



Gathering with God and Friends

Gathering Music/Ringing of Bell

Greet fellow worshipers

Song *Here I Am to Worship*

Presentation of Bibles to Youth

Words of Gratitude

Blessed To Be A Blessing, based on a poem by Lenora Rand

From Genesis to Revelation

Blessings are falling like rain like manna like fire

From that moment when God says to Abram

I will bless you so you will be a blessing.

There is so much blessing going on.

Yes, we are blessed to be a blessing.

Say it with me.

We are blessed to be a blessing.

There is so much blessing going on

From Genesis to Revelation

Blessings given and received.

Blessings whispered and shouted

and showered, fountains flowing

and winds rushing with

blessing, blessing, blessing.

Our holy book, our holy lives,

our whole lives drenched in unspeakable blessing.



We are blessed to be a blessing.
Say it with me. **We are blessed to be a blessing.**

And to be Blessed is to be reminded that we are
Bless-ed. Loved and adored and chosen.
Loved and adored and chosen to be exactly
who we are created to be. To be who God created us to be.
On this blessed earth.

To be Blessed is to be reminded that we are
Bless-ed not because we are perfect or righteous
or right or qualified or credentialed or gifted
but because we are.
Like jagged pieces of glass,
broken yet complete in grace and beauty...

we are
and we are here
and we are listening
and we are saying Yes
We are blessed to be a blessing.

and we are not giving up
and we are being welded together into a blessed mosaic
of God's own wild, untamed imagination.
God, crafting an ending for a story that isn't over yet.

We are blessed to be a blessing.

Bless-ed and chosen and woven
into more than we could ever be alone,
woven into a mantle of blessing, a holy embrace,
a blessing of healing and wholeness, justice
and restoration and good, good news,
for this whole broken and bless-ed world.

Yes, We are blessed to be a blessing.
Say it with me. **We are blessed to be a blessing.**
Say it with me. **We are blessed to be a blessing.**

Song Here I Am to Worship—Chorus only (Children come forward)

Youth Sing Arky, Arky

Surprise Bucket Sermon

Song Lord, I Lift Your Name on High ELW 857

Genesis 8:1-9:1

8 But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; 2 the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, 3 and the waters gradually receded from the earth. At the end of one hundred fifty days the waters had abated, 4 and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. 5 The waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared.

6 At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made 7 and sent out the raven, and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. 8 Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground, 9 but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. 10 He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark, 11 and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. 12 Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove, and it did not return to him any more.

13 In the six hundred first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth, and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked and saw that the face of the ground was drying. 14 In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. 15 Then God said to Noah, 16 "Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you. 17 Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." 18 So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. 19 And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

20 Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And when the Lord smelled the pleasing odor, the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of humans, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. 22 As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest,

cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease.”
9 God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply
and fill the earth.
Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Message—”Gratitude, The Receiving and Giving of God’s Grace” Pastor Amy Juel

Song *Amazing Grace* ELW 779

The Apostle’s Creed (Statement of Belief)
We Share Joys & Concerns in Prayer

We Reflect on Our Gifts & Blessings *Love > Fear*

Holy Communion

The Words of Institution & The Lord’s Prayer

Communion Music	<i>Let Us Go Now, to the Banquet</i>	ELW 523
	<i>United at the Table</i>	ELW 498
	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	ELW 742

Blessing/Prayer after Communion

Announcements

We are Sent Out to Spread the Good News!

Sending Blessing

Song/Noisy Offering *We are Marching in the Light of God* ELW 866

Dismissal

Go into the world demonstrating gratitude in your hearts.

We will! Thanks be to God!



Receiving Bibles this weekend are:

3 Year Olds: Rennick Ashburn, Maddyn Berget, Mia Bonnema, Kelton Hurley,
Xavier Beecroft, Kiaya Beecroft

4 Year Olds: Olivia Baker, Haidyn Chouanard, Benjamin Goosmann,
Sabrina Jaeger

3rd Graders: Marek Ashburn, Harper Chouanard, Soren Larson, Blake Nurmi,
Bailey Steinbeisser



We express our sympathy to the families of:
Nancy Ramey, mother of Mary Jo Ramey.
David Eichhorst, husband of Jackie Eichhorst.

