



The 3rd Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, June 28, 2025 5:30pm

Sunday, June 29, 2025 9:00am

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

Prelude/Ringing of the Bell
Welcome

Gathering Hymn *How Great Thou Art* ELW 856

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

We pray together, **Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Hymn *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* ELW 512

Scripture Readings

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over

Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²**I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD;**

I have no good apart from you."

³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸**I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

¹⁰**For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

¹¹You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* ELW 172

Gospel Luke 9:51-62

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned

and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Amy Juel

Hymn of the Day *O Master, Let Me Walk with You* ELW 818

Apostles' Creed (p. 105)

Prayers of the Church (God of grace, **hear our prayer.**)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music

Offertory Prayer

We pray together, Creator God,
**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is
plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor, that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	ELW 793
	<i>Will You Let Me Be Your Servant</i>	ELW 659
	<i>Here Is Bread</i>	ELW 483

Prayer after Communion

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Blessing

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* ELW 574

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

We will! Thanks be to God!

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HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Missy Muehlbauer in St. Cloud

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF: Milan Schmiesing,
husband of Karen Schmiesing and father of Sara (Andy) Jacobson

Readings and Psalm for Next Week

Isaiah 66:10-14

Jerusalem, a nursing mother giving life to her children

Psalm 66:1-9

All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name. (Ps. 66:4)

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Do what is right now and reap at the harvest time

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus sends out seventy disciples into the harvest

Serving Saturday Night 5:30pm

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel
Greeters: Craig & Susan Roepke
Musician: Naomi Baker
Lector: John Dean

Weekly Attendance - 185

YouTube - 110

General Offerings - \$8,991.30

***If you or a family member has a health update, is hospitalized, or is in need of a visit, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE and we will visit you. We appreciate the opportunity to share all aspects of your life with you- both the celebrations and the sadness. You are not alone... and you are loved.**

Serving Sunday 9:00 am

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel
Presiding: Pastor Rick Hoyme
Musician: Naomi Baker
Communion: Chase & Derek Hyatt, Elissa Nelson
Greeters: Vern & Linda Broberg
Lector: Shane Baker
Office: Teri Sokulski - 8:45 - 10:15am
Sound: Shawn Swenson
Video: David Sehloff



Sunday Coffee with Council

JUNE 29TH, 10:00AM

Conversation regarding positive action taken on the following “Coffee with Council” topics:

- 1. VISITATION**
- 2. YOUTH ACTIVITIES**
- 3. STEWARDSHIP**
- 4. WORSHIP**

Disturbing News

Flowers and grave decorations have gone missing from many cemeteries in the community. Be assured, the Calvary Cemetery Staff has not removed these items.

Deaconess Meeting

Deaconess Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 2 at 1:30pm in the Friendship Room.

Church Office Closed

The Church office will be closed on Friday, July 4th. Have a Safe and Happy Independence Day!

Creation Care Tip

Conserve Water – Consider using a rain barrel to collect rainwater that can be used for watering plants.

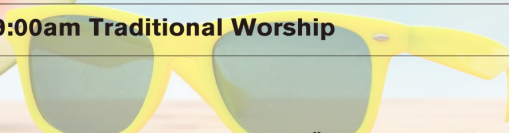
Text Bible Study

Try something new! Every Thursday, Text Bible Study meets in the Friendship Room at 9:30am. These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually, enjoy fellowship, and deepen our understanding of God’s Word.

JULY 2025 WORSHIP AT CALVARY

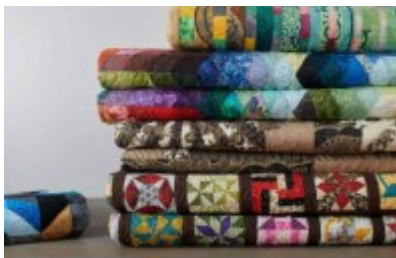


Saturday, July 5th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, July 6th	9:00am Modern Worship coffee following worship
Saturday, July 12th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary (for recording purposes)
Sunday, July 13th	9:00am OUTDOOR Worship/Youth led Noisy Offering to Hawk Creek Shelter Send off for Bible Campers 10:00am Potluck Brunch Outside
Saturday, July 19th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, July 20th	9:00am Modern Worship coffee following worship
Saturday, July 26th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, July 27th	9:00am Traditional Worship



"DEEP SUMMER IS WHEN LAZINESS FINDS RESPECTABILITY." — SAM KEEN

OUR QUILTING GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP!



The quilters are looking for people willing to help out with the quilting process. They meet as a group every Thursday from 1pm-4pm (except December) and any age is welcome. They are particularly looking for people to learn how to tie the quilts or be willing to take the quilt tops home to iron the seams flat. They are very willing to teach you what needs to be done to help with putting the quilts together. Please consider sharing your time and talents with this wonderful group of ladies. Please contact the church office for more information.

**CALVARY'S JMG BIKE TOUR
RIDE WITH JOY, MERCY AND GRACE**

The Calvary Creation Care Team has sponsored bicycle rides for several years. Team members wish to honor fellow team member John Melvin Gilbertson DDS who died on November 4, 2023, by naming the bike ride in his honor. John loved nature as is evidenced by his many outdoor interests and activities. These include hunting ducks and geese, fishing, dark house spearing, going to Canada to fish, golfing, roller blading to Spicer on the DNR trail, back packing with his wife Karin in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, and flower gardening. He also belonged to several organizations that supported nature's habitat.

