



Sunday October 18, 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 - People Get Ready

People get ready, there's a train comin'
You don't need no baggage, you just get on board
All you need is faith to hear the diesel hummin'
You don't need no ticket you just thank the Lord

People get ready, there's a train to Jordan
Picking up passengers coast to coast
Faith is the key, open the doors and board them
There's hope for all among those loved the most

(Chorus)

Thank the Lord, Thank the Lord, Thank the Lord, OOO.
(repeat)

People get ready there's a train comin'
You don't need no baggage, just get on board
All you need is faith to hear the diesels hummin'
You don't need no ticket, just thank the Lord

(Chorus) Repeat

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.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Invitation to be seated

Word

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to God's anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before the Lord
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before God—
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

Psalms 96:1-9 (10-13)

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord; bless God's name;
tell of the Lord's salvation from day to day.
Declare God's glory among the nations,
The Lord's marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;

God is to be revered above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before the Lord;
strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.
Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
bring an offering, and come into God's courts.
Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before the Lord, all the earth.
Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
The Lord will judge the peoples with equity."
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar and all that fills it;
let the field exult and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord, for God is coming,
for the Lord is coming to judge the earth.
God will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with their truth.

Invitation to rise.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Holy Scripture

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the

test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?”
²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.”
When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away. The word of God for the people of God
Praise to you O Christ!

Invitation to be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Jennifer Sung

Song of the Day - Your Love Is Strong

Heavenly Parent You always amaze me
Let Your kingdom come in my world and in my life
Give me the food I need to live through today
And forgive me as I forgive the people that wrong me
Lead me far from temptation
Deliver me from the evil one

I look out the window the birds are composing
Not a note is out of tune or out of place
I walk to the meadow and stare at the flowers
Better dressed than any girl on her wedding day

So why should I worry why do I freak out
God knows what I need You know what I need

(Chorus)

Your love is
Your love is
Your love is strong
(Repeat)

The kingdom of the heavens is now advancing
Invade my heart invade this broken town
The kingdom of the heavens is buried treasure

Would you sell yourself to buy the one you've found
Two things You told me that You are strong
And You love me yes You love me

(Chorus)

Our God in heaven
Hallowed be Thy name above all names
Your kingdom come Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us weary sinners
Keep us far from our vices
And deliver us from these prisons

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 respond, "**Hear our Prayer**"*

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

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.

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 - Wildflowers

You belong among the wildflowers
You belong in a boat out at sea
Sail away, kill off the hours
You belong somewhere you feel free

Run away, find you a lover
Go away somewhere all bright and new
I have seen no other
Who compares with you

You belong among the wildflowers
You belong in a boat out at sea
You belong with a love on your arm
You belong somewhere you feel free

Run away go find a lover
Run away, let your heart be your guide
You deserve deepest of cover
You belong in that home by and by

You belong among the wildflowers
You belong somewhere close to me
Far away from your trouble and worry
You belong somewhere you feel free
You belong somewhere you feel free

Sending

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

Worship Leaders

Week of	October 18	October 25
Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Jenny Sung	Pastor Jenny Sung
Assisting Minister	Susan Olsen	Emilie Bouvier
Lector	Linda Mundt	Chris Robson
Usher	Chris Robson	McCarthy's
Sacristan	Michael Luedtke	Michael Luedtke
Livestream	Connor Swearingin	Mark Smith
Musician	Carl Torgerson	Ben Larson
Coffee Hour	Linda Mundt	Youngbauer's
Church Set-up	Michael Luedtke & Pat Olson	Mobergs

This Week at Calvary

Sunday, October 18

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

Monday October 19

9:00 a.m. Mission Support Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Care Team Meeting over Zoom
 6:45 p.m. Council Meeting

Announcements!

Thank you to our Guest Musician Today!



Carl Torgerson is a professional musician, worship leader, and real estate professional with more than 30 years of experience in music and the arts. Over the years, Carl has performed professionally with his band Jistoray, sharing his passion for music with audiences across the nation.

Carl also served as the Worship Director at The Depot Church, where he combined his love of music with his passion for faith and community.

Today, Carl brings that same commitment to people and relationships to his work in real estate with Keller Williams, helping clients navigate the process of buying and selling homes with experience, integrity, and a personal touch.

Please Give What You Can



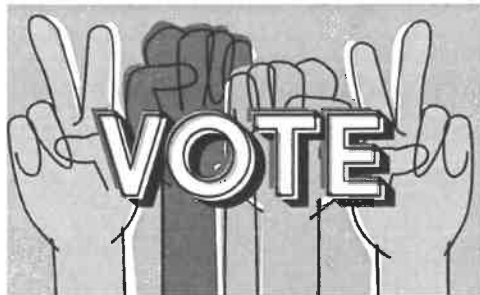
River (from the food shelf) could use support in getting established in the South Minneapolis community. They've been living with their (as of recently) ex-spouse in a situation that is rapidly becoming untenable. River has been couch-surfing with friends while navigating the end of a nearly decade-long relationship. It is not the first time River has faced housing insecurity, but the return to being unsure where they will be staying for each night and the heartbreak stemming from the end of their marriage has had a significantly adverse effect on their mental and physical health.

Visit the link here to give and learn more: <https://gofund.me/bf0a5220a>



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.



Calvary Election Support Task Force

We will be meeting on October 22 at 6:30 by Zoom to discuss how Calvary might provide a supportive space in the Belfry Community room during and/or after the election, among other things. If this interests you, contact Pr Jenny and she will add you to our Zoom meeting that date. Please also feel invited to participate in poll chaplaincy trainings, or join Calvary as we train to be a Congregational Care team; see links to these trainings provided, organized as part of a partnership with the Movement Chaplains Network and Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light.

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 Lydia Huff (10/19)!
- ✦ Those in our community celebrating anniversaries this week!
- ✦ 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**



