



Sunday October 25, 2026
Calvary Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, MN

Welcome to Calvary Lutheran Church!

Beloved of God, each and every one of you is welcome here.

This welcome is for all of us in our multiple identities — including all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, people of the global majority, doubters, skeptics, seekers, and people of other faiths.

We seek to repair harm we have done as church.

We strive to be actively antiracist and to dismantle White supremacy in ourselves, in church, and in society.

Calvary is a reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

As a community of faith, we at Calvary Lutheran acknowledge that our church was formed on the ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute Band and other bands of the Dakota Nation. The Dakota were forcibly removed from their homelands. With God's help, we strive to repair ongoing injustices and grow toward right relationship with Indigenous people.

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Gather

Gathering Song - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Vs 1

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper frees us from the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Forsworn to work us woe
With guile and dreadful might
Is armed to wage the fight
On earth there is no equal

Vs 2

If we in our own strength confide
Our striving turns to losing
The righteous one fights by our side
The one of God's own choosing
You ask who this may be
Christ Jesus, it is he
The Lord of hosts by name
His way of love we claim
None else can win the battle

Vs 3

Though all the world with devils fill
And threaten to devour us
We tremble not, we trust God's will
They cannot overpower us
Though evil rant and rage
In fiercest war engage
This tyrant's doomed to fail
God's wisdom must prevail
The word of truth shall triumph

Vs 4

God's word shall stand above the pow'rs
Shall end all their thanksgiving
The spirit and the gifts are ours
For God with us is living
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
Though all of these be gone
Our God lives on and on
With us until forever

Welcome

Invocation

We gather in the name of God the parent Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit
Amen

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always
And also with you
Let us share a sign of peace with one another

Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**To you, O God,
all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to
you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and
remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your
paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your
goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ✝ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Invitation to be seated

Word

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Psalms 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
God utters their voice; the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*
Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations god has brought on the earth.
The Lord makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
God breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
The Lord burns the shields with fire.
“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

Invitation to rise.

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, halle, hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah

Holy Scripture

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and

first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet” ’?

“If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Invitation to be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Jennifer Sung

Song of the Day - I Have Decided

Invitation to rise.

Profession of Faith

**We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence. Each prayer petition will end with, "Lord in your mercy," and the congregation will sing,

***"Open my heart
Open my heart
Open my heart
Open my heart"***

The prayers conclude:

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray, to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Invitation to be seated.

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you fill our lives with good things and call us into community. Stir in us a deep gratitude for these gifts. Root us in our vocation to be the church, in service to our neighbors. Weave us together as your people, with the presence, talents, and treasures we offer, that we may embody your love and justice in the world.

Amen

Invitation to rise.

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We life them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Prayer Jesus Taught us

**Our Parent in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom
come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now
and forever. Amen**

Welcome to the Table

The bread is broken, the wine is poured and all are welcome to this
table of grace.

Holy Communion Distribution

Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in God's grace. **Amen**

Sending

Invitation to be seated.

Announcements & Prayer Requests

Invitation to rise.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of God the parent + Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Sending Song - Holy Holy Holy

Vs 1

Holy, holy, holy!

Lord God Almighty

Early in the morning

Our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, holy!

Merciful and mighty

God in three persons

Blessed Trinity!

Vs 2

Holy, holy, holy!

Though the darkness hide Thee

Though the clouded unjust world

Thy glory may not see

Only Thou art holy

There is none beside Thee

Perfect in power, hope and charity

Vs 3

Holy, holy, holy!

Lord God Almighty

All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Sending

Go in peace and Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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Worship Leaders

Week of	October 25	November 1
Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Jenny Sung	Pastor Jenny Sung
Assisting Minister	Emilie Bouvier	Shari Seifert
Lector	Chris Robson	Sam Robson
Usher	McCarthys	Pat Olson
Sacristan	Michael Luedtke	Linda Mundt
Livestream	Mark Smith	Tito Arizabal
Musician	Ben Larson	Ben Larson
Coffee Hour	Youngbauer's	Ferris's
Church Set-up	Mobergs	Ferris's

This Week at Calvary

Sunday, October 25

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:15 a.m. Pastor Jenny's Baby Shower

Announcements!

All Saints Sunday Is November 1st!



Sunday November 1st we will be setting aside a special time to lift up the saints that have gone before us this past year. Please submit names of people you want to make sure are lifted up in the worship service by emailing Pastor Jenny the names you would like honored. Her email is pastorjennifer@clchurch.org

Rudrud Open House Food Shelf Fundraiser

Friday, November 20 from 5:30–8:00 p.m.
1201 Yale Place, Minneapolis, MN 55403

Our neighbors are still counting on us. This year the food shelf has distributed over 600,000 pounds of food, and in September we served 3,975 neighbors. Join hosts Don and Karen Rudrud for hearty appetizers and

desserts by Pat Olson, a silent auction, and great company, and help us raise \$45,000.

- Suggested donation of \$25
- RSVP here: www.pp.events/food-shelf

Other Ways to Support Contribute to the Silent Auction

Donate items or offer your time and talent: host a dinner party, wine tasting, game night, or other gathering. Contact Pastor Jenny at pastorjennifer@clchurch.org to donate. Items must be delivered to the Church by Wednesday, 11/18.

Give and Share Online

Support our online fundraiser and share it with your friends and family:
<https://www.givemn.org/organization/Calvary-Food-Shelf>

Invitation to Submit Stories for Pat's Cook Book!

Good news! There's a new book project underway...

