



The Fifth Weekend after Epiphany

Saturday, February 7, 2026 5:30pm

Sunday, February 8, 2026 9:00am

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our breads with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome/Greeting

Gathering Hymn *All Are Welcome* ELW 641

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, **lover of justice,**
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Scripture **Isaiah 58:1-12**

- ¹ Shout out; do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
- ² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.
- ³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.
- ⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
- ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?
- ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
- ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry

and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.
¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112: 1-10

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast
forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and
pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— ¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶ "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ. Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message (9am)

Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

¹³ Jesus said: "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Amy Juel

Hymn of the Day *Lord I Lift Your Name On High* ELW 857

Affirmation of Baptism-Samantha Lee Miller

(The assembly is invited to join us on page 234 of the ELW hymnal)

Offering

Offering Prayer

God of majesty, **no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come
near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music

Blessing and Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song *Go Make Disciples ELW 540*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Shine your Light!

We will! Thanks be to God!

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UPLIFT THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mary Jo DeCathelineau, Donna Haines, Andy Jaeger

TODAY'S BULLETIN AND RADIO BROADCAST ARE SPONSORED IN HONOR OF ORIAL (VERN) BUER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY FROM HIS FAMILY. Please join Vern and family in the Friendship Room and wish him a happy birthday!

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING FOR ALL AGES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHAPEL AT 10:15AM TODAY!



Samantha Lee Miller

Isaiah 40:31, "...those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."

<u>Serving Saturday</u>	
Preaching:	Pastor Amy Juel
Greeters:	Wayne & Lynette Emberland
Musician:	Molly Aalfs
Lector:	Julie Neumann
<u>Serving Sunday</u>	
Preaching:	Pastor Amy Juel
Acolytes:	Tenley Kotrba, Haley Chouanard
Communion:	Samantha Miller, Brian Henrickson, Caleb Hanson, Lola Nelson
Greeters:	Betty Larson, Gayle & Linda Larson, Kathleen & Jennifer Monson
Lector:	Nancy Hultgren
Musician:	Molly Aalfs
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ALTAR GUILD MEETING - The Altar Guild will meet on Thursday, February 12 at 5pm in the Koinonia Room. We hope to see you then!

Sharing appreciation - For those who would like to join us in offering a word of appreciation or well wishes to Naomi Powers-Baker, the following is her current contact information:

Naomi Powers-Baker, 1620 18th Avenue NW, Willmar MN
 Cell # - 320-905-6576, Email: bakersrule@icloud.com



We are looking for people who would be willing to be song leaders during regular worship on Sunday mornings. We are also looking for song leaders during the Lenten Season for the Holden Evening Services on Wednesday evenings. Please consider sharing your musical talent with the congregation. We welcome any and all ages for one service or many. If interested, please contact the church office or speak with Pastor Amy. Thank you!

THANK YOU!

Have you noticed the beautiful bulletin boards around church and how they change with the seasons. We want to take a moment and thank Ramona H. who comes in here with her great ideas and creates these wonderful works of art for us to enjoy! This is a great representation of Stewardship by using your talents to spread God's Word. Thank you, Ramona!

CREATION CARE TIP

Reduce and Reuse – Recycling is good; however, it is better to reduce your use of plastics and reuse items. Plastic is a petroleum product and increases our fossil fuel use. Only about 10% of plastics produced get recycled; therefore, it is important to reduce our use of them. Plastic bags can be recycled at Calvary. Following are ideas for reducing the use of plastics:

- Use cloth bags at grocery stores and department stores
- Buy larger containers of items instead of single use (large container of yogurt vs. single serving size)
- Buy refills instead of new bottles of soap, etc.
- Use refillable drinking glasses, coffee cups, etc.

Lent and Holy Week Schedule 2026

- 2/18 6:15 Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion**
- 2/25 5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation**
- 3/4 5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation**
- 3/11 5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation**
- 3/18 5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation**
- 3/25 5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation**
- 3/29 9am PALM SUNDAY Worship**
- 4/2 6:15 Maundy Thursday Worship**
- 4/3 6:15 Good Friday Worship**
- 4/4 5:30 Holy Saturday Chapel Worship**
- 4/5 9am EASTER Worship**

CALLING ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS

With the start of the new year, don't forget to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars. Log into your Thrivent account and designate Calvary Lutheran Church as a recipient. Choice Dollars lets members choose where Thrivent distributes a portion of its funding each year.

Another way to take advantage of your Thrivent Membership is by forming a Thrivent Action Team. Organize an educational event or fundraiser and Thrivent will give you \$250 seed money and T-shirts for your group. It's easy to sign up and will allow you to donate more money back to the organization that you are working for. Our quilters have done this to purchase batting and supplies for their quilts. You only need a Thrivent eligible member to sign up an activity or event.

If you have any questions on these Thrivent opportunities, please contact the church office staff or log into your Thrivent account. Thank you!

FEBRUARY

2026 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 1st	9am Scout Sunday/Youth Led/Noisy Offering 10am - Coffee/Gather & Grow - "Community Closet" 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am-1:00pm Scouts Chili Feed
Saturday, Feb. 7th	5:30pm Chapel Worship
Sunday, Feb. 8th	9am Worship/Rite of Confirmation for Samantha Miller 10am Coffee Time 10:15 Sunday School
Saturday, Feb. 14th	5:30pm Chapel Worship
Sunday, Feb. 15th	9am Worship 10am Coffee/Gather & Grow - "Campus Ministry" 10:15am Sunday School/ "God & Me"
Wednesday, Feb. 18th	6:15pm Ash Wednesday Worship
Saturday, Feb. 21st	5:30pm Chapel Worship
Sunday, Feb. 22nd	9am Worship 10am Coffee with Council 10:15am Sunday School
Wednesday, Feb. 25th	5:30 Meal; 6:15pm Lenten Worship
Saturday, Feb. 28th	5:30pm Chapel Worship

Happening This Week...	
Monday, Feb 9	8am - Stewardship - McMillans 2pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Faith Formation - Conference Room 6:30pm - Scouts
Tuesday, Feb 10	11:30am - Finance Committee 12:00pm - GLLM Annual Meeting 6pm - Council Meeting - Koinonia Room 6pm - Troop #3749 Rooms 203/205
Wednesday, Feb 11	6pm - 6-9 Grades Confirmation
Thursday, Feb 12	9:30am - Text Study 1pm - Quilting 5pm - Altar Guild Meeting - Koinonia Room 6pm - Troop #3655 - Friendship Room
Saturday, Feb 14	10am - Baptism Brynlee Geurtz 5:30pm - Chapel Service
Sunday, Feb 15	9am - Worship 10am - Gather & Grow - Campus Ministry 10:15 - Sunday School / God & Me

February Mission of the Month
Stewardship

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in various forms.
1 Peter 4:10

Board of Stewardship meets the first Monday each month at 8:00am at McMillans Restaurant. Join for a meeting and see if the Board of Stewardship is for you.

Last Week's Financials

IRA/QCD/s	\$ 9,042.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,731.05
Sat./Sun. Giving	<u>\$ 7,443.25</u>
Total	\$18,216.30

<u>Weekly Attendance</u>	
Saturday	50
Sunday	125
Sunday School	27

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

