

Sunday November 22, 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.

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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 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.
O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

Psalm 95:1-7a

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
  let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
  let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God
  and a great King above all gods.
In the Lord's hand are the depths of the earth;
  the heights of the mountains are God's also.
The sea is theirs, for God made it,
  and the dry land, which the Lord's hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down;
  let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture
and the sheep of their hand.

O that today you would listen to God's voice!

Invitation to rise.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Holy Scripture Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in God's glory and all the angels with them, then the Lord will sit on the throne of God's glory. All the nations will be gathered before the Lord, and God will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and the Lord will put the sheep at their right hand and the goats at the left. Then the ruler will say to those at their right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by God, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer the Lord, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the ruler will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then the Lord will say to those at their left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then the

Lord will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

Invitation to be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Jennifer Sung

Song of the Day - Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Vs 1
Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The unity of heart and mind
Is like to that above

Vs 2
Before the Creator's throne
We pour our ardent prayers
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares

Vs 3
We share our mutual woes
Our mutual burdens bear
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear

Vs 4
From sorrow, toil, and pain
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity

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 - Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Vs 1
I am weak but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee

Chorus
Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be dear Lord, let it be

Vs 2
Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Vs 3
When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore

Sending

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

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Worship Leaders

Week of	November 22	November 29
Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Jenny Sung	Pastor Jenny Sung
Assisting Minister	Susan Olsen	Emilie Bouvier
Lector	Patty Crawford	Josh Moberg
Usher	Sam Robson	Micheal Luedtke
Sacristan	Sam Robson	Joani Moberg
Livestream	Connor Swearingin	Mark Smith
Musician	Ben Larson	Ben Larson

Week of	November 22	November 29
Coffee Hour	Robert Bowers	Josh & Joani Moberg
Church Set-up	Mark & Susan	Chris R. & Judi L.

This Week at Calvary

Sunday, November 22

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:30 a.m. Committee Conversations

Announcements!

Beyond Committees Conversation Post-Worship TODAY 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!



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 October 31st:

Offerings to Date: $110.922
Offerings Budget to Date: $126,250
Budgeted Offerings-Full Year: $151,500

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: $16,092

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 Michael Luedtke (11/25)!
- Those in our community celebrating anniversaries this week including Kjell & Heidi Ferris (11/24)!
- Prayers for Karen Rudrud, the Rudrud family and all who mourn the death of Don Rudrud.
- 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 overall healing from chronic health concerns

- 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.

- Please continue to pray for Ellie and Jen (Angie Endo's friend) and their family and friends. Ellie is Jen's 28-year-old daughter who has been battling breast cancer which doctors now say is "terminal."

- 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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