

Nicodemus came
to
Jesus
BY NIGHT

JOHN 3:2



March 1, 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 - Come Thou Fount

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious love

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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 forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Psalms 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—

from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved;
God who keeps you will not slumber.

The Lord who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
God will keep your life.

The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon

Pastor Jennifer Sung

Song of the Day

I Need You

I need you
You need me
We're all a part of God's body

Stand with me
Agree with me
We're all apart of God's body

It is God's will that ev'ry need be supplied
You are important to me
I need you to survive
You are important to me
I need you to survive

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, "Mercy we abide in you Stir in us we pray."

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.

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

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

“40” by U2

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

This Is My Makers World

This is my Maker's world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres
This is my Maker's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas
God's hand the wonders wrought

This is my Maker's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light, the lily white
Declare unending praise
This is my Maker's world
God shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear God pass
God speaks to me everywhere

This is my Maker's world
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet
This is my Maker's world
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring
God reigns, let earth be glad

Sending

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

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Worship Leaders

Week of	March 1	March 8
Presiding & Preaching	Pastor Jenny Sung	Pastor Jenny Sung
Assisting Minister	Susan Olsen	Emilie Bouvier
Lector	Chris Robson	Sam Robson
Usher	Pat Olson	Dawn Rogniski
Sacristan	Linda Mundt	Sam Robson
Livestream	Mark Smith	Tito Arizabal
Musician	Ben Larson	Ben Larson
Coffee Hour Hosts	Youngbauers	Felecia Boone

This Week at Calvary

Sunday March 1

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday March 2

6:00 p.m. Worship Committee

Wednesday March 4

5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper

6:00 p.m. Prayer Around the Cross

6:45 p.m. See Me Believe Me Book Study

Friday March 6

12:00 p.m. Mission Support



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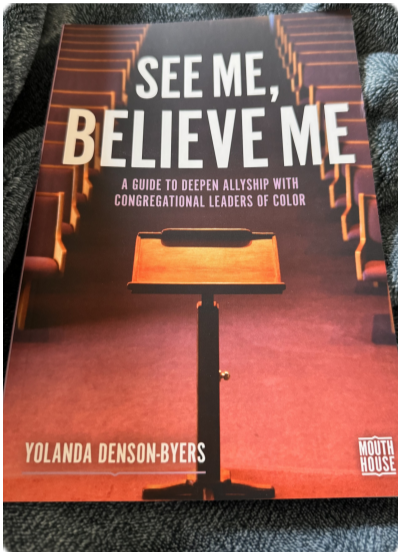
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Announcements!



Book study/discussion

See Me, Believe Me A Guide to Deepen Allyship with Congregational Leaders of Color, By Rev. Dr. Yolanda Denson-Byers

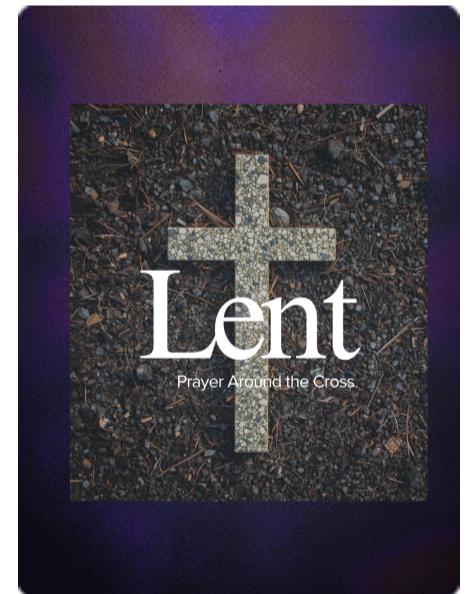
Wednesdays during lent after worship starting 2/25/26 at 6:45 PM

Please plan to join the Race Equity Committee for this book study of “See Me Believe Me”. Because we have a person of color as our pastor and we want to care for her, this work is more important for our congregation than ever. Bring or buy your own book or use one of the 12 books we purchased for this study. We are working on having Rev. Dr. Yolanda Benson-Byers preach at Calvary in the near future.

Lenten Services

All are invited to our Lenten prayer around the cross. The Lenten season is a 40 day journey to draw near to God. Some may choose to fast from something while others choose to pick up a new rhythm of prayer or reflection. I invite you to take time to see what God is calling you to this season. This is a holy time of remembrance and reflection as we journey to the cross. Mark your calendars for these special worship services. This is also a time to bring your lament and all that you are carrying for a time of healing and prayer.

Calvary will have a soup supper starting at 5:30 p.m. and a meaningful prayer service at 6 p.m.



Wednesday March 4th

Wednesday March 11th

Wednesday March 18th

Wednesday March 25th

Palm Sunday is March 29th at 10 am

Maundy Thursday April 2nd with a Meal at 6pm

Good Friday worship April 3rd at 6pm with special music.

Easter Sunday April 5th at 10 am!

In Our Prayers

- ✦ Those who live alone and are separated from their family and friends.
- ✦ 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 and last week including Henry Wengerd (3/4)
- ✦ Those in our community celebrating anniversaries.
- ✦ For family and friends we know who are recovering from surgery, ill or grieving, for their families and caregivers.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for Linda (Robert Bowers wife). She fell on the ice Valentines Day and pulled her hamstring.
- ✦ Prayers of healing for Cynthia Zuber (Jaim's wife) who fell and broke her wrist.
- ✦ Prayers for Ruth Roggenbuck as she returns for new treatment against cancer. The treatments are administered at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester and will continue for several weeks. Ruth, and her partner, Taunee Thorn, appreciate your prayers. Taunee is the sister of Gary Thorn (Lyle Jaeger's spouse).
- ✦ 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 pay 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 Fred Beamish's friend Dan who is struggling with his inability to assist an estranged daughter who is in a crisis due to her substance abuse issues.
- ✦ Chris Robson and her 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 and endurance.
- ✦ Bonnie Rae - in her final stages of hospice at Good Samaritan Home, New Hope.