



***Sunday of Passion/Palm Sunday***

*Saturday, March 28, 2026 5:30pm*

*Sunday, March 29, 2026 9:00am*

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

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Prelude

Ring of the Bell

Welcome/Greeting

Gathering Hymn *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"* ELW 344

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.**

Gracious God,

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 disdain the living water Christ offers:

Gracious God,

**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

**Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Processional Gospel  
Matthew 21:1-11

Children's Time (9am)

Saturday Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Matthew 27:11-54

Sunday Gospel Readings from Matthew

21:12-17  
23-27  
33-46  
22: 15-40  
24:1-8; 36; 42  
26:1-30

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

Sermon Pastor David Nelson (Saturday)  
Pastor Amy Juel (Sunday)

Hymn of the Day *“O Living Bread From Heaven” ELW 542*

Apostle’s Creed

Prayer’s of the Church (Hear Us, O God, **your mercy is great**)

Offering - Molly & Kaylee Aalfs - “The Holy City”

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

Communion Music *“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty” (verses 1-4) ELW 777*

*“Break Now The Bread of Life” ELW 515*

*“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” ELW 310*

*“Eat This Bread” ELW 472*

Blessing and Prayer after Communion

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ’s body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all reaction, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sending Blessing

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song *“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” ELW 708*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news!

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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**TODAY'S BULLETIN IS SPONSORED IN HONOR OF DIANE ASCHE'S  
80TH BIRTHDAY ON MARCH 22.**

**Serving Saturday**

***Preaching:*** Pastor David Nelson  
***Greeters:*** Wayne & Lynette Emberland  
***Musician:*** Molly Aalfs  
***Lector:*** Julie Neumann

**Serving Sunday**

***Preaching:*** Pastor Amy Juel  
***Musician:*** Molly Aalfs/Haylee Aalfs  
***Acolytes:*** Nick Larsen, Julian Larsen  
***Communion:*** Lori Holmgren, Michael Schroeder, Lois Shaw  
***Greeters:*** Bob & Connie Dickerson, Corey & Elissa Nelson family,  
Dave & Marie Fett  
***Office:*** Linda Broberg  
***Sound/Video:*** Doug Sawatzky/Jody Skindelien

**NTY  
FRIDAY, APRIL 10  
12:00 Noon**

It's Spring and time for NTY to get together again in 2026!! Geoffrey and Mallory Loge Luzuriaga will still be in Minnesota in April, so we are lucky to have them available to come to NTY on April 10. They will be sharing about their experiences as missionaries living in Trujillo, Peru! Mallory grew up in Calvary and Geoffrey is from Peru. They have been married 3 1/2 years - living and serving the Lord together in Peru! They will talk in detail about their call into missions, the mission work they do, interesting facts about Peruvian culture, and will share some Peruvian music with us. Come and enjoy hearing about a different culture and experience music from the Andes Mountains and maybe even learn some Spanish. Please call the church office by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8th to register. Guests are always welcome. If you can't make it for lunch, you're welcome to come for the program at 1:00 p.m. Cost for lunch is \$7.00, payable to Sue Roepke on the day of NTY. (Note that cancellations after Wednesday and no-shows will still require payment due to increased food costs.) Thank you. If you have any questions, please call Diane Asche at 295-8938.

## April Ministries of the Month

### BeFrienders

BeFriender is for anyone desiring a caring, confidential, and faith-based presence in their life. If you are experiencing loss, illness, or a major life transition, BeFriender may be for you!



### Deaconess

Deaconess board meet the first Wednesday of each Month at 1:30.

The Deaconess visit shut ins and bring them a flower each month when they visit.



Contact the church office if you have questions about the BeFrienders or Deaconess

## Creation Care Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center

If you are interested in getting involved as a volunteer at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, please reach out to Ellen Dolph, the Environmental Education Director. Ellen can be contacted by phone at 320-354-5894 or by email at [Ellen.d@prairiewoodselc.org](mailto:Ellen.d@prairiewoodselc.org).

### Earth Day Event Volunteer Roles

Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center is seeking individual volunteers for their upcoming Earth Day Event, which will be held on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to help lead activities such as game stations, craft activities, and check-in tables during the event.

### Ongoing and Seasonal Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to the Earth Day Event, there will be additional volunteer opportunities available during the summer and fall. Prairie Woods maintains a list of active volunteers and regularly sends out information about new opportunities as they become available. If you would like to be added to this list and stay informed about upcoming volunteer roles, Ellen would be happy to include your name.

**Last chance to purchase Easter flowers to honor and remember your loved ones is extended to Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Stop at the church office to fill out a form and pay the \$10 per plant.**



All are invited to join in ringing handbells for the Easter gathering hymn. No prior handbell experience is necessary-just a willingness to participate in celebrating the joy of Easter morning. We will rehearse briefly after the Maundy Thursday service and again before the Easter service. If you are interested in ringing, please contact the church office at 320-235-2508 or speak with Molly Aalfs.



**BIDS FOR MOWING THE CEMETERY THIS YEAR**

Our cemetery committee is seeking bids to mow our church cemetery this year. If you know of someone, please contact Kevin Hanson, 320-894-7949. Thanks for all of your help.

