

ROGATION WEEKEND – May 2 & 3, 2026

Welcome everyone to our Rogation Service. A special welcome to those who are visitors today! Good Morning to those who are joining us via radio, television, or social media!

Rogation comes from the Latin "rogare" which means to beseech. And so, today we beseech God's blessing for the seed, for the soil, for those who labor in the fields and for all of God's creation . . . this includes you. May God bless and keep you during the coming year.

We learn from the Holy Scripture that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and caused the sun to shine and the rain to fall, the plants to grow and the earth to give forth its increase. God is the giver of life in the seed, in the soil, and on the sowers.

We affirm our baptismal creed where, in the First Article, we acknowledge that God "makes all creation help provide the comforts and necessities of life sun, moon, and the stars in the heavens, day and night, air, fire, water, the earth and all that it brings forth, birds and fish, beasts, grain and all kinds of produce." (Luther's Large Catechism)

We gather today to ask God's blessing on the seed that has been or will be planted, the soil that has been cultivated, and the farmers who labor to the service of God and for the good of all humanity.

Let all here present yield high praise to our Creator that God may crown the year with God's goodness. For from God comes every good and perfect gift: the rich soil, the smell of fresh-turned earth, the keenness of the winters frost, the rumble of the machine, the gleam of a cutting blade; the blistered hand, the sweat of the brow, the skill of those who plow; the beauty of a clean-cut furrow, the sweep of a well-plowed field – all reveal the mind of the Creator. Blessed be God in all God's gifts, and holy in all God's works.

Prelude

Gathering Song

"As the Deer" – text and music by Martin J. Nystrom 1984 Maranatha Praise Inc.

Verse 1 As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You. [Chorus]

Verse 2 I want You more than gold and silver, only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy Giver and the apple of my eye. [Chorus]

Verse 3 You're my friend and You are my brother, even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. [Chorus]

[Chorus] You alone are my strength, my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

Thanksgiving, Confession & Absolution

Creator God, we praise you for your creation, for your gift of the beauty of nature, for your trust in humankind in giving us dominion over your world. We thank you for the power of thought and talent that has produced people whose daring, down through the ages, has made life more comfortable for us through faithful use of your gifts. We praise you most for your great gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. He has brought to us the awareness of your love for us. Help us to be good stewards of that love by sharing it with others.

Holy God, you have called us to live in faith and freedom, but we live with tightness in our chests. You have called us to be the light of the world, but we have often times covered our light in the presence of others. You have called us to move in new directions, but we cling to the paths that we know. You have called us to reach outward to each other in love, but we draw inward to ourselves for protection. You have called us to live in hope, instead we live in fear. God, forgive us.

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We live Now in his peace. **Amen.**

Hymn

"Seed That in Earth Is Dying"

ELW 330

Litany and Words of Dedication

Let us give thanks to God: For the beauty of your world, the glory of starlit skies, the wonder of the changing seasons, the ever-new miracle of stirring life in field and forest

We give you thanks, O God.

For the Privilege of sharing with you in the act of creating the good things of earth for your children and for your nearness in all the processes of agricultural life.

We give you thanks, O God.

For the Christ of the country road, who walked and served in the land of Galilee, and who today walks the country roads of the world in partnership with all who till the soil,

We give you thanks, O God.

For widening horizons of rural life, the open doors through which we may serve the rural peoples of the world, and walk the byways with Christ,

We give you thanks, O God.

That it may please you to grant a just and lasting peace in all the earth, that all people may again beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, that they may all live together in fellowship and tranquility in the lands you have given them,

We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

To the recreation of the beloved community bound together by ties of love in every countryside, in which all people shall share with joy in sowing the seed and reaping the harvest of the Kingdom of God,

We dedicate our hands and minds, O Lord

To a renewed appreciation of the Holy Earth and its resources, material and human,

We dedicate our hands and minds, O Lord.

To partnership with our rural neighbors around the world, and to serving them devotedly with all the gifts and graces you have bestowed on us,

We dedicate our lives, O God.

