



*Saturday, November 29, 2025
5:30pm
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9:00am*

Advent 1

Redemption

Reconciliation



Transformation

Prelude

Welcome/Greet one another

Lighting of the Advent Candle

We light the candle of Hope.

Dear God, as **we begin our Advent pilgrimage,**
grant us the courage to hope. Hope for your presence,
Hope for your peace, Hope for your promise. Amen.

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

**God of our past, present and future, we pause for a moment to reflect
silently on our earthly brokenness, and sinful greed.**

Because of your love of humanity through your son, Jesus Christ,
there is redemption, there is transformation and there is hope
for new life.

**We can have redemption, we can be transformed and we have hope
for new life because of the power of your forgiveness. Awaken us and
help us to embrace the opportunity you give us to change our
sometimes dark and lonely selves into generous and loving humans.**

Hear the good news!

Our loving and generous God has forgiven our sins of the past, sins of the
present and our sins of the future.

✝ In Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

Gathering Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ELW 257 vs. 1,2*

Scripture Readings

Luke 2:8-11

8 Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

John 1:10-18

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. 15 (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") 16 From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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(9:00) Children's Sermon

Sermon Pastor Amy Juel

Hymn of the Day *Christ, Be Our Light ELW 715*

An Advent Creed

**We believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth.
The one who is full of patience,
who is not afraid of silence,**

**who does not need to fill each moment with activity and noise.
The one who is beyond bluster and flurry,
and who does not jostle for attention.**

**We believe in God the Son, Saviour of creation,
who slipped into Bethlehem one night, mostly unnoticed,
who lived thirty years without headlines or hurry,
who frequently took time alone with his patient Father,
who waited for the right time to become the suffering servant,
who stood quietly before the noise of his accusers,
whose silence overpowered their words,
who died, then rose again on a quiet Sunday morning.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens, empowers, renews and refreshes,
sometimes arriving with obvious power,
sometimes with the quiet breath of a whisper.**

**We believe in one God
who patiently waits for us,
and who longs for us to do the same.**

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

Offering Music

Offering Prayer

**Ever-present God, we offer our gifts of time, effort, love and, yes, even
our possessions. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to forward
your remarkable acts of kindness. In your name we pray, Amen.**

The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	<i>ELW 471</i>
	<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	<i>ELW 496</i>
	<i>Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song</i>	<i>ELW 808</i>

Post Communion Prayer

Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* ELW 774

Dismissal

Go in Peace. Share God's love!

We will. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Silas Giere

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF: Bonnie Muller;
Donna Baker (mother-in-law of Naomi Baker)

Serving Saturday

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel
Greeters: Wayne & Lynette Emberland
Musician: Molly Aalfs
Lector: Marilynn Gjerde

Serving Sunday

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel
Acolytes: Jakub Nurmi, Parker Swenson
Communion: Kevin & Sandy Hanson, Val Amberg
Greeters: Leon & Deb Lentz, Tom & Ashley Gilbertson
Musician: Molly Aalfs
Lector: Shane Baker
Office: Linda Broberg
Sound/Video: Mark Johnson/Jody Skindelien

ANNUAL REPORTS

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

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.

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 may take your plant home after the service on **December 24th.**

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!

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

LET'S MAKE LEFSE

Lefse making in the Calvary kitchen on Tuesday, December 9 at 9:30am. If interested, please contact Enola at 320-444-1818. Please let her know ASAP so she can make plans.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAKING DAY

Mark your calendars. Annual Baking Day will be Tuesday, December 16. Time to be determined.

Happening This Week...

Monday, Dec 1	8am Stewardship - McMillans 2pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Scouts
Tuesday, Dec 2	1pm Social Kindness - Friendship Room 2pm BeFrienders - Library 6:30pm Charity Circle - Friendship Room 7pm Native American History - Bethany Hall
Wednesday, Dec 3	1:30pm Deaconess - Friendship Room 6:15pm 6-9 Grade Confirmation
Thursday, Dec 4	9:30am Text Study 12pm Executive Committee 5pm Endowment Committee - Friendship Room 6pm Troop #3656 Koinonia Room 6pm Troop #3655 Rooms 203/205
Saturday, Dec 6	5:30pm Chapel Worship
Sunday, Dec 7	9am Youth Led/Noisy Offering/Coffee following 10:15am Sunday School 11:30am All Ages Lunch/Movie Event "A Christmas Carol - (1984)

NTY

Friday, December 12, 12:00 Noon

Terry Shaw will again entertain us with his Christmas medleys. Always a fun time and the last time of meeting until next April. If you still have your Christmas sweater hanging in the back of your closet, get it out and wear it one more time for NTY!! If you can't make it for the noon lunch, come and enjoy the program at 1:00. Guests are always welcome also!! Please call the church office by 4:30 Wednesday, December 10, to register for the catered lunch. Cost for lunch is \$7.00, payable in Bethany Hall and not at the church office. Please bring a few Christmas goodies, if you are able, to share for dessert. Thank you. If any questions, please call Diane Asche at 295-8938.

MEMORIAL TREE

Honoring the memory of those we have lost

Calvary wants to thank Michelle Fernholz & Lita, Britta Willenbring, and Brenda Tait for setting up our Memorial Tree the first week of December located at the east entrance. You may add your ornaments during regular office hours, Monday-Thursday 7:30 - 4 and Fridays 7:30 - 2:30. Please pick up ornaments by Monday, January 5th or they will be stored for next time.

Thank you!



We received Bronze Sponsor status and a HUGE Thank you from the Willmar Community Closet for the donation of Hygiene Products that the youth brought to them last week. Thank you for being such great neighbors in the community.

From Willmar Community Closet:

Thank you so much for the donations your youth group brought along on Wednesday [November 19]! Everything was gone in a couple of hours!

People were so thankful! We have loved having their [your students] help! We hope you continue to come. The best time to learn about service is when they are young. Thank you for all the hard work you have done when at the closet.

CAN YOU HELP OUR ALTAR GUILD?

Could you please help our Altar Guild with communion this December? Call Susan Roepke at 320-894-4228 for more details. Thank you!



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	\$10,650.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,322.50
Sat./Sun. Giving	\$ 2,966.55
Total	\$17,939.05

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



Weekly Attendance

Saturday 39
Sunday 162
You Tube 87
Sunday School 30

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