This book will be a way for younger generations and other congregations to more deeply experience church as a place for food, justice & community. Recipes and perspectives from church elder, Pat Olson, will combine with Calvary Lutheran Church's stories of change over time. This cookbook will offer inspiration, healing, love and light...along with recipes for tastable treats! Please consider submitting a story to the project by December 1, 2026. Here's how:

- 1) Use [this link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-vhFdMQBAnhUJJq-No19e19VFm0QGE_q11_do4lkfSNjNGQ/viewform) to connect to the form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-vhFdMQBAnhUJJq-No19e19VFm0QGE_q11_do4lkfSNjNGQ/viewform
- 2) Use the digital form to share your story about Pat's food ministry by typing out that story or requesting a visit with a writer that can record your story,
- 3) Submit the form with the press of a button.

Note: the project team will work to include as many stories as possible, but not all may work. Thank you for considering sharing your ideas about Pat's ministry through food, justice and community with Calvary.



Stewardship Brunch!

Sunday November 8th after worship we will gather around a meal catered by our very own Pat Olson! We will have holy conversation, support each other in our journey of generosity and share more about our mission priorities for the year to come.

Come with an open spirit and any questions you may have. This is always such a beautiful way of being community together and learning more about the ministry here at Calvary!



Congregation Members have been asking for updates on the offering budget so we will be including this information in our weekly bulletin and e-blast. Included in each update will be the monthly update from the previous month.

For September 30:

Offerings to Date: \$103,447

Budgeted Offerings to Date: \$113,625

We will also include weekly updates from our generosity stewardship campaign. This week we sent out the mailing via snail mail about the generosity campaign and our goal for 2026! If you did not receive this information or have questions let Pastor Jenny know and she will make sure you are looped in!

Only God knows everything the next year will hold, but we know a few things already:

- We know most Sundays there are more people worshipping with us online as in-person, but the video stream can be glitchy and

inconsistent. We want to add contract staff hours and a better video switchboard to make our online worship more dependable.

- We know that the costs of health care benefits are going up significantly for church staff across the ELCA—including our beloved pastor and her family. We want to take care of our staff who care for us, lead us in worship, and cultivate our shared mission and ministry.
- We know that whatever may come in 2027, we will show up for each other and for our community with the love and welcome we have received by God's grace.

To strengthen our online worship, support our staff, and continue all the ways we are “in this city for good” we will need to grow our offerings by \$22,000. That's a big amount for a church like ours, but thanks to early gift commitments from church leadership we are already over halfway to this goal!

Goal: \$22,000

Raised: \$12,796

A huge THANK YOU to our leadership for the ways they have committed to this goal. We invite you to prayerfully consider what feels faithful for you and your family. Please submit your commitment cards in the offering plate during worship or mail it back to us at:

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One of the things we love about the commitment cards, and the theology of giving is that it is not just about financial giving. You are apart of this community! Your presence, energy, and voice is what makes us better and whole. Thank you for the ways you faithfully serve, participate, and support this community. We see you and are beyond grateful for you!

In Our Prayers

- ✦ All who live in fear at this time: immigrants, the disabled/differently-abled, the LGBTQ+ community, muslims, Latinos, those working on eco-justice and climate change, the poor and vulnerable, Black & African Americans.
- ✦ The people of our sister synods, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Nigeria, and the Lutheran Church in Leipzig.
- ✦ Those who are celebrating birthdays this week!
- ✦ Those in our community celebrating anniversaries this week including Chris Van Meter & Tito Arizabal!
- ✦ Prayers for Cynthia Zuber's mom, Myrna, who was diagnosed with Stage 3b cancer.
- ✦ Prayers Tito and his family as they grieve the passing of Tito's mother, Vilma Arizabal.
- ✦ Prayers for Joanne Shepherd as she recovers from hand surgery. Prayers for a full recovery. She encourages calls or visits and some help if available for some basic needs.
- ✦ Prayers for Jim Goetsch (Lyle Jaeger's uncle) who has recovered from pneumonia and has just been released from the hospital and has been moved into a rehab center to regain strength and to monitor ongoing kidney issues.
- ✦ For family and friends we know who are recovering from surgery, ill or grieving, for their families and caregivers.
- ✦ Prayers for Henrietta and her daughter, Nicole. She would like prayers of healing and strength for Nicole, herself, and Chandler.
- ✦ Please keep George Robson in your prayers as he continues to struggle with living his life with the ups and downs of his dealing with the frustrations of his stroke.

- ✦ Healing prayers for Nancy Lee Nelson as she recovers from a fractured sternum.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for Nancy Nelson's Friend's daughter Jenny. She is currently in the hospital (in California) with sepsis.
- ✦ Prayers for Cynthia Zuber for her healing after receiving a new diagnosis that could require up to a year of bedrest to rehabilitate and several more years to stabilize and find true healing. Prayers for Jaim as he supports her and takes on a heavier load around the home the next 6-12 months.
- ✦ Ruth Roggenbuck (sister-in-law of Gary Thorn and Lyle Jaeger) learned previous treatment was not treating cancer. Her care team at Mayo will begin new recently FDA approved treatment starting on June 24.
- ✦ Prayers for David Starks as he recovers from surgery. Prayers this completely stops the Micropapillary Bladder Cancer, and that he can raise the needed funds to pray for the surgery and recovers.
- ✦ Prayers for Ellie, Jen, and family. Ellie is the daughter of one of Angie Endo's college roommates, Jen. Ellie is 27 and was recently diagnosed with stage 3C breast cancer. Please hold them tightly as she begins 6 months of Chemo.
- ✦ Prayers for our trans relatives and friends who need additional love at this time as hatred and fear targets them.
- ✦ Linda Mundt- dealing with memory loss issues.

**If you wish to add or remove a prayer request, please
email pastorjennifer@clchurch.org**

