



Saturday, November 22, 2025 5:30pm
Sunday, November 23, 2025 9:00am

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

Prelude Sharon Willen

Welcome/Greet one another

Gathering Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign ELW 434*

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart,

yet we stray from your paths.

We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression

and do not embrace the freedom

of your faithful promises.

We ignore our neighbors.

We exploit the earth.

We reject your abundance,

**trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
✠ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn *Blessing and Honor* *ELW 854 vs. 1,2*

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6

1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. 2 Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. 3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

5 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah

**4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**6 The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.**

7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

**8 Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

**10 “Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”**

11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Colossians 1:11-20

11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully
12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might

come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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(9:00) Children's Sermon

Gospel Reading Luke 23:33-43

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

34 [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved

others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine

37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There

was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other

rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned

justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you

come in your kingdom." 43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Amy Juel

Hymn of the Day *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* ELW 634 vs. 1,5,6

The Apostles' Creed (p. 105)

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

(offering & commitment cards may be placed in the box as you come forward for communion)

The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music	<i>We Come to the Hungry Feast</i>	<i>ELW 479</i>
	<i>Beautiful Savior</i>	<i>ELW 838</i>
	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	<i>ELW 779</i>

Post Communion Prayer

Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* *ELW 855* vs 1,3,5

Dismissal

Go in Peace. Share the harvest.

We will. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Mark Holy, nephew of Odee (Alvina) Henrickson, cousin of Brian (Paula) Henrickson
Keith Keller, nephew of Odee (Alvina) Henrickson, cousin of Brian (Paula) Henrickson
Craig Glup, brother of Scott (Kristi) Glup

Serving Saturday

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel
Greeters: Wayne & Lynette Emberland
Musician: Sharon Willen
Lector: Julie Neumann

Serving Sunday

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel
Acolytes: Raymond & Jasmine Opsal
Communion: Janel Skindelien, Dion Warne, Val Amberg
Greeters: Larry & Marcia Knutson
Musician: Sandra Willen
Lector: Andy Berg
Office: Julie Olson
Sound/Video: Doug Sawatzky/David Sehloff

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THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Thanksgiving Offering will be designated to United for Neighbors.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports are due by Friday, December 5. Please email them to plueders@calvarywillmar.org THANK YOU!

CALVARY'S GIVING TREE

The annual Giving Tree is up and fully decorated with ornaments. Each ornament has a gift request for individuals served by Kandiyohi County, Bethesda, Safe Avenue, PFF, Cheri's Place, Campus Ministry and Lutheran Social Services. Please choose an ornament (or 2), purchase the gift and place it in a gift bag with the colored ornament attached. Gifts need to be brought to the office **BEFORE DECEMBER 14TH** to be distributed before Christmas. What a joy this will bring to those who may not otherwise receive a gift. THANK YOU! Social Kindness Committee.

DOING DAYS QUILTERS

The Doing Days Quilters will not be meeting the month of December. They will resume quilting on Thursday, January 8th, 2026

MESSENGER UPDATE

The Messenger will be sent out on December 12, December 19; no Messenger December 26th; then starting January 2, the regular every other week will start.

Order Your Poinsettias

Would you like to give a poinsettia plant for decorating our church during this Christmas season? The poinsettia's are given 'in memory of' or 'in honor of' a loved one. The cost is \$12 per plant. Stop by the church office along with your payment. Please make checks payable to Calvary Lutheran Church. **The deadline for ordering these plants is December 7th.** You make take your plant home after the service on **December 24th.**

SCROOGE SERMON SERIES FOR ADVENT

REDEMPTION, FORGIVENESS, AND HOPE STARTING NOVEMBER 30

Together we will discover the transformative power of Jesus through the unlikely story of Ebenezer Scrooge. In this 3 week sermon series, we will explore the biblical themes of redemption, forgiveness and hope found in A Christmas Carol, and uncover how Scrooge's Christmas transformation can inspire a radical change in our own lives.

<u>Happening This Week...</u>	
Monday, Nov 24	2pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Scouts
Tuesday, Nov 25	11:30am Finance 5:30pm Worship Committee
Wednesday, Nov 26	6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie social following the service in Bethany Hall
Saturday, Nov 29	5:30pm Chapel Worship
Sunday, Nov 30	9am Worship - Coffee following 10:15am - Sunday School 11:30am - Lunch/Nativity Craft

**WOODEN NATIVITY CRAFT EVENT AND
CATERED LUNCH FOR EVERYONE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH**
PRE-REGISTER for this Wooden Nativity Craft Event and lunch by calling the church office at 235-2508. Pay on the day of the event. Eleven piece wooden nativity can be painted, stained with water based markers, or colored with colored pencils - these will be provided. One nativity scene per family/ household, please. Lunch will be catered from Taco Johns. Cost is \$5 per person with a family cap of \$20. (Financial grants are available - let Pastor Amy know if this would help you or your family)

**LUNCH AND A MOVIE - A CHRISTMAS CAROL (1984)
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 - 11:30AM**
A simple lunch of soup and bread followed by watching the 1984, George C. Scott version of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol". Perfect timing with our Advent sermon series, SCROOGE.

**BUILD YOUR OWN CARDBOARD "GINGERBREAD" HOUSE EVENT
FOR ALL AGES - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 FROM 6:30—8PM**
Family and Friends of all ages are invited to join together to make a cardboard "Gingerbread" house! Boxes and supplies, snacks and beverages will be provided.

**CALVARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
THE TWELVE PRAYERS OF CHRISTMAS**
We will share in favorite Christmas Hymns and follow our worship with a Potluck Christmas party for all ages!

DECEMBER 2025 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 6th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, Dec. 7th	9:00am Array Worship/Youth Led/Noisy Offering (coffee following) 10:15 Sunday School
Saturday, Dec. 13th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, Dec. 14th	9:00am Youth Christmas Program Christmas Potluck to follow (no formal Sunday School classes)
Thursday, Dec. 18th	6:30pm <i>Blue Christmas Service</i>
Saturday, Dec. 20th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel
Sunday, Dec. 21st	9:00am Array Worship (coffee following) (no Sunday School)
Tuesday, Dec. 23rd	7:00pm <i>Little Norwegian Christmas Worship</i>
Wednesday, Dec. 24th	3:30pm, 5:30pm, 10:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
Thursday, Dec. 25th	9:00am Christmas Day Worship in the Chapel
Saturday, Dec. 27th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel Coffee w/Council
Sunday, Dec. 28th	9:00am Traditional Worship (no Sunday School) Coffee w/Council

Last Week's Financials

IRA/QCD/s	\$ 3,431.32
Online Giving	\$ 1,740.80
Sat./Sun. Giving	\$ 4,694.50
Total	\$ 9,866.62

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Weekly Attendance

Saturday 56
Sunday 184
You Tube 67
Sunday School 41
Confirmation

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

