



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

Gathering Music/Ringing of Bell

Greet fellow worshipers

### **Invocation**

Happy are those who do not walk in the ways of the wicked.

**Teach us your ways, O God.**

Or stand in the path that sinners take.

**Teach us your ways, O God.**

Give us delight in your law.

**Teach us your ways, O God.**

Help us focus on you day and night.

**Teach us your ways, O God.**

Plant us by streams of water.

**Teach us your ways, O God.**

**That we might produce fruit at the right time.**

Welcome to worship on this day when we kick off, or resume, our faith formation ministries for the school year. Today we celebrate God's call to follow. We celebrate ministries like Sunday school, confirmation, high school youth group, and adult education. We also think of how we are called to learn together through cross+generational opportunities. All of these things help us to grow in relationships with God. Each of these help us to live out baptismal promises to live among God's faithful people, to hear the Word of the Lord, proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, and strive for peace and justice in all the world. May we hear God's call to be planted in the lifegiving stream of God's love.

We pray together, **Dear God, you want us to follow you. Thank you for all the people who help us. Help us to want more of you in our lives. Amen.**

*Song*

**When I Am Baptized** Nita Dale Miller Claire Chell

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 2/4 time. It consists of 12 measures. The melody is simple, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The first line of lyrics starts at measure 1 and ends at measure 4. The second line starts at measure 5 and ends at measure 8. The third line starts at measure 9 and ends at measure 12. The lyrics are: 'I like to look for rain-bows when - ev - er there is rain. And I know when I am bap-tized my wrongs are washed a - way, And pon-der on the beau-ty of an earth made clean a - gain. I want my life to be as clean as I can be for - giv - en and im-prove my - self each day. I want my life to be as clean as earth right af - ter rain. I want to be the best I can and live with God a - gain. earth right af - ter rain. I want to be the best I can and live with God a - gain.'

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Holy Baptism of Nora Daisy Peterson (p. 227)

The Apostles' Creed (p. 229)

Welcome to the Newly Baptized

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

God's Word

Psalm 1

1 Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked  
or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

**2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

3 They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.

**4 The wicked are not so  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

**6 for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Sermon Pastor Rick Hoyme

*Song God of All Learning (tune of Morning Has Broken)*

God of all learning, God of all knowing,  
We have our backpacks filled with supplies.  
Bless all these tools of learning and growing.  
Use them, we pray, to change many lives.

Bless all the students, young ones and old ones —  
Walking or riding, traveling by bus.  
May they remember that you go with them,  
And that they all are precious to us.

Bless all who learn and bless those who guide them,  
Bless those who teach and counsel and care.  
May they remember you walk beside them.  
Through all their school days, you, Lord, are there.

Faith Formation Commissioning & Back-to-School Blessing

As we begin this school year of ministry, we know that it takes many people to teach classes and build relationships with youth. We give thanks for all those who have said yes to God's call and we invite them to come forward for prayer. We also invite any youth that will participate in Sunday school, Confirmation, or high school youth group to come forward. Kids, if you are willing, would you reach out and place your hand on the arm of a teacher near you? You can also just hold your hand out towards someone.

We pray together, **God, you give us many gifts and every gift is needed in your church. We thank you for those who are willing to teach, to spend time with our youngest members, to help them to know you. We pray that those who are willing to teach would also grow, learn, and be strengthened in their own faith. Amen.**

Let's pray together for the teachers,  
**God, you know each of our names. You know each student here. Be with them as they go back to school. Guide them as they learn about you at church. Open their minds to learn. Surround them with friends. Calm any fears that they may have. Help them to trust that you are always with them. We give thanks for all that we learn from young people. In your name we pray, Amen.**

We Share Joys & Concerns in Prayer

We Reflect on Our Gifts & Blessings *Born-ing Cry ELW 732*  
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.**

