



***The 4th Sunday after Pentecost***  
*Sunday, July 6, 2025 9:00am*

*When a gardener gets ready to plant, they plant tomato seeds, knowing tomatoes will grow. When we hear the phrase “You reap what you sow,” we can’t help but think of the negative consequences of our actions, yet you can focus on the positive outcome of planting. To grow in our faith in Jesus involves some intentional investment, just like planting a garden.*

I AM SENDING YOU OUT AS  LAMBS IN THE MIDST OF  WOLVES.

### **Gathering with God and Friends**

Gathering Music/Ringing of Bell

Greet fellow worshipers

Gathering Song    *We Are All One in Christ*    ELW 643

### **Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness**

O God, we know that Jesus sent out his disciples without purse, luggage, or sandals.

All too often, we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don’t need, looking for safety by avoiding risk, and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down.

Forgive us for our reluctance to travel lightly and heal us of our pain and guilt.

**Forgive us and heal us, O God.**

Holy One, the Apostle Paul encouraged the Galatians not to grow weary, but to use every opportunity to work for the good of all.

And yet, hectic schedules, competing demands, cynicism, and doubt erode our commitment and leave us feeling burned out.

Forgive us for any hollow excuses we are tempted to make and heal us of our exhaustion.

**Forgive us and heal us, O God.**

O God, we confess that, like the warrior Naaman, we sometimes think you only perform great complicated acts in flashy and dramatic ways.

We then fail to see how you are at work in the simple tasks and ordinary experiences of everyday life.

Forgive us for our misunderstanding and heal us of our sightlessness.

**Forgive us and heal us, O God.**

*(Silent Reflection)*

Friends, hear this -There is no pain that God cannot heal.

There is no wrong that God cannot forgive.

Come, immerse yourselves in the healing waters of God's forgiveness.

Come and be restored. Let God make you whole!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Change My Heart, O God      Sanctuary*

### **God's Word**

#### Scripture Readings

Isaiah 66:10-14

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast;

that you may drink deeply with delight

from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,

and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;

and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,

and dandled on her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child,

so I will comfort you;

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;

your bodies shall flourish like the grass;

and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,

and his indignation is against his enemies.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Galatians 6:1-16

<sup>1</sup> My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing

think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads. <sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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**Thanks be to God.**

### Children's Sermon Surprise Bucket

Gospel Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people



welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

<sup>16</sup> "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

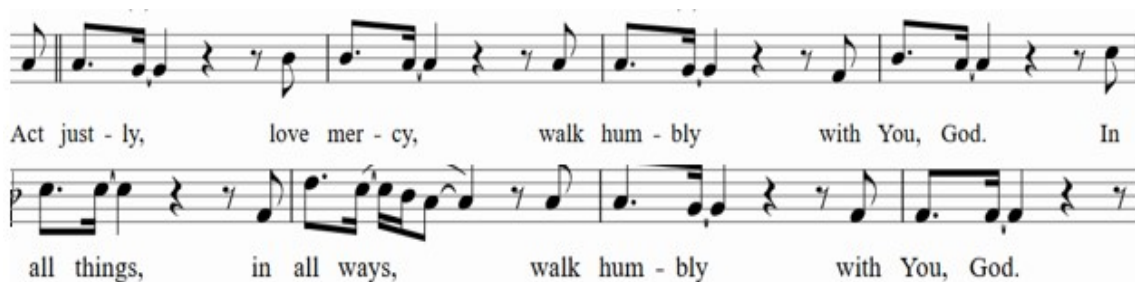
<sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup> He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message    Pastor Rick Hoyme

*Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly (chorus)*



We Share Joys & Concerns in Prayer

We Reflect on Our Gifts & Blessings (*When Long Before Time* ELW 861)

Together we pray,

**We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.**

**In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, to bless your church, your people, your creation. Amen.**

## **Holy Communion**

The Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music    *Come to the Table of Grace*  
*Lift Every Voice and Sing*    ELW 841

## Blessing/Prayer after Communion

God of gentleness, thank you for relieving our burdens and for filling our emptiness with the Bread of Life. Create of us the living Body of Christ, that in these challenging times we might witness the power and possibility of your love and peace in our world today. **Amen.**

## Announcements

## **We are Sent Out to Spread the Good News!**

### Sending Blessing

### Sending Song    *My Country 'Tis of Thee*

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:  
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,  
from ev'ry mountainside let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;  
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet  
freedom's song;  
let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;  
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing:  
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light.  
Protect us by thy might, great God, our king.

