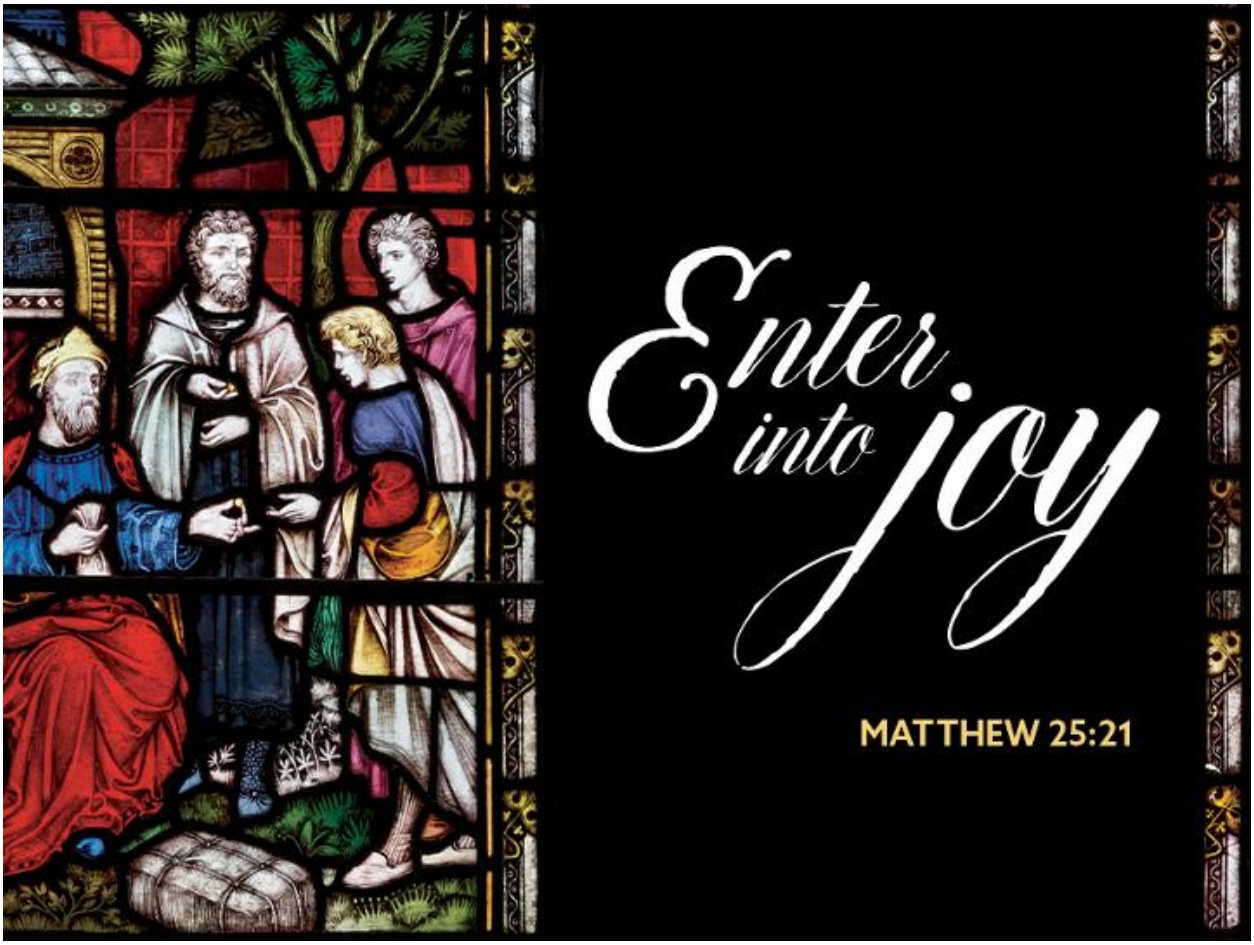


Sunday November 15, 2026

Calvary Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, MN

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.

Scan for more information about Calvary Lutheran Church!

Scan QR code for weekly events and connect to our weekly E-blast for more information about Calvary, and ways to get involved!

Scan to give to the ministry of Calvary Lutheran Church!

We invite you to financially support the ministry of Calvary Lutheran Church. You can give online by scanning this QR code. Thank you for the ways you keep this ministry going!

