



## Advent 3

*Sunday School Program  
Sunday, December 14, 2025  
9:00am*

Prelude

Welcome/Greet one another

Lighting of the Advent Candles

We light the candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy.

Dear God, **In the height of our Advent walk,  
grant us the courage to experience joy.**

**Joy in the face of apathy,**

**Joy in the face of sorrow,**

**Joy in the face of uncertainty. 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 Song *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* ELW 257 vs. 5,6

Prayer of the Day

**Stir up the will of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

#### **Mary**

Prayer Reader:

Scripture Reader:

*What Child is This* Congregation ELW 296 v.1

#### **Donkey**

Prayer Reader:

Scripture Reader:

*Giddy Up, Little Donkey* Sunday School Singers

#### **Innkeeper**

Prayer Reader:

Scripture Reader:

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Congregation ELW 276

#### **Joseph**

Prayer Reader:

Scripture Reader:

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* Sunday School Singers v. 1  
Congregation vs. 2-4 ELW 283

#### **Star**

Prayer Reader:

Scripture Reader:

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* Congregation ELW 282 vs. 1-2

#### **Wiseman 1**

Prayer Reader:

Scripture Reader:

*We Three Kings of Orient Are* Congregation

#### **Wiseman 2**

Prayer Reader:

Scripture Reader:  
*We Three Kings of Orient Are*      **Congregation**

**Wiseman 3**

Prayer Reader:  
Scripture Reader:  
*We Three Kings of Orient Are*      **Congregation**

**Angel**

Prayer Reader:  
Scripture Reader:  
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*      **Congregation   ELW 270**

**Shepherds**

Prayer Readers:  
Scripture Reader:  
*Little Drummer Boy*      Sunday School Singers

**Lamb**

Prayer Reader:  
Scripture Reader:  
*Away in a Manger*      Sunday School Singers v.1  
**Congregation   ELW 278 vs. 2-3**

**The Christ Child**

Prayer Reader:  
Scripture Reader:  
*Jesus Loves Me*      Sunday School Singers

**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      *Silent Night*   ELW 281,      *O Little Town*   ELW 279  
                                 *Angels We Have Heard*      ELW 289

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Announcements**

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn      *Joy to the World*      ELW 267

Dismissal

Go in Peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!  
**We will. Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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### **Serving Saturday**

**Preaching:** Pastor Amy Juel  
**Greeters:** Wayne & Lynette Emberland  
**Musician:** Terry Shaw  
**Lector:** Susan Roepke

### **Serving Sunday**

**Preaching:** Pastor Amy Juel  
**Acolytes:** Elizabeth & Isabelle Miller  
**Communion:** Shawn Swenson, Brian Henrickson, Caleb Hanson  
**Greeters:** Carolyn Gripentrog, Krista Dumke, Al & Elaine Simon  
**Musician:** Terry Shaw  
**Lector:** Russ Bennett  
**Office:** Carol Toutge  
**Sound/Video:** Doug Sawatzky/David Sehloff

### **ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE**

**If you have not submitted your annual reports to Paula, please do so as soon as possible. Email [plueders@calvarywillmar.org](mailto:plueders@calvarywillmar.org).  
THANK YOU!**

### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAKING DAY**

Annual Baking Day will be Tuesday, December 16 at 9am. Lunch will be served. If you are interested, please give Bob & Connie a call at 320-354-4272 so they can plan accordingly. Thank you!

### **LEFSE MAKING TIME AT CALVARY**

Thank you to all who joined us making Lefse from the "experienced" to "some not so experienced." Many hands make the load lighter. I believe we have a "tradition" in the making." Thank you everyone!

## FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES:

<b>ALL AGES:</b>	December 12	Noon	NTY (Not Through Yet) Lunch and Entertainment / Christmas Program by Terry Shaw
	December 12	6:30-8pm	"Gingerbread" Cardboard House Creating in Bethany Hall
	December 18	9:30am	Text Study in the Friendship Room
	December 25 & January 1		NO TEXT STUDY
	December 27	5pm	Worship in the Chapel with Thomas Bonnema preaching
		6pm	Gather & Grow (formerly Adult Forum) conversation with Thomas Bonnema regarding his journey through Seminary
	December 28	9am	Worship in the Chapel with Thomas Bonnema preaching
		10am	Gather & Grow (formerly Adult Forum) conversation with Thomas Bonnema regarding his journey through Seminary
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL:</b>	December 13	2-4pm	Christmas Program Practice Meet in the Sanctuary
	December 14	8:30am	Meet in the Koinonia Room to Prepare for the Christmas Program
		9:00am	Christmas Program in Worship
		10am	Potluck Christmas Party for ALL!!!
			Bible Challenge Prizes and Christmas Gifts will be shared
	December 21 & 28		CHRISTMAS BREAK! Watch your email, mail, and Facebook for fun Christmas Break Events!!!
	January 4, <u>2026</u>	9am 10:15am	Youth Led Worship & Noisy Offering Sunday School Resumes! Bible Challenge and Attendance Contest start for the New Year!



## FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES continued:

<b>CONFIRMATION:</b>	December 17	5:15pm	Confirmation SERVICE NIGHT at Hope for Our City OR Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Cash Wise or Wal-Mart. Parents please bring your student(s) to their designated service site (lists were sent home with students on 12/10 and via e-mail 12/5) by 5:15 and pick them up from that site at 6:30 to bring them to Culvers for the Christmas Party.
	December 24 & 31		CHRISTMAS BREAK! Watch your email, mail, and Facebook for fun Christmas Break Events!!!
	December 28	2:30-4pm	Skating with Friends at Civic Center Families are welcome!
	January 7	6-8pm	Confirmation Resumes! Bible Challenge and Attendance Contest start for the New Year!

**THANK YOU!** To our amazing Sunday School Teachers and Helpers, Confirmation Guides, and Adult Faith Formation Coordinators! We are blessed by your commitment to Faith Formation for all ages here at Calvary! Blessings for a wonderful 2026!

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### *A Note from Pastor Amy-*

Dear Friends- We're in the midst of a busy time of year- there are so many things on our plates- literally and figuratively. Expectations and schedules pull us in a multitude of directions. Sometimes we never seem to get ahead. It's easy to become frustrated or feel a bit discombobulated (one of my favorite words!).

As we watch and wait for who we know is truly the Reason for the Season, that infant King born in the manger, please join us in worship as you are able. Center yourself on what is truly the most wonderful gift- the Light of the World. Know that you are loved, not only by your Savior, but by your siblings in Christ! We are stronger when you are with us and we miss you when you are gone. We want to support you in the joys and challenges of your life, and we need your encouragement when we are down.

Christmas is a time for coming together- letting go of the past that haunts us, growing and serving in faith in the present, and joyfully working toward God's preferred future for us, as individuals, as a congregation, and as a world-wide church.

THANK YOU for the ways you love others so well.

God Bless Us, Every One-

-PA

## **BEFRIENDERS VIRTUAL EVENT JANUARY 13, 2026**

Teepa Snow's Normal Vs. Not Normal Aging

Calvary BeFrienders welcome you to join us for this virtual event on Tuesday January 13, 2026 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Friendship Room. In this session you will learn what normally changes in our minds as we age, and what changes may not be normal and possibly a sign of dementia or other illnesses. Amy House, a recognized leader in dementia care and education, will discuss what to do if something is not normal and how to approach the subject with a loved one or family member. Pre-registration is required with a cost of \$10 per person. Please call the church office by Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> to register or for more information.

Calvary BeFriender Leaders  
Beth Bloomquist and Nancy Holt

## **CALVARY ACTIVITY CANCELLATIONS**

We will follow the Willmar Public School's closings due to weather conditions. If school closes early, there will be no evening activities at Calvary. Announcements will be posted on Calvary's Facebook Page and Operation Snowdesk on KWLM radio. Constant Contact emails will be sent.

## **2026 PLEDGE CARDS**

A huge thank you to those who have turned in their 2026 pledge cards. We have had over 100 turned in! To those who have not had time to get them turned in yet, it's not too late. Please take a minute to fill out your pledge card and drop them in the offering plate, in the mail, or at the church office. We appreciate each and every one of you and hope that you are Blessed with a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## **Happening This Week...**

### **Monday, Dec 15**

2pm Staff Meeting

### **Tuesday, Dec 16**

6:30pm Scouts

8:30am Hope Circle - McMillans

9am Annual Baking Day

10am Gather Bible Study

6pm Council - Koinonia Room

6pm Troop #3749 - Rooms 203/205

6:30pm Creation Care

### **Wednesday, Dec 17**

5pm - Hope for Our City/Bell Ringing, Culvers following

### **Thursday, Dec 18**

9:30am Text Study

6pm Troop #3655 Rooms 203/205

6pm Troop #3656 Koinonia Room

6:30pm Blue Christmas

### **Saturday, Dec 20**

4:30pm Annual Christmas Bird Count - Bethany Hall

5:30pm Chapel Worship

### **Sunday, Dec 21**

9am Worship/Coffee

## **Thank You from the Baker Family**

Thank you all so much for your continued prayers, concerns, caring words, smiles and actions toward my family. The bizarre string of illnesses Briana, Kyle and I are experiencing is frustrating and challenging. Add to that the death of my amazing mother-in-law and we've been sent spinning.

Our faith and your support are getting us through.

Blessings to you and Merry Christmas, Naomi and family



## DECEMBER 2025 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

### Last Week's Financials

IRA/QCD/s	\$ 5,798.35
Online Giving	\$3,473.75
Sat./Sun. Giving	\$ 8,188.50
Total	\$17,460.60

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



### Weekly Attendance

Saturday 44  
Sunday 161  
You Tube 94  
Sunday School 33  
Confirmation 22

### 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)**

