



Second Weekend in Lent

Saturday, February 28, 2026 5:30pm

Sunday, March 1, 2026 9:00am

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome/Greeting

Gathering Hymn *"All Are Welcome" ELW 641*

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and

for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and

for disdainning the living water Christ offers:

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
Through faith, the free gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts,
and gives you life and peace
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message (9am)

Sermon Pastor Troy Pflibsen

Hymn of the Day *"What Wondrous Love Is This"* ELW 666

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the Church (Hear us, O God, **Your Mercy is Great**)

Offering

Offering Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all Creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

(Just a reminder that you have the option to kneel for communion from Sunday, February 22 through Sunday, March 22.)

Communion Music

Blessing and Prayer after Communion

Sending Song/Noisy Offering "We are Marching" ELW 866

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the Good News!

We will!. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Serving Saturday

Preaching: Pastor Troy Pflibsen
Presiding: Pastor Amy Juel
Greeters: Wayne & Lynette Emberland
Musician: Deb Bremseth

Serving Sunday

Preaching: Pastor Troy Pflibsen
Presiding: Pastor Amy Juel
Musicians: Calvary Lutheran Youth; Carter Kowitz; Ms. Madison Wilson
Acolytes: Jakub Nurmi, Parker Swenson
Communion: Heather Bonnema, Shane Baker, Keith Neumann
Greeters: Gerald & Eileen Sweep, Chad & Krista Willis, Jason & Anne Hultgren
Office: Mary Jo Ramey
Sound/Video: Doug Sawatzky/David Sehloff

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP IS IN CELEBRATION OF ALICE GJERDE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY ON MARCH 2 BY HER FAMILY.

PRAYERS/SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF: Donna Haines

RECIPIENTS FOR OFFERINGS DURING LENT

Wednesday, March 4 - Hawk Creek Animal Shelter

Wednesday, March 11 - Safe Avenues

Wednesday, March 18 - Hope for Our City

Wednesday, March 25 - Arrive Ministries

Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday - General Fund

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday - General Fund

**GATHER AND GROW - SUNDAY, MARCH 1
US Dakota War of 1862: History, Aftermath,
Current Efforts for Healing**

The US Dakota War began here, where we now live, in southwestern Minnesota. Failed treaties and corruption led to its beginning in 1862 and in many ways the war did not end until Wounded Knee in 1890. This Gather & Grow Adult Forum will trace this history, consider its impact at the time, and talk about the efforts for reconciliation and healing that are taking place today. Dean Urdahl has authored several books on this history and has been a leading voice in the efforts for reconciliation and healing. He brings a personal perspective with his family among the first European settlers in the area. He brings a professional interest as a retired history teacher. He also brings the perspective of a former state legislator who used his public position to work towards both formal and informal reconciliation and healing. Pastor Troy Pflibsen gets to tag along to talk about the Southwestern Minnesota Synod's work in the midst of the larger efforts.

MARCH IS FOOD SHELF MONTH

March is the month that we emphasize the need to stock the shelves at the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf. In order to collect a good variety of non-perishable food, we suggest the following for each week:

Feb 28-March 1 - **Canned vegetables, fruit, meat (tuna, spam, etc.)**

March 7-8 - **Soups, crackers**

March 14-15 - **Cereals, peanut butter, breakfast items, granola bars**

March 21/22 - **Pasta, sauces, mac & cheese, etc.**

March 28/29 - **Any non-perishable food**

As always, monetary donations are welcome and can be left in the office or the offering plate (with food shelf designation). We have set a goal of \$1,600.

Let's get on board and fill the cart every week! Thank you for your willingness to give. Social Kindness Committee



Set your clocks ahead

DON'T FORGET DAYLIGHT SAVINGS!

Spring ahead 1 hour. Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 8th**. We don't want you to be late to worship with us!