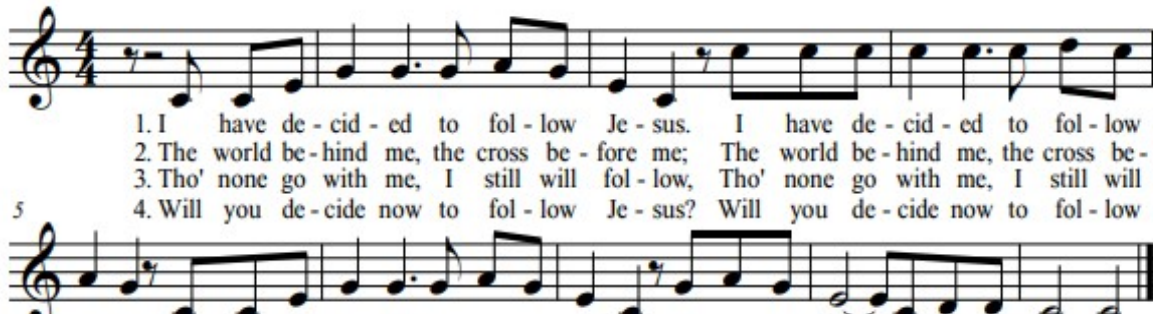
### **Holy Communion**

The Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music *Jesus Loves Us*

1. Jesus loves us, this we know, For the Bible tells us so.  
Little ones to him belong, we are weak but he is strong.  
  
Chorus Yes, Jesus loves us, yes, Jesus loves us.  
Yes, Jesus loves us, the Bible tells us so.
2. Jesus teaches us to live, how to love and how to give.  
We should live as Jesus did, go and tell adults and kids. (chorus)
3. I love Jesus, he's the best, all the day and while at rest;  
He holds us close day and night, I know loving him is right. (chorus)
4. Jesus lives at Calvary, he is with us, you and me.  
It's our job to spread the word, Say it loud so we are heard! (chorus)

### I Have Decided to Follow Jesus



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low  
 2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be -  
 3. Tho' none go with me, I still will fol - low, Tho' none go with me, I still will  
 5 4. Will you de - cid - ed now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cid - ed now to fol - low  
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*Blessed Assurance ELW 638*

Blessing/Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Psalm 1:1-3

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the  
scornful!**
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing  
fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.**

Today we remember that we are connected to God like a tree is connected to water. We need God's Word to grow just like we need water to grow. We also need each other. As you leave worship, you are invited to use a colored dauber to add your leaf to our tree.

We will display one tree in the sanctuary and one tree in the chapel for the next few months reminding us to be connected to God and to each other.

Sending Blessing

*Song/Noisy Offering    I've Got Peace Like a River*

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

**Carry the cross**  **and follow me.**  
Luke 14:27, NRSV



**FALL  
SCHEDULE**

**ONE SUNDAY SERVICE**

**9:00**

**Saturday Chapel at normal time-  
5:30pm**

**BULLETINS ARE SPONSORED IN HONOR OF STEVEN SWENSON'S BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER 11. GIVEN BY (MOM) BARB SWENSON.**

**Baptized this weekend is Nora Daisy Peterson, daughter of Sam & Kendra (Keinholz) Peterson. Nora's sponsor is Ella Kienitz. Welcome to our Calvary Family, Nora!**





## DON'T MISS THE FUN AT CHURCH THIS SUNDAY!!!

**THIS SUNDAY, September 7th is a FUN, BUSY, SPIRIT-FILLED DAY at Calvary!!!! Dress casually for our 🌟🎵ARRAY Worship 🙏🔔 celebrating the start of the 2025-2026 program year!**

*We hope you can be with us- here are the details!:*

**\*9:00 Youth Led Worship with Back to School Blessings** for all students, teachers, and staff and all new church staff, Sunday School and Confirmation teachers, guides and students ♥ **Noisy Offering** (please bring quarters!) for laundry ministry for homeless friends ♥ **Baptism of Nora Daisy Peterson** ♥

**\*10:00 Rally Sunday Games and Fun in the Green Space-** Bounce House, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Lifesize Jenga, Yard Yahtzee, Corn Hole, and more! 🎈🤪🏈🌟🎲🎯🏠

**\*10:00 God's Work. Our Hands Service Projects** in the Friendship Room, Kitchen, Bethany Hall, Education Wing, and outside. Help assemble goodie boxes for post high school young people 📦; fill backpacks for visitors in need; put together activity bags for Camp Noah 🧰🔧🧠 prepare Sunday School rooms for students (wipe down tables, decorate bulletin boards, hang posters, etc); rake and trim around the church (please bring gloves and a rake) 🌿🍷🔪; decorate banners to welcome visitors to Calvary; write cards of encouragement to area teachers and school staff members!

**11:00 Potluck Brunch in Bethany Hall-** bring your favorite dish to share and have a relaxing meal with your siblings in Christ!



### **LIBRARY NEWS**

The Calvary Library is looking for volunteers to work in the library between church services on Sunday mornings. This is a no stress volunteer opportunity and training will be provided. If this is something that you might be interested in helping with, please contact Beth Bloomquist (320-905-8678), Kristi Glup (320-979-0295), or Cathy Halbritter (320-979-0129).

### **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.



### **Sunday School & Confirmation Meal / Parent Meeting / Open House**

Just like your school Open House, you're invited to come and check out our Sunday School classrooms. We'll have a yummy meal together, too - Sloppy Joes, chips, veggies, fruit, and desserts!

