



The 7th Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, July 26, 2025 5:30pm

Sunday, July 27, 2025 9:00am

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

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 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father’s throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter’s snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless;
and since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word and trust his grace,
I’ll cast on him my ev’ry care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
may I thy consolation share,
till from Mount Pisgah’s lofty height
I view my home and take my flight.
With joy I’ll hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
thy promise gained, sweet hour of prayer.

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, **Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

Scripture Readings

Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous

fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon Surprise Bucket (9:00)

Gospel Acclamation *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* ELW 172

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord,

¹He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up

and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Amy Juel

Hymn of the Day *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* ELW 742

Apostles' Creed (p. 105)

Prayers of the Church

Psalm 138

¹We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole hearts;
before the gods we will sing your praise.

²**We will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³When we called, you answered us;
you increased the strength within us.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶**The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you keep us safe; you stretch forth
your hand against the fury of our enemies; your right hand shall save us.

⁸**You will make good your purpose for us;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works of your hands.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music *Take Time to be Holy*

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends with God's children; help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide,
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow still follow thy Lord,
And looking to Jesus still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul
Each tho't and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shall be fitted for service above.

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>Come, Let Us Eat</i>	<i>ELW 491</i>
	<i>When Peace Like a River</i>	<i>ELW 785</i>
	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child</i>	<i>ELW 815</i>

Prayer after Communion

Announcements/Temple Talk - Bridget Pederson

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 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* ELW 543

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
We will! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

**BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP IS IN MEMORY OF DAVID SWANSON'S
BIRTHDAY JULY 29TH GIVEN BY (Mom) BARB SWENSON.**

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Marvin Trongaard, hospitalized in St. Cloud;
Briana Parr-Baker, daughter of Naomi Baker; Steve Lueders, husband of
Paula (our Office Manager)

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF: Helen Ensrude

**FLOWERS TODAY ARE FROM HELEN ENSRUDE'S FUNERAL THAT
TOOK PLACE ON THURSDAY, JULY 24.**

Serving Saturday

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel
Greeters: Wayne & Lynette Emberland
Musician: JoAnn Halvorson
Lector: Marilyn Gjerde

Serving Sunday

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel, Pastor Rick Hoyme preside
Communion: Bridget Pederson, Beth Bloomquist
Greeters: Vern Buer, Gayle & Linda Larson
Musician: JoAnn Halverson
Lector: Nancy Hultgren
Office : Marie Fett
Sound/Video: Mark Bloomquist/David Sehloff

**Weekly Attendance 199 / You Tube 67
General Offering \$8,387.45**

Happening This Week...

Wednesday, July 30 Worship Committee 12:00 noon

Thursday, July 31 Text Bible Study 9:30am
Quilting 1:00pm

Saturday, August 2 Chapel 5:30pm, P. Rick Hoyme

Sunday, August 3 Worship 9:00am followed by Coffee

For more detailed announcements, please read the Messenger or contact the office

Dear Saints of Calvary,

First of all, I am so grateful to Pastor Amy, and the entire Calvary staff for stepping up when I was knocked down by the world's worst cold (remember, this is being written by a man). I literally don't remember being that sick with the common cold, but I am fully recovered and raring to go!

I'm also grateful for the work of our Transition Team of Susan Roepke, Caleb Hanson, Kim Hanson, and Bridget Pederson. They have worked with our staff launching our Church Assessment Tool (C.A.T) and will continue to promote it and share results after they are presented to the Church Council, Transition Team and appropriate staff by Pastor Kurt Jacobson, our C.A.T. Consultant in August.

The C.A.T. will be used by our Council in its strategic planning for the months and years ahead and will also be a vital tool once a Call Committee has been formed. The Call Committee will use the data gathered to complete the Ministry Site Profile used by the synod staff to bring forth candidates to be considered by the Call Committee.

Speaking of the Church Assessment Tool, now is the time to set aside 20 minutes to take the C.A.T. If you need assistance, or require access to a computer, please contact the church office and they will provide assistance for you.