HONOR LOVED ONES

Every Easter, Calvary likes to fill the Sanctuary with flowers, provided in honor and in memory of loved ones. You're invited to purchase plants for \$10/plant to express your love and appreciation and help the church defray costs of providing the plants. **Friday March 27, 2026**, is the last day to order Easter flowers. Your flower dedications will be part of a special insert that will be available on Easter **Sunday, April 5, 2026**. Make checks payable to "*Calvary Lutheran Church.*" *Thank you!*

March Ministry of the Month Building and Grounds



We are looking for people to join the committee for taking care of our church. Ask at the church office how you can help. We want you!



FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK - March 23-27

We will be hosting Family Promise on March 23-27. Meals are needed for Monday, March 23, Tuesday, March 24, and Thursday, March 26. If you are able to help, please let Joni Hanson know. Her number is 320-220-1324. Thank you!

CREATION CARE FREE CLASS TO LEARN HOW TO COMPOST

Willmar Public Schools Community Education is offering a **FREE** Home Composting class on Monday, March 23 from 4:30 - 6pm at Jefferson Learning Center-111. The instructor is Kandiyohi County Master Gardener volunteers. Registration is required at wce.willmar.k12.mn.us, CODE W26-A-COMPOST or call 320-214-8480. If interested, please check it out!

LIBRARY NEWS

In the chapter book *The Teacher Who Forgot Too Much*, by Steve Breznoff, Catalina "Cat" Duran and her class are off to the recycling center for what seems like the worst field trip ever. But when they arrive, they find out that the recycling plant has been sabotaged! Only Cat and her friends can save the day (and help save the Earth, too!).

JOIN THE BOARD OF WORSHIP!

The Board of Worship needs **YOU!** Join us as we meet to discuss, plan, and evaluate all aspects of our congregation's worship, music, and spiritual cares. Help us to grow our hospitality and welcoming ministries! For more information, contact current Board of Worship members: Cathy Halbritter - Council Liaison, Victoria Larsen, and Michelle Fernholz.

Happening This Week...

Monday, March 2	8am - Stewardship Committee - McMillans 6:30pm - Scouts
Tuesday, March 3	1pm - Social Kindness - Friendship Room 7pm - Native American History - Bethany Hall
Wednesday, March 4	1:30pm - Deaconess Meeting - Friendship Room 4:30pm - Youth Leadership Team 5:30 - Meal 6:15pm - Worship
Thursday, March 5	7pm - Confirmation in Chapel 9:30 - Bible Text Study - Friendship Room 12pm - Executive Board Meeting - Conference Room 1pm - Quilting - Bethany Hall 5pm - Endowment Meeting - Friendship Room 6pm - Troop #3656 - Koinonia Room 6pm - Troop #3655 - Friendship Room
Saturday, March 7	5:30pm - Chapel Service
Sunday, March 8	9am - Worship 10am - Coffee Time 10:15am - Sunday School 3pm - Troop #3500 - Friendship Room 4pm - Troop #3515 - Rooms 203/205

CALVARY'S MILITARY BOARD

Calvary's Military Board needs to be updated. If you have a family member(s) that are in active duty, could you please bring a picture of them to the church office by April 15th. We would like these pictures displayed so that we are able to pray for each and every one of them. Thank you!

Last Week's Financials

IRA/QCD/s	\$ 3,775.70
Online Giving	\$ 13,750.00
Sat./Sun. Giving	\$ 3,825.00
Total	\$ 21,350.70

Readings and Psalm next week

Exodus 17:1-7

Water from the rock in the wilderness

Psalm 95

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation (Ps. 95:1)

Romans 5:1-11

Reconciled to God by Christ's death

John 4:5-42

Baptismal image: the woman at the well

***If you or a family member has a health update, is hospitalized, or is in need of a visit, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE and we will visit you. We appreciate the opportunity to share all aspects of your life with you- both the celebrations and the sadness. You are not alone... and you are loved.**

Pastor Amy Juel

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Weekly Attendance

Saturday 44
Sunday 126
You Tube 85
Sunday School 29
Confirmation 21

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