<b><u>Happening This Week...</u></b>	
Monday, March 30	2pm Staff Meeting
Tuesday, March 31	5:45pm Worship Board Meeting - Conference Room 6pm JAM session
Wednesday, April 1	1:30pm Deaconess Meeting - Friendship Room
Thursday, April 2	9:30am - Text Bible Study - Friendship Room 1pm - Quilting 6pm - Troop #3656 - Koinonia Room 6pm - Troop #3655 - Friendship Room 6:15pm - Maundy Thursday Service/First Communion
Friday, April 3	6:15pm - Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 4	5:30pm - Chapel Service
Sunday, April 5	8:15 - 8:50am - Easter Breakfast prior to service 9:00am - Easter Worship 10:00am - Easter Breakfast following service

**Last Week's Financials**

IRA/QCD/s	\$ 750.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,672.95
Sat./Sun. Giving	\$ 3,878.25
Total	\$ 8,301.20

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



**Readings and Psalm for April 5**

**Acts 10:34-43**  
**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**  
**Colossians 3:1-4**  
**Matthew 28:1-10**

**Weekly Attendance**

Saturday 49  
 Sunday 134  
 You Tube 115  
 Sunday School 27

**EXCITING NEWS FOR FAMILY PROMISE!**

Exciting News! Family Promise is Moving to a 5 Acre property just west of Willmar! After 3 years renting a downtown dormitory facility, God has taken the lead & guided Family Promise into a sensible purchase agreement on a very appropriate, healthy property for housing local homeless families. Family Promise continues to be thankful to Calvary for blessing this ministry by volunteers and financial gifts, prayers and donations. God's work in our hands.



<b>Saturday, April 4th</b>	<b>5:30pm Chapel Worship</b>		
<b>Sunday, April 5th</b>	<b>9:00am Easter Service/Easter Breakfast No Sunday School</b>		
<b>Saturday, April 11th</b>	<b>5:30pm Chapel Worship</b>		
<b>Sunday, April 12th</b>	<b>9:00am Youth Led Service/Noisy Offering (coffee following) 10:15am Sunday School</b>		
<b>Saturday, April 18th</b>	<b>5:30pm Chapel Worship</b>		
<b>Sunday, April 19th</b>	<b>9:00am Worship / Gather &amp; Grow - "The Link" following service 10:15am Sunday School / "God &amp; Me" / Greeter/Usher Training</b>		
<b>Saturday, April 25th</b>	<b>5:30pm Chapel Worship/Coffee with Council</b>		
<b>Sunday, April 26th</b>	<b>9:00am Earth Day Sunday Worship/Coffee with Council 10:15am Sunday School</b>		

 **2026 WORSHIP SCHEDULE** 

### 2026 Calvary Council Leaders

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**Bryan Hurley - 320-262-2637 - [behurley7@hotmail.com](mailto:behurley7@hotmail.com)**

### **NEWS - PLEASE CHECK THIS OUT!**

- Thursday, April 2 at 6:15pm Maundy Thursday/First Communion Service
- Spring Break MOVIE NIGHT for grades 5-12 / Friday, March 27 from 7-9pm / Friends Welcome! Hosted by Calvary Youth Leadership Team
- Youth JAM SESSIONS: join us for music and fun! Bring your voice and/or your instrument! Tuesdays at 6pm March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28. Youth Led Worship with Music scheduled for April 12 and May 3
- Thank you to Brother Doug, Carter Kowitz, Deb Bremseth, Kristin Pierce, Kristine Benson, Molly Aalfs, Kaylee Aalfs for their talents during worship times
- Thank you to Pastors Jennie & Daryl Thul, Pastor Mary Hovland, Pastor Andres Albertson, Pastor Justin Ask, Pastor David Nelson, and Danette Hendrickson for filling in for Pastor Amy while she was away
- Girl Scout Cookie Sale - Sunday, March 29  
Youth Led Service/Noisy Offering - Sunday, April 12

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

#### **Our House Is on Fire: Greta Thunberg's Call to Save the Planet** by Jeanette Winter

In this beautiful picture book for children, learn the story of Greta Thunberg, the sixteen-year-old climate activist who has sparked a worldwide student movement and is demanding action from world leaders who refuse to address climate change.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup>. We would like these pictures displayed so that we are able to pray for each and every one of them. Thank you!

### **COLLECTING USED BOOKS**

Calvary is the new location for the AAUW used book sale that will be held at the church Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>-Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any books at home that you would like to donate to the book sale, please drop them off at the church office before Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The AAUW helps fund scholarships for higher education at Willmar High School and Ridgewater College.

### **NAME TAGS**

We will be ordering Name Tags soon so if you need one, please let the church office know. Thank you!



**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.

The 2026 Monthly and Year-to-Date Financial Report of the General Fund:

	February			Year-to-Date		
	Actual	Budget	Actual > Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual > Budget
Inflows:	\$77,548	\$54,167	\$23,381	\$141,114	\$108,333	\$32,781
Outflows:	(-50,092)	(-50,396)	305	(-103,631)	(-100,793)	(-2,838)
Net Inflows> Outflows	\$27,456	\$3,770	\$23,686	\$37,483	\$7,541	\$29,942
Transfers In-Capital Fund*	953	1,667	(-713)	1,633	3,333	(-1,701)
Net Income	\$28,409	\$5,437	\$22,972	\$39,116	\$10,874	\$28,242

\$\$\$ Borrowed from Special Funds in 2025**	Balance Owed Special Funds 12/31/2025	Balance Repaid in 2026	Balance Owed Special Funds 02/28/2026
		\$108,440	\$39,116

\* Income transferred from Capital Funds to pay for capital-related expenditures.

\*\* Funds transferred back to Special Funds for what was borrowed in previous year. Goal to re-pay the Special Funds \$2,500 per month.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Fenske at 320-894-1184 or fenskeb13@gmail.com

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe.

So, she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. The neighbor said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the two kids walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally, she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week... Do you know her'

Timmy nonchalantly replied, 'Yeah, I know who she is.'

The little girl said, 'Well, who is she'

'That's just Shirley Goodnest,' Timmy replied, 'and her daughter Marcy.'

'Shirley Goodnest...! Who is she and why is she following us..?'

'Well,' Timmy explained, 'every night my Mum makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, ' Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it.'

May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always.

I know you smiled! 😊😄