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, 320-220-1324.



Cemetery News

We are reorganizing the Cemetery Committee.
Anyone interested in volunteering and helping at the Calvary Cemetery, please contact Kevin Hanson at kevinhanson@edinareality.com or 320-894-7949

NTY, Friday, October 10, 12:00 Noon

Jenny Bork, Membership Coordinator/Speaker at 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.

Flu & Covid Shots at Calvary

by Cub Pharmacy
Monday, October 13th,
10am-12pm in the
Friendship Room
Bring your insurance
card if you have one.

Altar Guild meeting
will be held on Tues-
day, October 14 at 5pm
in the Friendship Room.

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



Worship resources: Sermon Central Gratitude Series;
Blessed to be a Blessing, themanyarehere, Lenora Rand

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).



Indoor Decorating Committee is looking for a donation of 8-10 real pumpkins to use in our Fall Harvest decorating in November. A few gourds are welcome. If you have any we could use, please contact Lori Holmgren (320-905-8431) or Cathy Halbritter (320-979--0129). We can take them prior to November and store them.

Keep saving your **1/2-gallon cardboard containers** for Wilmar Middle School Gateway to Technology classes. Thank you!

Serving Saturday

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel
Greeters: Wayne & Lynette Emberland
Musician: Naomi Baker
Lector: Sue Roepke

Serving Sunday

Preaching: Pastor Amy
Communion: Sarah Kallevig, Cathy Halbritter
Greeters: Dennis & Karen Sportel, Bob & Connie Dickerson
Musicians: Naomi, JoAnn, Laura, Carter, Emma, Bria, Elsy
Readers: Bryce, Meghan, Bria, Nick
Office: Caryn Behr
Sound/Video: Michael Schroeder/Jody Skindalien

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Happening This Week...

Monday, Oct. 6	8am Stewardship Meeting - McMillans 5pm Bell Choir 6:30 Scouts
Tuesday, Oct. 7	1pm Social Kindness 6:30pm Charity Circle
Wednesday, Oct. 8	6:15pm Grades 6-9 Confirmation 7:30pm Campfire Worship for All - Green Space Area
Thursday, Oct. 9	8am Exec Board - Zoom 9:30am Text Study 1pm Quilters 7pm Transition Team Update
Friday, Oct. 10	12pm NTY
Saturday, Oct. 11	5:30pm Chapel
Sunday, Oct. 12	9am Traditional Worship/Coffee Time 10:15am Sunday School 5pm Youth Leadership Team @ Calvary

Weekly Attendance

Saturday	50
Sunday	162
You Tube	76

Last Week's Financials

IRA/QCD/s	\$4650.00
Online Giving	\$1913.85
Sat./Sun. Giving	\$2315.50
Total	\$8879.35

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



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



TRANSITION TEAM

Update

This past weekend the Transition Team hosted a brief summit with members of the Church Council at Green Lake Bible Camp. The purpose of the meeting was to explore the results of our recent CAT survey and start coming up with immediate actionable items. Worship and Hospitality has been identified as the key areas in need of improvement. Ensuring Calvary is a warm and welcoming place needs to be a top priority.

Creating a lively and highly impactful worship environment will ensure that we,
together in Christ, continue to
"be empowered to BE and MAKE disciples"

We are so thankful for everyone who participated in the survey and answered earnestly. This data has given us immediate direction and we are excited to begin making the improvements you have all asked for. Reminder: be on the lookout in your inboxes for Pastor Kurt Jacobson's CAT survey report. Also, as a reminder the Transition Team will be hosting a meeting Thursday, October 9th at 7pm in the church to field any unanswered questions and dive deeper into the results.

Thank you again for all of your support,
Calvary Transition Team