## Affirmation of Christian Vocation/Sending

Siblings in Christ, both your work and your rest are gifts from God.  
Go from this place and live as Jesus did, loving God and serving others  
each moment of each day.  
Will you accept this challenge?

**I will and I ask God to help me.**  
Go in peace and live to serve.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Reprise

Confession~ written by Rev. Heather A. Moody. Posted on the United Church of Christ's **Worship Ways** website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/> Prayer after Communion, Worship-words.co.uk Offering prayer, re-worship.com

## **Readings and Psalm for Next Week**

**Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

*The LORD will take delight in your fruitfulness*

**Psalm 25:1-10**

Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. (Ps. 25:4)

**Colossians 1:1-14**

*The gospel is growing, bearing fruit in the whole world*

**Luke 10:25-37**

*The parable of the merciful Samaritan*

**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF:** Kathie Schneider, sister of Nancy Holt; Jim Skindelen, brother of Jody (Janel) Skindelen.

**BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP IN HONOR OF HOWARD SWENSON'S BIRTHDAY ON JULY 8TH GIVEN BY BARB SWENSON.**

**Weekly Attendance - 141**

**YouTube - 84**

**General Offerings - \$9,780.60**



= variety, assortment, range

*There was an impressive array of colors in the sky.*

Stay tuned for more information...

**Serving Sunday 9:00 am**

**Preaching:** Pastor Rick Hoyme  
**Presiding:** Pastor Amy Juel  
**Musician:** Naomi Baker  
**Communion:** Sarah Kallevig, Karen Loge  
**Greeters:** Betty Larson, Kathleen Monson, Jennifer Monson  
**Lector:** Holly Ulrich  
**Office:** Marie Fett - 8:45 - 10:15am  
**Sound:** Dean Hanson  
**Video:** Jody Skindelien

**\*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.**

**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](mailto: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.



**SUNDAY, JULY 13 AT 9AM**  
**ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE BUILDING**

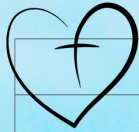
Bring your favorite lawn chair and  
your **NOISY OFFERING** to share with  
Hawk Creek Animal Shelter 🐾

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**Brunch Potluck in Bethany Hall**  
**following worship!**

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Students will be helping to lead the  
worship service as a send off for  
Vacation Bible School July 14-17!



# JULY 2025 WORSHIP AT CALVARY



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

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

## STUFF THE BUS



Beginning July 6, the Yellow School Bus will be in place, ready to collect school supplies for the upcoming school year. Needed items are: notebooks, pencils, glue sticks, markers, hi-lighters, folders, erasers, pens, boxes of tissues, pencil cases, backpacks, etc. Let's fill the gap to help students who may not have the needed supplies. We will be collecting until mid August.

Thank you in advance!



# Calvary

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Pastor Amy Juel  
Interim Pastor Rick Hoyne

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

**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  
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

**Tuesday, July 8**

11:30am Finance Committee – Conference Room  
6:00pm Council Meeting – Friendship Room  
6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181

**Thursday, July 10**

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

**Friday, July 11**

12:00pm NTY

**Saturday, July 12**

5:30pm Chapel Service – P. Amy

**Sunday, July 13**

9:00am Outdoor Worship – Youth led/Noisy Offering  
P. Amy preach/P. Rick Preside  
10:00am Potluck Brunch – Bethany Hall  
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm  
11:00am Chapel – Baptism of Aden Joe Baker  
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181  
2:00pm Bike Ride to Spicer  
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

**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 and return them. 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.