Accept our thanksgiving, hear our prayers and intercessions, graciously use the gifts of mind, body, and life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson:

Genesis 1: 27-28,31

²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Second Lesson:

Romans 8:18-25

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Children's Sermon – 9am

Gospel:

Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced

abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

ELW 879

Litany and Prayer of Blessing

Brothers and sisters in Christ; Today we seek God's blessing as we gather with thankfulness for his wondrous creation. We especially seek God's blessing at this time of planting and so we have brought with us signs of this season.

We dedicate our equipment, our seed, our time, and our selves to the glory of God.

All your works praise you, O Lord.

and your faithful servants bless you.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You make the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you. We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth. of things, seen and unseen. You stretched out the heavens like a curtain; you divided the day from night; you appointed times and seasons for work and rest, for tearing down and for building up. Be with us now and bless the work of those who labor in the fields. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things and continue your blessings to us through the bounty of your creation.

Amen.

Let the people praise you, O God:

Let all the peoples praise you

The earth has brought forth her increase;

May God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

For the seed . . . Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of heaven and earth, you give seed to the sower and bread for food. Nourish, protect, and bless the seed which people have sown and will sow in hope, so that by your good providence and bountiful giving, it may bring forth fruit in due season and be gathered with thanksgiving to satisfy the needs of your people. Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For the equipment . . . Gracious Lord, be with us now and bless us as we set apart this equipment to your glory and praise. Grant us diligence in maintenance, safety and caution in use, and patience during breakdowns. Give us the faith to know your gracious purpose in all things, give us joy in them, and lead us to the building up of your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the soil . . . O Loving Lord, the eternal fountain and giver of life, we give thanks that we again behold on every side the awakening of nature in answer to your call to arise from winter's sleep; and as you cheer our spirits with freshening grass, budding trees, and unfolding plants, grant us thankful hearts to praise you for the promise of your renewed provisions for our bodies and lives and an abiding trust in your unchanging love now and forever. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the rain and sunshine . . . Lord God, by your providence alone we receive the fruits of the earth. In your mercy send us such weather that our fields may bring forth abundantly to our sustenance and that at the time of harvest we may take of your gifts for our good and give thanks to you with gladness.

Amen.

Offering

Offering Music

"Baptized and Set Free"

Calvary Youth

The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer (ELW p.112)

Communion Music

"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"

ELW 469

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW 679

"Earth and All Stars"

ELW 731

Benediction

May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless the pastures and meadows, all growing grass and green fields. May the soil be wholesome and the crops abundant. May the weather be favorable and the workers of good heart. And may God who gives breath and life to the sower, multiply the seed sown and increase its fruits. May God be with us and among us and around us now and forevermore.

Amen

Noisy Offering for Creation Care and Calvary Youth Courtyard Garden

Sending Song

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

ELW 674

Dismissal

Go in peace to grow God's abundant love!

We will! Thanks Be to God!

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Andy Jaeger

TODAY'S BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY TOM AND LOIS RENSTROM IN MEMORY OF THE BIRTHDAYS OF KATHY RENSTROM AND LOWELL FOSTERVOLD.

Serving Saturday

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel
Greeters: Wayne & Lynette Emberland
Musician: Molly Aalfs
Lector: Lois Shaw

Serving Sunday

Preaching: Pastor Amy Juel
Musicians: Molly Aalfs, Carter Kowitz, Chapel Kids
Acolytes: Elsy Jacobson, Bria Pederson
Communion: Meghan Knott, Beth Bloomquist, Val Amberg
Greeters: **South** – Harland & Diane Asche; **East** – Dave & Marie Fett
North – Duaine & Ann Amundson
Lector: Calvary Youth
Office: Amy Gilbertson
Sound/Video: Mark Bloomquist/Jody Skindelien

