be here with you for 21 months! During those 21 months there have been many changes at Calvary but now seems to be a good time for me to step aside as you welcome Pastor Hoyme as your interim pastor and continue to support Pastor Juel as your faith formation associate pastor.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your pulpit supply pastor, and then as an associate visitation pastor. Donna Jo and I are so grateful for the many friendships that have developed during these last 21 months. It has been very humbling, but such a privilege to serve with you and walk with you through some of the joys and sorrows in your lives. I look forward to providing pulpit supply for congregations in need in the Southwestern Minnesota Synod. I would also be available, if needed, to provide pulpit supply at Calvary. Also, thank you for embracing Donna Jo and for allowing her to share her gift of music.

Please pray for us even as we keep you in our prayers. Calvary has such a rich history in the Willmar community. You have much to look forward to, with hope and with joy. It has been a great honor to serve with you at Calvary.

In faith and friendship,
Pastor Wayne

Sunday, May 18

8:00am Worship – P. Wayne – Bell Choir Plays
9:00am Appreciation Coffee time with Pastor Wayne & Donna Jo and our Seniors - Friendship Room
10:15am Worship – Baptism for Elodie Baker—Pastor Wayne
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

Monday, May 19

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

Tuesday, May 20

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

Wednesday, May 21

8:30am Hope Circle – McMillans
10:00am Gather – Friendship Room

Thursday, May 22

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

Saturday, May 24

5:30pm Chapel Service – P. Rick

Sunday, May 25

9:00am Worship – P. Rick
10:00am Coffee Time
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
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!

