



November 16, 2025

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 relationships with Indigenous people.

The weekly announcements, prayer concerns, and calendar of events are available in the Calvary E-Blast. Use the QR code to access the weekly email for this week or to sign up.



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GATHER

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Gathering Song

Vs 1

I waited patiently for you, Lord
You inclined and heard my cry
You lift me up out of the pit
Out of the miry clay
I will sing, sing a new song
I will sing, sing a new song

Chorus

How long to sing this song?
How long to sing this song?
How long, how long, how long
How long to sing this song?

Vs 2

You set my feet upon a rock
Made my footsteps firm
Many will see
Many will see and hear
I will sing, sing a new song
I will sing, sing a new song

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 the sign of peace with one another.

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

✠ one God,

who creates, redeems, and sustains us

and all of creation.

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. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating,
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat,
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

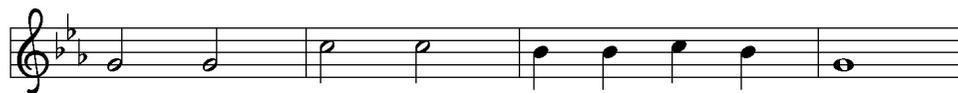
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for God has done marvelous things.
The Lord's right hand and their holy arm
have gotten them victory.
The Lord has made known God's victory;
God has revealed their vindication in the sight of the nations.
The Lord has remembered their steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord, for God is coming
to judge the earth.
The Lord will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Holy, Holy, Holy/Santo, Santo, Santo

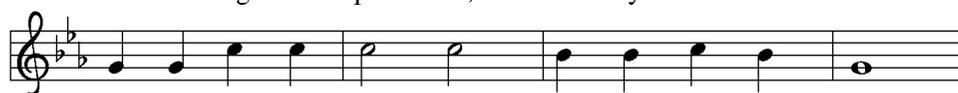
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+ Scripture Reading

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Sermon

Pastor Jennifer Sung

Song of the Day

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

Vs 1

My life flows on in endless song

Above earth's lamentation

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn

That hails a new creation

Vs 2

Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear that music ringing
It finds an echo in my soul
How can I keep from singing?

Chorus

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

Vs 3

What though my joys and comforts die?
I know my Savior liveth
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night He giveth

Bridge

Raise your voices if you hear
The heavenly symphony of the spheres

Vs 4

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart
A fountain ever springing
All things are mine since God
How can I keep from singing?

Profession of Faith

From the United Church of Canada

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 respond, "Hear our prayer." The prayers conclude:

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift 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 Mother/Our Father 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 Song

“Come By Here”

Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace

Amen

SENDING

Announcements

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

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

Sending

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Calvary Congregation Conversation

Today following worship

This spring Scott Endo, Sarah Shepherd, Shari Seifert, Dawn Rogniski and Cory MacSleyne attended a Crossroads anti-racism training where they learned about the lack of transparency and poor communication being things that often unintentionally keep racism and other forms of discrimination and exclusion in place. There was a call from the trainers for us to take concrete action steps towards change. The group decided to ask for a congregational conversation where we explored all the things the people of Calvary do as parts of committee, work groups or as individuals. We will talk and brainstorm together about the things that we do and categorize these actions under the different parts of our Welcome Statement. We're excited to learn about the ways that we are the Body of Christ together and to hear from everyone. Please plan to join us for this special conversation – we will even have a hot chocolate bar.

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| WORSHIP LEADERS | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Week of | Nov. 16 | Nov. 23 |
| Presiding & Preaching | Pastor Jenny Sung | Pastor Jenny Sung |
| Assisting Minister | Shari Seifert | Mark Smith |
| Lector | Josh Moberg | Linda Mundt |
| Usher | Joani & Josh Moberg | Michael Luedtke |
| Sacristan | Michael Luedtke | Melissa Brooks |
| Livestream | Mark Smith | Jaim Zuber |
| Musician | Ben Larson | Ben Larson |
| Coffee Hour Hosts | Jennifer & Steve McCarthy | Lyle Jaeger |

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sunday, Nov. 16

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Hot Chocolate Bar & Community Conversation

Monday, Nov. 17

- 3:00 p.m. Care Team

Sunday, Nov. 23

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour



We invite you to financially support the ministry of Calvary Lutheran Church, out of your heart and love for God. You can give online by scanning this QR code.

