



The 5th Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, July 12, 2025 5:30pm

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.



Prelude/Ringing of the Bell

Welcome/Invocation

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

Gathering Hymn *God is Here* ELW 526

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, **O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world
longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn
our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your
undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in
the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you,
just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the
LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are writ-
ten in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all
your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too
hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say,
"Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it
and observe it?" ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who
will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may
hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your
mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

**⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

**⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

**¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Colossians 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father,

who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* ELW 172

Gospel Luke 10:25-37

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord,

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Amy Juel

Hymn of the Day

Who Is My Neighbor?

Amanda Udis-Kessler



Who is my neigh - bor? Ev - ery soul who lives u - pon the earth.
 When I can ease a - no - ther's pain, I know I'll do my part.
 Who is my neigh - bor? Earth it - self and all the be - ings there:
 Oh may we build a world where all have ev - ery - thing they need.

9 I have been called to treat each one with dig - ni - ty and worth. ____
 When I can bring a - no - ther joy, I'll o - pen up my heart. ____
 flo - ra and fau - na, fish and fowl, the trees that graze the air. ____
 17 May we be free from hate and fear, from vio - lence and greed. ____

work - ing for jus - tice, seek - ing peace and cul - ti - va - ting care. ____
 When I have more than some - one else, I'll share the things I can. ____
 Ri - ver and prai - rie, sea and sky I ho - nor and re - spect. ____
 25 May our lives be tri - butes to com - pas - sion, love, and trust ____

Of - fer - ing hope to those whose lives are la - den with des - pair.
 When I am temp - ted to be cruel, I'll strive to un - der - stand.
 These are my neigh - bors. These I vow to cher - ish and pro - tect.
 till we are kin to all the world and all are kin to us.

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 *As We Gather at Your Table* ELW 522
 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore ELW 817
 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart ELW 800

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

Transition Team Talk—Susan Roepke

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn *Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult* ELW 696

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

We will! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Readings and Psalm for Next Week

Genesis 18:1-10a

The hospitality of Abraham and Sarah to three visitors of the LORD

Psalm 15

LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (*Ps. 15:1*)

Colossians 1:15-28

Hymn to Christ, the firstborn of all creation

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus says: Martha, your sister Mary has chosen the better part

Serving Saturday Night 5:30pm

Preaching: Pastor Amy
Greeters: Wayne & Lynette Emberland
Musician: Naomi Baker
Lector: Lee Paulson

Weekly Attendance - 190

YouTube - 120

General Offerings - \$10,120.70

Baptized this weekend is Aden Joe Baker, son of Derek & Bailie Baker. His sponsors are Mykaela Henrickson and Paul Harju. Welcome Aden into our Calvary family!

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF: Missy Muehlbauer, daughter of Ron Muehlbauer.

Congratulations to Alex and Brittney Estum on the birth of their daughter Hadley Mae!

***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 TRANSITION TEAM

Our Calvary Transition Team is hard at work preparing for the rollout of our Church Assessment Tool (CAT) on July 19/20. In order to make our CAT process as productive as possible, they want you to reach out to them with any questions you may have about CAT and how it can help Calvary in the search for our new pastor and also guide our congregation's ministry in the years ahead. Here are the members of our Transition Team and their contact information:

Susan Roepke (320) 894-4228 - roepkesj@gmail.com
Kim Hanson (507) 317-8072 - lieblkim@gmail.com
Caleb Hanson (320) 220-4939 - calebhanson91@gmail.com
Bridget Pederson (320) 262-2638 - bridgetpederson@yahoo.com

On July 18th or 19th, you will receive an email from either Marie (mfett@calvarywillmar.org) or Paula (plueders@calvarywillmar.org) with the link to access the survey. Just be aware that this is not a SCAM email. If you have any questions, please call the office. Thank you!

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.

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 in Bethany Hall
	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 Coffee with Council following worship



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

2025-26 YLT (left to right): Ben Rosendahl, Nick Larsen, Raymond Opsal, Jasmine Opsal, Bria Pederson, Emma Larson (not pictured: Alex Baker, Colby Laingen, Jakob Nurmi)



YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM IS HARD AT WORK!

Calvary's Youth Leadership Team (YLT) is made up of nine Calvary students in grades seven through nine. These students were chosen as representatives by their peers during confirmation in April.

At the first meeting of YLT in May, a summer schedule of events including a lock in, bike ride to Spicer, service project at Hawk Creek Animal Shelter, and an overnight Mission Trip to Sioux Falls were planned. More service projects, events and activities are in the works!

