

Sunday November 29, 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 - "Where Is the Light?" by Peter Mayer

Vs 1
When its late December, dark and cold
Where is the light?
When old man year is bending low
Where is the light?
When the sun runs off to bed too soon
Where is the light?
And there's nothing but a skinny moon
Where is the light?

Chorus
Where is the light?
Where is the light?
Where is the light? Oh
The light's inside of me

Vs 2
When it's dark each morning when I rise
Where is the light?
And it's dark when my eggs are fryin
Where is the light?
And it's dark when off to work I go
Where is the light?
And it's dark again when I get home
Where is the light?

Bridge
It's in my skin and in my bones
In my heart and in my soul
That light of life, so bright and golden
Like a summer day
When the sun goes missing in the sky
It is rising in my eyes
Chasing all that winter gloom away

Vs 3
I'm burning bright like kerosene
Where is the light?
I'm twinkling like the Pleiades
Where is the light?
I'm dancing like a candle flame
Where is the light?
I'm flaming like a fruit flambé
Where is the light?

Ending
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Welcome

Lighting of the Hope Advent Candle
Pat Olson & Micheal Luedtke

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

Thanksgiving For Baptism
Blessed be the holy Trinity,
☩ one God,
the fountain of living water,

the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with God the parent, Jesus the son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Invitation to be seated

Word

Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,

so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for the Lord.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our heavenly parent;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Invitation to rise.

Gospel Acclamation

Glo - ria, in excelsis Deo
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Holy Scripture Mark 13:24-37

"But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then the Lord will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the heavenly parent. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Invitation to be seated.

Sermon Pastor Jennifer Sung

Song of the Day - Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

Vs 1
Now the heavens start to whisper
As the veil is growing thin
Earth from slumber wakes to listen
To the stirring, faint within
Seed of promise, deeply planted,
Child to light a world grown dim
Like the soil beneath the frostline
Hearts grow soft to welcome him

Vs 2
Heavy clouds that block the moonlight
Now begin to drift away
Diamond brilliance through the darkness
Shines the hope of coming day
Christ, the morning star of splendor
Gleams within a world grown dim

Heaven's ember fans to fullness
Hearts grow warm to welcome him

Vs 3
Christ, eternal sun of justice,
Christ, the rose of wisdom's seed
Come to bless with fire and fragrance
Hours of yearning, hurt, and need
In the lonely, in the stranger
In the outcast, hid from view
Child who comes to grace the manger
Teach our hearts to welcome you

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:

"Come thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set thy people free
From our fear and shame release us
Let us find our rest in thee"

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 - Breath of Heaven

Breath of Heaven, hold me together
Be forever near me, breath of Heaven
Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness
Pour over me Your holiness for You are holy
Breath of Heaven

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 - ELW 253 He'll Come Down

Sending

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

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Worship Leaders

Week of	November 29	December 6
Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Jenny Sung	Pastor Jenny Sung
Assisting Minister	Emilie Bouvier	Shari Seifert
Lector	Josh Moberg	Linda Mundt
Usher	Micheal Luedtke	Chris Robson
Sacristan	Joani Moberg	Joani Moberg
Livestream	Mark Smith	Connor Swearingin
Musician	Ben Larson	Ben Larson
Coffee Hour	Josh & Joani Moberg	Steve and Jennifer

Week of	November 29	December 6
Church Set-up	Chris R. & Judi L.	Ferris Family

This Week at Calvary

Sunday, November 29

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

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 Soren Davidson (12/2), Neeve McCarthy (12/4), and Jennifer Halter (12/5)
- Those in our community celebrating anniversaries this week!
- 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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