McCarthy's Open House Food Shelf Fundraiser

Saturday, December 6 from 4:30–7:00 p.m. The McCarthys are so generous to offer their home for the 2026 Food Shelf Open House! Families in our community are struggling to put food on the table. Help us raise \$30,000 to ensure no one goes hungry.

Join hosts Jennifer and Steve McCarthy for an open house fundraiser including hearty appetizers by Pat Olson, a silent auction, and great company.

 Suggested donation of \$25. Bring a dessert to share if you wish!

 RSVP by using this QR code.

Give and Share Online 100% of donations go directly to purchasing food: <https://www.givemn.org/organization/Calvary-Food-Shelf>



Wopila

Hosted by All Nations Indian Church

Tuesday, November 25, 2025 | 6:00–8:30 PM

Theme: *“The Gifts We Share — A Community of Gratitude”*

Evening Schedule

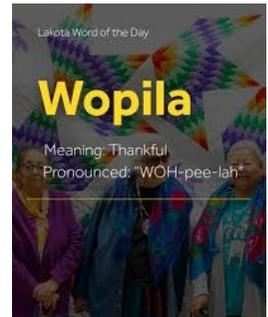
6:00–7:00 PM — Social Hour and Church Tours

Enjoy refreshments and conversation while exploring All Nations’ ministry and community spaces.

7:00–8:30 PM — Wopila Dinner and Worship

Share in a communal meal, storytelling, and reflections inspired by *The Serviceberry* book read. Together, we’ll celebrate gratitude, generosity, and connection through prayer, song, and conversation.

What Is a Wopila? In Lakota, *Wopila* means “a giving of thanks.” For the Sioux people, a Wopila is a sacred way to say thank you and to give back to the people and relationships who have walked beside us. It’s not a fundraiser in the traditional sense; it’s a celebration of generosity and interdependence.



Advent Series: Journey the Holy Land Virtually



Join historian, theologian and licensed tour guide Mary Danho for four digital sessions that send your spirit traveling to the Holy Land.

Mary Danho grew up in Jerusalem just blocks from the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, listening in on tours long before she was leading them herself. There are fewer tourists and travelers

coming to visit these days, but Mary knows there are many who long to make connections between their faith and the very real places she calls home. You're bound to learn something new about scripture, sacred land and yourself during a season we claim to be too busy for a holy, **Mondays in Advent at 12 p.m. noon** pause like this one.



For more information, visit the weekly email site for Calvary Lutheran Church by scanning this QR code.

In Our Prayers

- for those who live alone and are separated from their family and friends
- for 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, Blacks & African Americans
- for the people of our sister synods, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Nigeria, and the Lutheran Church in Leipzig
- for those in our community celebrating birthdays, including Jaiana Leggett (11/16), Brian Aust (11/18)
- for those in our community celebrating their anniversary, including Jennifer & Zac Halter (11/20)
- for family and friends we know who are recovering from surgery, ill or grieving, for their families and caregivers:
 - The family of Nancy Wheeler as they grieve her passing
 - Fred Beamish (as he recuperates from surgery)
 - Prayers for Ellie, Jen and family. (friends of Angie Endo)
 - Fred Beamish's friend, Dan (struggling with his inability to help his daughter who is in a crisis due to her substance abuse issues)
 - Chris Robson and the Robson family, as Chris is recovering from treatments for cancer
 - 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
 - Henrietta Williams (requests prayers for her strength & endurance)
 - Bonnie Rae (Good Samaritan Home, New Hope)

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