And finally, and most importantly, I urge every member of Calvary to set aside time each day to pray: to pray for Calvary, for its leadership, for its staff; to pray for our synod staff as they do the work needed to bring forward excellent candidates to lead Calvary into its new future, and to pray that God's work is faithfully done by this wonderful congregation.

Pastor Rick
Interim Pastor



WELCOME TO ELSA OUR MINISTRY ASSISTANT!

Hello! I'm Elsa Olson, your new Ministry Assistant! I'm a country girl, living just outside Kerkhoven with my 3 kitty cats. I juggle my time between my career as a Sales Director with Mary Kay, accompanist at 1-4 churches (depending on the Sunday!) & part-time driving for Rustad Bus, Inc. I'm a member of the ACT Parish, Bethesda Lutheran Church. I enjoy hanging out with my teen nephews, traveling, trying new foods & meeting new people. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Community Psychology & am looking forward to this new venture!

Welcome to our Sunday Student Staff!



Left to Right:

Hi, my name is Bria. I play the trumpet and in hockey, golf, and volleyball. I love anything with animals and hanging out with friends and family.

Hi, I'm Brooklyn! I am very much an art kid, performing in plays and in the Willmar Speech Team. I can also be seen out on the tennis courts or golf courses. I love going out with friends and family. Plus, my dog too! I work at the Brothers Cafe and Bistro. If you are in need of coffee, you know where to be!

My name is Greta, and I go to Willmar Christian School. I am in dance and volleyball, and I love reading, writing, and drawing. I am going into 9th grade, and I am a confirmation student here at Calvary. I am excited to help out our church!

My name is Lola, and I am excited to help out with church even more! I go to school at Willmar Community Christian and will be a Junior during the 2025-26 school year. I have been attending Calvary forever. I was baptized here as a baby and was confirmed at Calvary last fall. I love to spend time with my family, read, play volleyball, golf, dance, and write letters to loved ones. I can't wait to be more involved at Calvary!

Friday, July 18 – Students helped with outdoor chores and spent time with all the sweet dogs and cats. They also dropped off \$274.00 from Noisy Offerings and \$180.00 for Cat Condos from Sunday School Offerings



CALVARY FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK FOR AUGUST 2025

Could you help during our Host Week of August 18, 19, 21? If you have questions, do not hesitate to call Joni Hanson at (320-220-1324).

**August 4th—Stingers Game, get your tickets now!
12 tickets remaining.**

SOCIAL KINDNESS meets on Tuesday, August 5 at 1:00pm in the Friendship Room.

DEACONESS COMMITTEE meets on Wednesday, August 6 at 1:30pm in the Friendship Room.

CAT ASSESSMENT UPDATE: WE HAD 122 PEOPLE COMPLETE THE ASSESSMENT IN THE FIRST WEEK!! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO INVEST IN CALVARY'S FUTURE. PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN EMAIL WITH THE LINK TO COMPLETE THE CAT ASSESSMENT 320-235-2508. WE WANT EVERYONE TO HAVE TO OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THE ASSESSMENT.

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 you are interested in making a meaningful impact, please contact Joni Hanson at 320-220-1324.

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YOUTH LED



Sunday, August 10th 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 🐾🐾**

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



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Friday, August 15, **NOT** August 8th

12:00 Noon

Bill Bentson of Willmar will be sharing his story of his visits to 100 little towns in Minnesota. After Bill's wife, Carol, passed away in 2020, Bill was inspired with the book Little Minnesota, written by Jill A. Johnson. The book features 100 of the smallest cities in Minnesota. He needed something to take his mind off his loss and

started thinking, why don't I visit the Little Minnesota towns and I could call this "Carol's ride" after my wife. His journey began October 1, 2020, and after 28 trips, and somewhere between 7,000 and 8,000 miles he has many adventures to share of the 100 little towns of Minnesota that he has visited. 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, August 13, 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.

COMING IN AUGUST!!!!