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Gather

Gathering Song - I Woke Up This Morning

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

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.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by God's authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.
Righteous God, you created the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Invitation to be seated

Word

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
The Lord has consecrated God's guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will the Lord do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of God's passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
The Lord will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 90:1-8 (9-11) 12

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
You turn us back to dust
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.
The days of our life are seventy years
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.
So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

Invitation to rise.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Holy Scripture Matthew 25:14-30

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you

have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Invitation to be seated.

Sermon Pastor Jennifer Sung

Song of the Day - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Vs 1
Great is thy faithfulness, O my creator
There is no shadow of turning with thee
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not
As thou hast been thou forever will be

Refrain
Great is thy faithfulness
Great is thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Vs 2
Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Vs 3
Respite from shame and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

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,

The prayers conclude:

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

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 - Soon And Very Soon

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 - Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Vs 1
What a fellowship
What a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness
What a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Refrain
Leaning, leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms
Leaning, leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Vs 2
Oh how sweet to walk
In this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
Oh how bright the path
Grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Vs 3
What have I to dread
What have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace
With my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Sending

Go in peace and Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

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Worship Leaders

Week of	November 15	November 22
Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Jenny Sung	Pastor Jenny Sung
Assisting Minister	Mark Smith	Susan Olsen
Lector	Felecia Boone	Patty Crawford
Usher	Judi Linder	Sam Robson
Sacristan	Sam Robson	Sam Robson
Livestream	Jaim Zuber	Connor Swearingin
Musician	Ben Larson	Ben Larson
Coffee Hour	Deb Paulsrud	Robert Bowers
Church Set-up	Michael & Pat	Mark & Susan

This Week at Calvary

Sunday, November 15

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:30 a.m. See me Believe Me Conversation

Monday, November 16

3:00 p.m. Care Team Meeting

6:45 p..m. Council Meeting

Friday, November 20
5:30 p.m. Food Shelf Fundraiser at the Rudrud's

Announcements!

Beyond Committees Conversation Post-Worship Nov 22nd

Last year a small group of Calvary members, Scott Endo, Sarah Shepherd, Shari Seifert, Dawn Rogniski and Cory MacSleyne, attended a Crossroads anti-racism training that prompted meaningful reflection. 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 and were inspired to take this learning and put it into practice. The group asked for a congregational conversation where we explored all the things the people of Calvary do as parts of committees, work groups or as individuals. We aligned these actions under our Welcome Statement and wondered together about what's going well and what's missing. Meanwhile, Calvary's Council noticed the ways that committees are defined and processes named in our constitution, and also wondered if they best reflect and support the ways we want to facilitate ministry as a congregation. Now, the conversation continues -- and we want you to be a part of it! Please join us for a post-worship conversation on Nov 22nd to identify how we want to grow through and beyond our committees. Everyone's input is helpful, so come lend your perspective as we participate in an interactive group activity that will shape our discernment into action!

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

Volunteers needed to help write Thank You Notes on behalf of the Food Shelf

Volunteers needed to help write Thank You Notes on behalf of the Food Shelf for gifts and donations made through the November Give to the Max campaign and the November 20 Fundraising Gathering at the Rudruds. If this is something you can help with between November 22 and December 6, please reach out to Susan Olsen at svolsen4053@gmail.com or 612-321-6575. Thank you!!



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: $17,092

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!

Christmas Eve Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help set up for our Christmas Eve service and take it down. If you are interested please email Judi Linder at judilinder4@gmail.com to get more details. Thank you for all the ways you show up and add to our community!

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 including Jaiana Leggett (11/16), Brian Aust (11/18)!
- Those in our community celebrating anniversaries this week including Jennifer and Zachary Halter (11/20)!
- Prayers for Angie Endo and family including Jan Wally (Angie's Endo's Aunt) grieving the loss of her husband Chuck.

- Prayers for Cynthia Zuber's mom, Myrna, who was diagnosed with Stage 3b cancer.

- 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.

- 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.

- Prayers for Ruth Roggenbuck (sister-in-law of Gary Thorn and Lyle Jaeger) as she continues newly developed treatment to fight aggressive cancer in her body.

- 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

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