



Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

Sunday, April 5, 2026 9:00am

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell
Welcome/Greeting

Gathering Hymn *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" ELW 365 - Calvary Bells & Congregation*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!
Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the waters that nourish us
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy one, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
Now and forever.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today!” ELW 373*

Scripture **Acts 10:34-43**

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.

² **Let Israel now declare,
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.
¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**
¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”
¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**
¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.
¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**
²⁰ “This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter.”
²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**
²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
²³ **By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**
²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Colossians 3:1-4

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.
Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message (9am)

Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead

men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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

Sermon Pastor Amy Juel

Hymn of the Day *“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!” ELW 619 vs. 1, 2, 7, 8*

Apostle’s Creed

Prayer’s of the Church (Merciful God, **receive our prayer**)

Offering - Eryn Tvette *“Because He Lives”* by William & Gloria Gaither

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Words of Institution and The Lord’s Prayer

Communion Music *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” ELW 367*

“Now the Green Blade Rises” ELW 379

“Joy to the World” ELW 267

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” ELW 385

Blessing and Prayer after Communion

Sending Song *“Thine Is the Glory” ELW 376*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Postlude

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HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Andy Jaeger

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF: Amanda Bisted, Sister of Lee Paulson

	<u>Serving Saturday</u>
Preaching:	Pastor Amy Juel
Greeters:	Wayne & Lynette Emberland
Musician:	Molly Aalfs
Lector:	Susan Roepke
	<u>Serving Sunday</u>
Preaching:	Pastor Amy Juel
Musician:	Molly Aalfs, Eryn Tvette
Acolytes:	Lucette Strommer, Brooke Madsen
Communion:	Jan Ruby, Caleb Hanson, Karen Loge
Greeters:	South - Andy & Jean Berg; East - Dean & Joni Hanson; North - Dale & Judy Johnson
Lector:	Russ Bennett
Office:	Debra Johnson
Sound/Video:	Shawn Swenson, 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 ½ 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

Gather and Grow - April 19 - "The Link"

The Link is a faith-based nonprofit serving families in Kandiyohi County and beyond. Our mission is to walk alongside our neighbors in times of hardship, helping meet their most basic needs through food support, financial assistance, clothing, and household goods. We also provide referral information and advocacy, guiding families through unfamiliar systems and connecting them to additional community resources. We rely solely on the generosity of individuals, businesses, churches, and grant partners to fund this work, and on donations of clothing and household items to directly serve the families who come through our doors. Our mission: Creating a community where neighbors share the love of God through service to each other. Some current needs are: unexpired food donations, household necessities (dishes, furniture), gently used clothing and shoes, volunteers for Community Revival, volunteers for food pick up, monetary donations, etc.

COLLECTING USED BOOKS

Calvary is the new location for the AAUW used book sale that will be held at the church Thursday, April 30th-Saturday, May 2nd. 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 29th. The AAUW helps fund scholarships for higher education at Willmar High School and Ridgewater College.

Happening This Week...	
Monday, April 6	8am - Stewardship Meeting - McMillans 2pm - Staff Meeting 6:30pm - Scouts
Tuesday, April 7	1pm - Social Kindness - Friendship Room 6pm - JAM SESSION 6:30pm - Charity Circle - Friendship Room 7pm - Native American History - Bethany Hall
Wednesday, April 8	5pm - Youth Leadership Team Meeting 6pm - Confirmation
Thursday, April 9	9:30am - Text Bible Study 1pm - Quilting 6pm - Troop #3655 - Friendship Room
Friday, April 10	12pm - NTY - Bethany Hall
Saturday, April 11	9am - Grades 3-5 Camp Kids Retreat at Shores of St Andrew 5:30pm - Chapel Worship
Sunday, April 12	9am - Worship/Youth Led/Noisy Offering Baptism Ariana Dahlseid 10am - Coffee Time 10:15am - Sunday School 3pm - Troop #3500 - Friendship Room 4pm - Troop #3515 - Rooms 203/205

The 2026 Food Shelf Drive at Calvary Lutheran Church saw 198 lbs of food and \$710 collected and delivered to the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf. There was a match of monetary donations through March 6, so we were able to double our money! Many thanks to all who donated to this important cause!

Last Week's Financials

IRA/QCD/s	\$ 5,000.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,679.35
Sat./Sun. Giving	\$ 6,044.50
Total	\$12,723.85

Readings and Psalm for April 12

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Weekly Attendance

Saturday	46
Sunday	215
You Tube	125
Sunday School	29

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