TODAY'S GATHER & GROW IS HAWK CREEK ANIMAL SHELTER

My name is Lacey Swart and I am the Community Outreach Coordinator for Hawk Creek Animal Shelter. Thank you so much for welcoming us into your Church. Our mission is to truly help the animals (and people!) in our community. Not only can you adopt an animal from our Shelter, but we also offer volunteer work, low-cost spay and neuters for income eligible households, spay and neutering for barn cats, and a community food shelf for families who may need a little extra help with feeding their pets. **If you are looking for ways to help our shelter, you can volunteer, foster, adopt, donate supplies, and give a monetary donation. We always appreciate people spreading the word about our Hawk Creek animals! If you would like to donate supplies, here is a general list of the higher demand items: Heavy Duty 33 gallon garbage bags, Mr. Clean magic erasers, disinfecting wipes, copier paper, stamps, Cheez Whiz/Kong fillings, any dog/cat food for our community food shelf, hand soap, durable pet toys (new or gently used), and dog leashes. A collection box is available by our display in the Narthex and one by the Office.** Once again, thank you for supporting Hawk Creek Animal Shelter. We appreciate it so much!

CALVARY'S MILITARY and PUBLIC SERVANTS BULLETIN BOARD

Calvary's Military Board is being updated to include those who serve the public as Police Officers, Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, Firefighters, and Rescue personnel. If you have a family member(s) who are active-duty military or who are currently public servants in any of these roles, please bring a picture of them to the church office by May 18. We would like these pictures displayed so that we are able to pray for each and every one of them! Thank you!

NTY - FRIDAY, MAY 8

12:00PM

This month we will have a special "Memorial Day Show" put together by Terry Shaw and presented by Terry. Should be very entertaining as we never had a special medley of tunes for Memorial Day observance. Come and enjoy the program at 1:00 if you can't make it for the noon lunch. Invite someone new who hasn't been to NTY before to come and join us. Please call the church office by 4:30 Wednesday, May 6, to register for the catered lunch. 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.



Last Week's Financials

IRA/QCD's	\$3,759.81
Online Giving	\$1,053.85
Sat/Sun Giving	<u>\$3,668.75</u>
Total	\$8,482.41

Weekly Attendance

Saturday	52
Sunday	152
Video	121
SS	25

Readings/Psalm for May 10

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
John 14:15-21

OPEN HOUSE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Marlis Mortensen is turning 90!

Marlis' family invites everyone to Bethany Hall on Sunday, May 17th from 2-4pm to help Marlis celebrate her big day!

Marion Rusten is turning 100!

Marion's family invite everyone to celebrate her birthday on Saturday, May 23rd from 2-4pm in the Friendship Room.

UPCOMING GATHER AND GROW ADULT FORUMS

May 17 - Thrivent

May 24 - Woodland Centers

THRIVENT MEMBERS

Thank you members for designating 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.

LOST AND FOUND: Car key with Mills punch card on it found last Sunday. Also, wireless headphones were found in the parking lot last Thursday. Call or stop at church office to identify as yours. Thank you!

Calvary night at the Stingers ballpark!

Sunday, July 19th

Game starts at 5:05pm

After Calvary pays for half,

your cost is
\$20.00 per ticket.



Willmar Stingers

Your ticket will include unlimited hamburgers, brats, chips, pop and water in our Calvary suite. Come and join us for fellowship and cheer on your Willmar Stingers.

Scholarships are available to help with the cost of the tickets.

Contact the church office to purchase tickets or request a scholarship.

VETERANS APPRECIATION PRE-GAME PICNIC
THURSDAY, JULY 2 • 6:00-7:00 • GAME 7:05
BILL TAUNTON STADIUM - WILLMAR, MN
POST-GAME FIREWORKS SHOW

ALL VETERANS RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS & CHOICE OF BURGER OR BRAT, BAG OF CHIPS AND SODA/WATER!

CONTACT THE KANDIYOHI COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY BY CALLING 320-231-6226 OR STOP BY THE OFFICE AT 2200 23RD STREET NE, WILLMAR.

Happening This Week...