Wednesday, September 10th

5:30pm Meal in Bethany Hall

6pm Parent Meeting followed by Open House



September

## 2025 WORSHIP AT CALVARY

Saturday, Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF</b> <i>Back to School/Teacher/Helper Blessings</i> 10:00am Games/God's Work-Our Hands 11:00am Potluck
Saturday, Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am Traditional Worship - coffee following 10:15am Sunday School 
Saturday, Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am Array Worship - coffee following 10:15am Sunday School
Saturday, Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am Traditional Worship Coffee with Council following worship in <u>Friendship AND Koinonia Rooms</u> 10:15am Sunday School
Wednesdays beginning Sept. 17th	Confirmation 6:15-8pm, Friendship Room

**SAVE THE DATE.....**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND**  
**4:00PM AT CALVARY**

WEST CENTRAL  
**SINGERS**

### **Serving Saturday**

**Preaching:** Pastor Rick Hoyme  
**Greeters:** Wayne & Lynette Emberland  
**Musician:** Naomi Baker  
**Lector:** Lois Shaw

### **Serving Sunday**

**Preaching:** Pastor Rick, Pastor Amy preside  
**Communion:** Jan Ruby, Lori Holmgren  
**Greeters:** Ron & Bonnie Keith, Larry & Marcia Knutson  
**Musicians:** Naomi Baker, JoAnn Halverson, Mary Jo deCathelineau  
**Lector:** Youth Led  
**Office:** Debra Johnson  
**Sound/Video:** Mark Bloomquist/Jody Skindelien

### **Readings and Psalm for next week**

#### **Exodus 32:7-14**

*Moses begs the Lord to turn from anger against the Hebrews*

#### **Psalm 51:1-10**

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)*

#### **1 Timothy 1:12-17**

*Christ Jesus came for sinners*

#### **Luke 15:1-10**

*Looking for the lost sheep, silver coin: Jesus eating with sinners*

**If you would like to  
contribute to the  
mission of Calvary,  
please click on the  
QR code. Thank You!**



Weekly Attendance 169    You Tube 68    General Offering \$8,674.40

### **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](http://www.youtube.com/@calvarywillmar)**



**Happening This Week...**

<b>Monday, Sept 8</b>	2:05pm Middle School Evacuation Practice Drill
<b>Tuesday, Sept 9</b>	11:30am Finance 6pm Council Meeting - Friendship Room 7pm Trentwood Association Meeting - Bethany Hall
<b>Wednesday, Sept 10</b>	5:30pm Sunday School & Confirmation Meal Parent Meeting/Open House
<b>Thursday, Sept 11</b>	9:30am Text Bible Study - Friendship Room 1pm Quilting
<b>Friday, Sept 12</b>	12pm NTY
<b>Saturday, Sept 13</b>	5:30pm Chapel Service
<b>Sunday, Sept 14</b>	9am Worship; 10am Coffee Time 10:15am Sunday School 5pm Youth Leadership Team - Pizza Ranch



### **TRANSITION TEAM NEWS**

The Transition Team would like to extend a BIG thank you to the congregation for helping us reach our participation goal for the C.A.T. (Church Assessment Tool)! We'd also like to thank Mustard Seed Consulting - Pastor Kurt Jacobson, Church Council, and the Pastors and Staff for participating in the survey interpretation meeting in late August!

Holy Cow Consulting has worked with over 5,000 groups across the country to aid their leadership in making critical decisions through effective listening. They utilize an evidence-based discernment process which will aid us in taking informed, necessary next steps. Pastor Kurt Jacobson is a trained interpretive consultant for Holy Cow Consulting and has his own business, Mustard Seed Consulting. Pastor Kurt holds a Business/Hospital Admin & Communications Degree from Concordia, Moorhead, a Master of Divinity Degree from Luther Seminary, holds a certificate in Intentional Interim Ministry, is an author of multiple books, and served as a Pastor for 28 years.

Pastor Kurt met with church leadership and staff to review the results of the survey and assist us in interpreting what the data is telling us, how the tool is to be understood, and what it all means! Ultimately, the goal is to give us an understanding of who we are, what we prioritize, and help us define our culture and identity. It also helped us identify areas that could use attention and care. All things we need to know as we navigate the future of Calvary!

The Transition Team will be holding weekly meetings in September. We will prioritize ensuring our team, the Council, Pastors, and Staff understand the data and have opportunities to discuss it and ask questions so, they can communicate effectively to the congregation. We will also be making a plan to present the data and findings to the congregation - what that will look like we don't know just yet but we are working on it!

As we move forward in this process please lift Calvary up in prayer and watch for the Holy Spirit working amongst us all!

- The Transition Team: Caleb Hanson, Kim Hanson, Bridget Pederson, and Sue Roepke