

Sunday November 8, 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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Scan QR code for weekly events and connect to our weekly E-blast for more information about Calvary, and ways to get involved!

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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 - Christ, Be Our Light

Vs 1
Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to you
Make us your own, your holy people
Light for the world to see

Refrain
Christ be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine in the darkness
Christ be our light
Shine in your church gathered today

Vs 2
Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair
Your word alone has pow'r to save us
Make us your living voice

Vs 3
Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst
Make us your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed

Vs 4
Longing for shelter, many are houseless
Longing for warmth, many are cold
Make us your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone

Vs 5
Many the gifts, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong

Let us be servants to one another
Signs of your kingdom come

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 justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Invitation to be seated

Word

Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O Lord, make haste to help me!
Let those be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life.
Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who desire to hurt me.
Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!"
turn back because of their shame.
Let all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"
But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay

Invitation to rise.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Holy Scripture Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough

for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Invitation to be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Jennifer Sung

Song of the Day - I Have Decided

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 - Ode to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore You
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You
Op'ning to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All Your works with joy surround You
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays
Stars and angels sing around You
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally

Always giving and forgiving
Ever blessing, ever blest
Well-spring of the joy of living
Ocean-depth of happy rest
Good Creator, Christ our Brother
Let Your light upon us shine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

Sending

Go in peace and Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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Worship Leaders

Week of	November 8	November 15
Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Jenny Sung	Pastor Jenny Sung
Assisting Minister	Felecia Boone	Mark Smith
Lector	Susan Olsen	Felecia Boone
Usher	Mobergs	Judi Linder
Sacristan	Linda Mundt	Sam Robson
Livestream	Sarah Shepherd	Jaim Zuber
Musician	Ben Larson	Ben Larson
Coffee Hour	Shari & Melissa	Deb Paulsrud
Church Set-up	Mobergs	Michael & Pat

This Week at Calvary

Sunday, November 8

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:15 a.m. Stewardship Brunch

Friday, November 13

12:00 p.m. Mission Support Meeting

Announcements!

TODAY Stewardship Brunch!

Sunday November 8th after worship we will gather around a meal catered by our very own Pat Olson! We will have holy conversation, support each other in our journey of generosity and share more about our mission priorities for the year to come.

Come with an open spirit and any questions you may have. This is always such a beautiful way. of being community together and learning more about the ministry here at Calvary!

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

Invitation to Submit Stories for Pat's Cook Book!

Good news! There's a new book project underway…



This book will be a way for younger generations and other congregations to more deeply experience church as a place for food, justice & community. Recipes and perspectives from church elder, Pat Olson, will combine with Calvary Lutheran Church's stories of change over time. This cookbook will offer inspiration, healing, love and light…along with recipes for tastable treats! Please consider submitting a story to the project by December 1, 2026. Here's how:

1) Use **this link** to connect to the form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-vhFdMQBAnhUJJq-No19e19VFm0QGE_ql1_do4lkfSNjNGQ/viewform

2) Use the digital form to share your story about Pat's food ministry by typing out that story or requesting a visit with a writer that can record your story,
3) Submit the form with the press of a button.
Note: the project team will work to include as many stories as possible, but not all may work. Thank you for considering sharing your ideas about Pat's ministry through food, justice and community with Calvary.



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: $13,092

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 George Robson (11/7)!
- Those in our community celebrating anniversaries this week!
- 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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