- Monday, May 4** 9am Cemetery Committee – Friendship Room
2pm Staff Meeting
4:30pm Stewardship Committee - Perkins
6:30pm Scouts
- Tuesday, May 5** 1pm Visitation – Wes Martinson
2pm Memorial Service – Wes Martinson
6:30pm Charity Circle – Friendship Room
7pm Native American History – Bethany Hall
- Wed, May 6** 1:30pm Deaconess – Friendship Room
4:30pm
6pm Confirmation
- Thursday, May 7** 9:30am Text Study
12pm Executive Board
1pm Quilting
6pm Troop 3655 Friendship Room
- Friday, May 8** 12pm NTY
- Saturday, May 9** 5:30pm Chapel Service
- Sunday, May 10** 9am Worship
10am – Coffee
10:15am One Room Classroom with Carter

YOU'RE INVITED to *Bethesda Week!* This is a time of being intentional about recognizing, supporting, and praying for the Bethesda staff. The gifts, abilities, and talents each person brings to Bethesda help us faithfully live out and advance our shared mission. We invite you to join us in prayer as we uplift the employees who serve Bethesda in so many meaningful ways.

As part of this week, we will host three separate gatherings in New London (North Pointe), Willmar, and Olivia (Park View Village). You are welcome to attend any or all of these events. Whether you join us for one gathering or all three, we would be glad to have you!

Schedule:

- Willmar – Monday, May 11 at 9:30 a.m. (Carrie's Chapel)
- North Pointe – Monday, May 11 at 11:00 a.m. (Gardenia)
- Park View Village – Thursday, May 14 at 1:00 p.m. (Dining Hall)

- Wednesday, May 6 4:30pm PLANT SALSA GARDEN raised bed planters in the atrium/courtyard! Come any time after school (we'll have snacks 😊) or after practice is done!
6:00 Supper / Opening (1 Corinthians 12:1-31) & Game / Small Groups – Taking the Spiritual Gifts Inventory Quiz / Worship
- Sunday, May 10 Carter and Confirmation Students lead One Room Sunday School to give The teachers a DAY OFF for Mother's Day 😊 Help Sunday School students make cards and plant flowers for the special women in their lives. Maybe play a game or two? Have a snack? **Get some service hours!** Let Carter or Pastor Amy know if you can help!
- Wednesday, May 13 6:00 Supper / Opening (Acts 2) & Game / Large – Spiritual Gifts Inventory results / Small Groups – Time & Talent Worksheet / Worship / **TURN IN YOUR SERVICE HOURS – AWARDS GIVEN MAY 20 AT STONERIDGE END OF THE YEAR PARTY!**
- Saturday, May 16 10am – Noon / Cemetery Spring Spruce Up – EARN SERVICE HOURS! 😊/ Meet at the Calvary Cemetery (2401 Gorton Ave) / Wear closed-toed shoes / bring water bottle and gloves
- Wednesday, May 20 5:15 meet at Bethesda StoneRidge for supper / 6-7pm Host and play games and award prizes to StoneRidge residents! **End of year awards for Attendance, Bringing your Bible, and SERVICE HOURS!!!**

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Saturday, May 2nd	5:30pm Chapel Worship	
Sunday, May 3rd	9:00am Youth Led Service/Noisy Offering (coffee following) 10:15am Sunday School/Gather & Grow-Hawk Creek	
Saturday, May 9th	5:30pm Chapel Worship	
Sunday, May 10th	9:00am Worship (coffee following) 10:15am One room Sunday School in Bethany Hall w/Carter and friends	
Saturday, May 16th	5:30pm Chapel Worship	
Sunday, May 17th	9:00am Worship/10:00 End of year Celebration Breakfast 10:15 Gather & Grow-Thrivent	
Saturday, May 23rd	5:30pm Chapel Worship	
Sunday, May 24th	9:00am Worship 10:15 Gather & Grow-Woodland Centers	
Saturday, May 30th	5:30pm Chapel Worship	
Sunday, May 31st	9:00am Worship (coffee following)	

“Let all that you do be done in love.”

Colossians 3:14

PICTURES FROM AAUW BOOK SALE



RAISED BED PLANTER ASSEMBLY FOR FUTURE SALSA GARDEN Jack, Nick, Elizabeth, Carter, Isabelle