In response to being asked for suggestions for naming the bike ride, his wife Karin came up with an excellent suggestion. She suggested taking the 3 initials of his name, "John Melvin Gilbertson" and beneath that, "Ride with Joy, Mercy & Grace as indicated at the top of this writing.

This year's bike ride will take place on Sunday, July 13 at 2:00pm. We will gather at the trail head near the Civic Center, ride out to Spicer, gather at the Dairy Queen for treats and conversation, and then ride back to Willmar. There will be a sign up in the narthex 2 Sundays before the ride. You may also contact Andy Berg at aj.berg@live.com or call him at 320-295-9074 to sign up or if you have questions.

**NTY
Friday, July 11
12:00 Noon**

Sara Schmitz, wife of Jeff Schmitz, the chaplain for United Campus Ministry, will be sharing her living testimony to the power of God's mercy and redemption. Once caught in a cycle of addiction, crime, and deep brokenness, she encountered the life-changing love of Jesus and everything began to change. Now, she's a devoted wife and mother to a blended family of five young children, ages 3 - 10. With honesty, grace, and deep faith, she will share her journey as proof that no one is ever too far gone for God to restore. Come and enjoy the program at 1:00 & bring a guest if you can't make it for the noon lunch. Please call the church office by 4:30 Wednesday, July 9th, to register for the catered lunch. Cost for lunch is \$7.00, payable in Bethany Hall and not at the church office. (Note that cancellations and no-shows after Wednesday will still require payment due to increased food costs.) Thank you. If any questions, please call Diane Asche at 295-8938.



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June 25, 2025

Dear Calvary members and friends,

During this period of pastoral transition, we are taking intentional steps to prepare for the future. One step is ahead for all members as we ask you to participate in a congregation-wide assessment to help leadership understand the dynamics of this time and inform our future with a new pastor.

Beginning Saturday July 19th the online assessment called "CAT" *Church Assessment Tool* will be open to each and every person in the household age 16 and up. We have a goal of 307 people completing "CAT".

The results of "CAT" will provide helpful insight into the calling of a new pastor. Additionally, the assessment will provide us with a clear readout on the health of our congregation and where members want to see more energy invested.

Your participation in "CAT" will take only a handful of minutes and needs to be completed in one sitting.

Your responses are anonymous. No one will see your responses and know they are yours. If you lack online availability or need assistance, please contact the church office at 320-235-2508 and we will help you find a way to get the assessment completed.

We are confident your input into this important process will bear fruit for the future of our congregation. Please help us engage others in taking "CAT" starting July 19th.

Thank you!

The Calvary Lutheran Council

"JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER." HEBREWS 13:8

This month will be an important month for Calvary, as we launch the Church Assessment Tool (C.A.T.) that will guide not only the Call Process for our new pastor, but also the leadership of Calvary in the months and years to come. Please see elsewhere in this newsletter for more details about the C.A.T. and watch for the mailing that will go out next week with additional information.

We are also beginning a summer experiment to encourage folks to fill the front half of our beautiful sanctuary. You may not be aware, but a substantial number (approximately 137 households) worship on line in an average week. I believe it matters that when they view the front half of the sanctuary on their T.V.s, it is really a much better image to see full pews as opposed to a scattering of souls.

Now, the obvious best scenario, is to look ahead to the day when our sanctuary IS full, and I trust that this is in God's plans, but until then, we are going to rope off the back few rows of pews to encourage people to sit further forward. We will start this on Sunday, July 6th and continue through the summer. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Pastor Amy and I have been busy this summer coordinating with our Befrienders, our Home Communion folks and our Deaconesses to make certain that all members of Calvary that aren't able to attend worship are prayed for, cared for and communed on a monthly basis. Pastor Amy and I are also visiting with our people who have lost a spouse in the past year.

It is so important that if you, or a loved one is hospitalized, and wish to have a pastor come to pray with you, that you contact our church office, or contact one of us directly.

Thank you!
Interim Pastor Rick

Sunday, June 29

9:00am Worship- P. Amy preach, P. Rick preside
10:00am Coffee Time with Council – Friendship Room
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

Tuesday, July 1

6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181
7:00pm Native American History – Bethany Hall

Wednesday, July 2

1:30pm Deaconess Meeting – Friendship Room

Thursday, July 3

9:30am Text Bible Study – Friendship Room
12:00pm Executive Committee Zoom – Conference Room
1:00pm Quilting

Saturday, July 5

5:30pm Chapel Service – P. Rick


Sunday, July 6

9:00am Worship- P. Rick preach, P. Amy preside
10:00am Coffee Time
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
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NEW DENTAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES




Toothbrushes




Used or empty
toothpaste tubes




Toothbrush
outer
packaging



Floss containers



Electric/Battery
toothbrushes
and heads.



Floss picks

Dental recycling bin is in the East entry.
Please put plastic bags in the
Trex plastic recycling bin (not dental bin)