In June, Calvary's Finance Committee tasked the Youth Leadership Team with giving away Sunday School Offerings totaling \$3500.00 that had been sitting in a special fund since 2019. Team members decided at their July 3rd meeting to distribute the money to the following church, community, state, country, and international organizations:

CHURCH:	\$1000 to Creation Care to partner in a community garden ministry
COMMUNITY:	\$180 to Hawk Creek Animal Shelter for two Cat Condos for their Business Buddies Adoption Program
	\$200 to Willmar Community Closet for essential costs
	\$200 to Cardinal Pride
STATE:	\$420 to Lutheran Campus Ministry
COUNTRY:	\$300 to Children's Vision
	\$300 to Watan USA
INTERNATIONAL:	\$500 to Heifer International
	\$400 to God's Global Barnyard (\$150 fruit tree farm/ \$200 community vegetable garden / \$50 Bibles)

Thank you to the Youth Leadership Team members for thinking outside the box and giving to so many wonderful entities. We are proud of you and glad to have you as partners in ministry in our congregation and community. We are stronger together!

Peace and JOY,
Pastor Amy

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE meets on Monday, July 14 at 8:00am at McMillans.

Creation Care will meet on Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30pm in the Friendship Room.

Oil and oil filters - Recycle oil and oil filters at the Kandiyohi County Land-fill's oil recycling area or any place in the State of MN that provides oil change services. Disposal is free of charge at any location.

GATHER BIBLE STUDY will meet on Wednesday, July 16 at 10am in the Friendship Room.

BLOOD DRIVE

Calvary is hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 22 from 12:00pm to 6:00 pm. Please consider taking part if you are able, as this saves countless lives! Thank you so much.

FAMILY PROMISE NEEDS OUR HELP!

Family Promise is looking for a church to sponsor one or two rooms. Sponsorship includes decorating, gathering needed items, painting, assembling bunk beds, and cleaning. If your church is interested in making a meaningful impact, please contact Joni Hanson at 320-220-1324.

THANK YOU!

All Calvary Altar Guild members want to thank Kevin Christianson for installing the new faucet in the Sacristy.

CALVARY FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK FOR AUGUST, 2025

Could you help during our Host Week of August 18, 19, 21? The families presently number 7 adults, 3 (5-12) yr olds, and 1 toddler - recently the guests have been required to attend the meals - unless work schedules don't allow. Please also know that as weeks go by, the number of guests fluctuates. I, Joan Hanson, will be on site to help you each evening. If you would like to pair up with another server (more hands make light work!), or get monetary help with groceries, we have funds for that. We really encourage meal providers to stay for the meal and visit, however, if you feel you cannot deliver the meal into the facility, let me know so I can help with streetside pick up, or pick up from your home. I can help arrange any of this. The site is 539 Pacific Avenue. If you have questions, do not hesitate to call (320-220-1324) or email me at joanhanson122@gmail.com. If you'd like to be a helpful grocery shopper we need to purchase items to stock the guests meal prep for daily breakfast and lunches for that week. A Calvary shopper would receive a grocery list from Family Promise coordinator about 5 days in advance. The shopping needs to be done and delivered to the site Monday morning. Receipts can be turned in to Calvary Church office for reimbursement.

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



Sunday, July 13

9:00am Outdoor Worship – Youth led/Noisy Offering – P. Amy preach
 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

Monday, July 14

8:00am Stewardship Meeting - McMillans

Tuesday, July 15

6:30pm Creation Care Meeting – Friendship Room
 6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181

Wednesday, July 16

10:00am Gather Bible Study – Friendship Room

Thursday, July 17

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

Friday, July 18

1:00pm Grades 6-12 Service Event at Hawk Creek Animal Shelter

Saturday, July 19**Church Assessment Tool (CAT) begins**

5:30pm Chapel Service – P. Rick

Sunday, July 20

9:00am Worship Service – P. Rick preach/P. Amy Preside
 10:00am Coffee Time – 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

Calvary Lutheran Church

Financial Summary for June 2025

General Fund

- Total General Fund income is \$43,198 under the monthly budgeted income by \$11,218
- At \$41,976 the general offerings is under budget by \$10,774
- Actual monthly budgeted operating expenses were \$65,348 which is over budget by \$863
- Net Loss for the month is \$22,150, YTD Net Loss \$64,303
- Total Net Assets are (\$84,373)