



The 16th Weekend after Pentecost
Sunday, September 28, 2025 9:00am

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Prelude/Welcome
Greetings/Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Hymn *Thy Holy Wings* ELW 613

Holy Baptism of Presley Jo Molden (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.

Hymn *Baptized in Water* ELW 456

Prayer of the Day

We pray together, **O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God's Word

Amos 6:1a,4-7

1 Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
the notables of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel resorts!

4 Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,

5 who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,

6 who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

7 Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.
Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

² **I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

³ Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

⁶ **who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;**

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

⁸ **the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

⁹ The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ **The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many

pains. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Surprise Bucket Sermon

Gospel Acclamation (p.151)

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot

do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' 27 He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house 28 for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' 29 Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' 30 He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' 31 He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Rick Hoyme

Hymn of the Day *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* ELW 719 (vs 1,3,6)

Prayers of the Church (God of grace, **receive our prayer.**)

Offering Music

Offertory Prayer

We pray together, **Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (p.152)

The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music *Lamb of God* (p. 154)

We Come to the Hungry Feast ELW 479

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW 712

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn *Canticle of the Turning* ELW 723

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude


Worship Sources: Liturgy-Sundaysandseasons.com; bulletin cover-churchchart.com



Baptized today is Presley Jo Molden, daughter of Alexys Swanson and Clay Molden. Presley's sponsors are Allyse Swanson and Kolby Goff. Welcome to our Calvary Family, Presley!


Scott Danielson says **THANKS** for the prayers and support while he was hospitalized.

Disturbing News



Flowers and grave decorations have gone missing from many cemeteries in the community.

Be assured, the Calvary Cemetery Staff has not removed these items.



Calvary's **Family Promise** Host Week
We need a volunteer
for a meal on Thursday, October 23
and a grocery shopper for
Monday, October 20. If you can help,
please call Joni Hanson at 320-220-1324.

WOMENS RETREAT

Take a holy pause. Step away from daily stressors and escape to Shores of St. Andrew for a weekend of spiritual freedom, fellowship, and fun. Together, we'll dig deeper into the stories of women in the New Testament and explore how their witness continues to shape our faith lives today. Leading us is Amanda 'Ace' Hoefs, from Spring Grove, MN.

 **OCTOBER 17-19, 2025**

 **SHORES OF ST. ANDREW**
The Village

 WWW.GLLM.ORG/ADULT-RETREATS

WHAT AWAITS YOU:

-  Guided journaling
-  Watercoloring
-  Pebble & pottery art
-  Hiking, social and rest time
-  Optional massage add-on!
-  Daily studies, prayer stations, & worship



Weekly Attendance
210
You Tube
113
General Offering
\$7851.60

Library News

The Calvary Library is looking for volunteers to work in the library after the 9am Sunday Worship during the Sunday School hour. 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, October 10, 12:00 Noon

Jenny Bork, Membership Coordinator/Speaker at the Hawk Creek Animal Shelter in Willmar will be sharing pictures and stories of her experiences with pets at the animal shelter. If you can't make it for the noon lunch, come and enjoy the program at 1:00. Please call the church office by 4:30 Wednesday, October 8, 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.

Serving Saturday

Preaching:	Pastor Rick Hoyme	
Greeters:	Wayne & Lynette Emberland	
Musician:	Naomi Baker	Lector: Marilyn Gjerde

Serving Sunday

Preaching:	Pastor Rick, Pastor Amy preside	
Communion:	Brian Henrickson, Caleb Hanson	
Greeters:	Craig & Susan Roepke, Owen & Susan deCathelineau	
Musician:	Naomi Baker	Lector: David Sehloff
Office:	Deb Lentz	
Sound/Video:	Shawn Swenson/Jody Skindelien	

Happening This Week...

Monday, Sept 29	5pm Bell Choir 6:30 Scouts
Wednesday, Oct 1	1:30pm Deaconess 6:15pm 6-9 Confirmation
Thursday, Oct 2	9:30am Text Study 1pm Quilters
Saturday, Oct 4	5:30pm Chapel
Sunday, Oct 5	9am Worship-Youth Led/Noisy Offering 3 yr olds & 3rd Grade Receive Bibles 10am Coffee Time

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



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Transition Team Update

It is a pleasure to give you more results from the CAT Vital Signs Report this week.

The CAT starts with measuring the overall satisfaction in the congregation.

23% of members are clearly satisfied with how things are in the church.

55% are unsure if they are satisfied.

22% disagree they are satisfied.

The CAT identifies areas people focus on when assessing satisfaction with Calvary (for better or worse). There are five areas:

Worship – whether members believe services are exceptional in quality and spiritual content.

Ministry in Daily Life - whether Calvary helps members discern the gifts God has given them to employ in life.

Education - whether the church provides high quality educational opportunities for every stage of life.

Energy/Enthusiasm – whether members sense the spirit of Calvary inspires a high level of involvement.

Ministry in Daily Life – whether Calvary helps members understand they are called to ministries in their lives.

The data shows one-quarter of members are satisfied and nearly one-half are unsure if they are satisfied. Most members imagine a church with a higher level of vitality and are searching for a pathway that will lead them to sensing increased vitality in the church. Soon the Council and staff will be working on steps to begin an effort aimed at raising satisfaction based on clear evidence showing areas of most importance to members.

There is strong potential to improve the data in the Vital Signs report. This is based on the fact that one-half to two-thirds of our people are **“On the fence”** meaning they chose “tend to agree” or “tend to disagree” when answering questions throughout the CAT.

“On the fence” people are malleable. They are looking for reasons to be satisfied and to feel energy in the congregation. This is an asset because malleable people provide us with opportunities to make changes to begin increasing satisfaction and energy.

On September 28 your Church Council, pastors and Transition Team will be meeting at Green Lake Bible Camp for an afternoon retreat to begin creating "Reinvention Concrete Ideas" for Calvary's near future, all built upon the results of the Church Assessment Tool (C.A.T.)

Keep these leaders and Calvary Lutheran Church in your prayers as we continue moving forward.

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