



For all who
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will be humbled,

Luke 14:11, NRSV

and those who
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will be exalted.

The 12th Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, August 30, 2025 5:30pm
Sunday, August 31, 2025 9:00am

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

Prelude/Welcome

Gathering Hymn *Gather Us In* ELW 532

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 God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

God's Word

Proverbs 25:6-7a

6 Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
7 for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112

1 Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

**2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

3 Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

**4 They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**6 For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.**

7 They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

**8 Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

9 They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.

**10 The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

1 Let mutual love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." 6 So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" 7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. 9 Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings; for it is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by regulations about food, which have not

benefited those who observe them. 10 We have an altar from which those who officiate in the tent have no right to eat. 11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. 12 Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the city gate in order to sanctify the people by his own blood. 13 Let us then go to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. 14 For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. 15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Surprise Bucket Sermon

Gospel Acclamation *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* ELW 172

Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. 7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." 12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Rick Hoyme

Hymn of the Day *Shout to the Lord* ELW 821

Apostles' Creed (p. 105)

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music *We Give Thee but Thine Own* ELW 686

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>One Bread, One Body</i>	ELW 496
	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	ELW 661
	<i>Lord, Be Glorified</i>	ELW 744

Prayer after Communion

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 *Oh, Sing to the Lord* ELW 822 (vs. 1,2,5)

Dismissal

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

Postlude





If you or a family member has a health update, is hospitalized, or is in need of a visit, please contact the church office. We appreciate the opportunity to share celebrations & sadness.

Serving Saturday

Preaching: Pastor Rick Hoyme
Greeters: Wayne & Lynette Emberland
Musician: Naomi Baker
Lector: John Dean

Serving Sunday

Preaching: Pastor Rick, Pastor Amy preside
Communion: Janel Skindelien, Keith Neumann
Greeters: Chad & Krista Willis, Jason & Anne Hultgren
Musicians: Naomi Baker
Lector: Wayne Nelson
Office: Karen Rinke
Sound/Video: Dean Hanson/Jody Skindelien

SEPTEMBER 7 - NOISY OFFERING QUARTER REQUEST! Please bring quarters to be packaged into backpacks and given to homeless visitors that stop by the church.

On Sunday, September 7th which is "**God's Work-Our Hands**" Sunday, the Social Kindness Committee will be preparing Goodie Boxes for recent grads who are now in college, tech school or who may be working in a new job. These will be assembled on September 7th and will be mailed. Parents, grandparents, guardians, please give names and addresses to the office and we will send them a little treat to let them know that Calvary Church is thinking of them. Please do this by September 5th. Thank you for your help!

GWOH Sunday – Creation Care will lead a general cleanup on Calvary's grounds. Bring your gloves and a rake if you can help!

TODAY'S BULLETIN IS SPONSORED IN HONOR OF ARLAN AND MARGARET IRWIN'S 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who generously donated to Stuff the Bus! As always, we are amazed at the amount of supplies collected and it was very much appreciated.
Social Kindness Committee

Happening This Week...

Tuesday, Sept 2

8am Stewardship Committee
1pm Social Kindness
6:30pm Charity Circle
7pm Native American History

Wednesday, Sept 3

10am - 7:15pm Classrooms/Resource Room Open
for Teachers and Helpers to decorate rooms
1:30pm Deaconess Committee
6pm Confirmation Guide Training
6:45pm Sunday School Teacher & Helper Training

Thursday, Sept 4

9:30am Text Bible Study - Friendship Room
12pm Exec Board
1pm Quilting
5pm Endowment Committee

Saturday, Sept 6

5:30pm Chapel Service

Sunday, Sept 7

9am Worship Rally Day/Youth Led, Back to School
Blessings, Staff/Teacher/Helper Blessings,
Noisy Offering - **QUARTERS FOR LAUNDRY!**
Baptism of Nora Daisy Peterson
10am Coffee Time, Rally Day Games & Fun
God's Work Our Hands Projects
11am Potluck in Bethany Hall

Again, thank you to all who completed the C.A.T. (Church Assessment Tool) to give Calvary the best tools possible as it prepares to call its next Lead Pastor.

This past Monday, the Church Council, the Transition Team and our staff, met with Pastor Kurt Jacobson, our consultant from Holy Cow Consulting who produced the C.A.T. He was with us for 2 1/2 hours as he led us through what you are saying about Calvary and its future. This information will now be used in the call process to produce the best information possible for our partners from the Southwestern Minnesota Synod staff who will be working with the Transition Team, and eventually the Call Committee to be appointed by the Church Council.

In the weeks ahead, Pastor Jacobson will be sending us a summary of the C.A.T. that will be shared with all of you. For now, please pray for Calvary, its members, its leadership and its staff as we do the work to bring a new spiritual leader to this amazing congregation!

NTY
Friday, September 12
12:00 Noon

"Notes with Nick" - by Nick Carlson and Ann Holter will be entertaining us with their variety of country and gospel songs. Nick is the manager of Taco John's and Ann owns and manages Erbert & Gerbert's. They have been singing together for about a year. Nick is married and has 3 children and Ann is married and has 4 children. Come and enjoy the program at 1:00 if you can't make it for the noon lunch. "Newbies" are always welcome - invite someone new who hasn't been to NTY before to come & join us. Please call the church office by 4:30 Wednesday, September 10, to register for the catered lunch. Cost for lunch is \$7.00, payable in Bethany Hall and not at the church office. Thank you. If any questions, please call Diane Asche at 295-8938.

Readings and Psalm for next week

Proverbs 25:6-7a

Do not put yourself forward

Sirach 10:12-18 (alternate)

Judgment upon the proud

Psalm 112

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

God is with us: let acts of mutual love continue

Luke 14:1, 7-14

An image of God's reign: invite the poor, crippled to your banquet

Weekly Attendance 157 You Tube 66 General Offering \$8,143.70

Calvary's Worship Services are available:

Sundays - 10:45am KWLM 1340AM or 96.5FM

- 1 & 8pm WRAC 181

Tuesdays - 6:30pm WRAC 181

Anytime on YouTube -

www.youtube.com/@calvarywillmar

