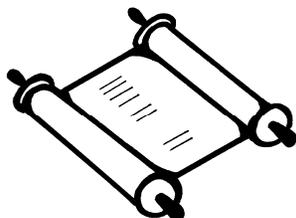


CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 16, 2020
8:00 AM



Introduction to the day

Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

Prelude: Nikki Erickson

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one,
the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

God who searches us and knows us,
**you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have not been just in our dealings with others.
We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.
With what shall we come before you?
Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God,
you have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit that is from God,

poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.
Receive the promise of baptism:
You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
Amen.

Gathering Song: *What Is This Place* (ELW 524)

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Canticle: *Let Streams of Living Justice* (ELW 710 verse 2)

For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.

Prayer of the Day

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Word

Psalm 119:1-8 (GNT Pew Bible page 731)

- ¹ Happy are those whose lives are faultless,
who live according to the law of the Lord.
- ² Happy are those who follow his commands,
who obey him with all their heart.
- ³ They never do wrong;
they walk in the Lord's ways.
- ⁴ Lord, you have given us your laws

and told us to obey them faithfully.
⁵ How I hope that I shall be faithful
 in keeping your instructions!
⁶ If I pay attention to all your commands,
 then I will not be put to shame.
⁷ As I learn your righteous judgments,
 I will praise you with a pure heart.
⁸ I will obey your laws;
 never abandon me!

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 102)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
 Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37 (GNT Pew Bible page 1136)

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that people were told in the past, ‘Do not commit murder; anyone who does will be brought to trial.’ ²² But now I tell you: if you are angry with your brother you will be brought to trial, if you call your brother ‘You good-for-nothing!’ you will be brought before the Council, and if you call your brother a worthless fool you will be in danger of going to the fire of hell. ²³ So if you are about to offer your gift to God at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar, go at once and make peace with your brother, and then come back and offer your gift to God.

²⁵“If someone brings a lawsuit against you and takes you to court, settle

the dispute while there is time, before you get to court. Once you are there, you will be turned over to the judge, who will hand you over to the police, and you will be put in jail. ²⁶ There you will stay, I tell you, until you pay the last penny of your fine.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But now I tell you: anyone who looks at a woman and wants to possess her is guilty of committing adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ So if your right eye causes you to sin, take it out and throw it away! It is much better for you to lose a part of your body than to have your whole body thrown into hell. ³⁰ If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away! It is much better for you to lose one of your limbs than to have your whole body go off to hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a written notice of divorce.’ ³² But now I tell you: if a man divorces his wife for any cause other than her unfaithfulness, then he is guilty of making her commit adultery if she marries again; and the man who marries her commits adultery also.

³³“You have also heard that people were told in the past, ‘Do not break your promise, but do what you have vowed to the Lord to do.’ ³⁴ But now I tell you: do not use any vow when you make a promise. Do not swear by heaven, for it is God's throne; ³⁵ nor by earth, for it is the resting place for his feet; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ Do not even swear by your head, because you cannot make a single hair white or black. ³⁷ Just say ‘Yes’ or ‘No’—anything else you say comes from the Evil One.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: *But Now I Tell You* Pastor Tim Malek

Hymn of the Day: *O God of Love, O King of Peace* (ELW 749)

Creed, Prayers of Intercession, Peace (ELW p. 105)

Meal

Special Music: *It Is Well with My Soul* Anna Rice

Offering: *For the Fruit of All Creation* (ELW 679 verse 3)

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

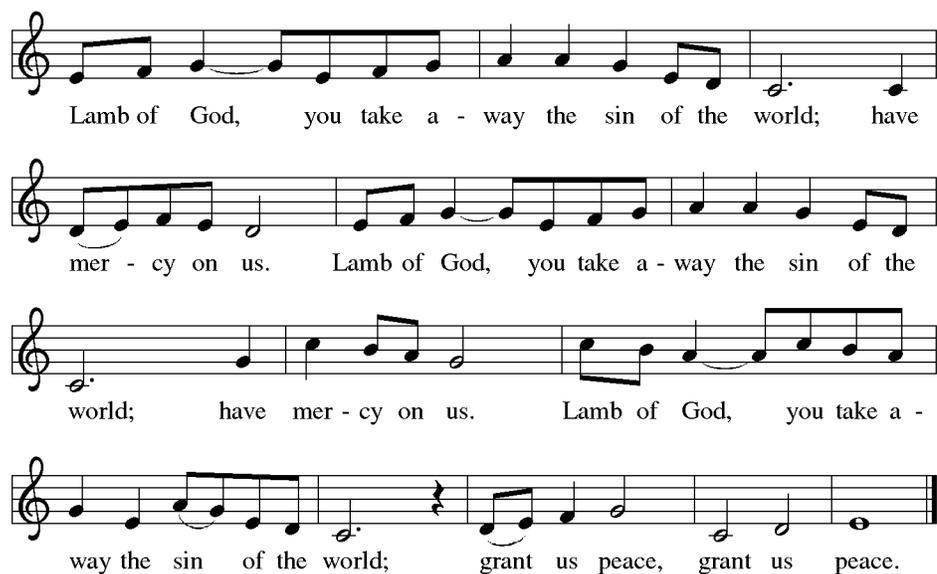
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Offering Prayer and Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 112)

Songs during Communion:

Lamb of God (ELW p. 112)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

There Is a Balm in Gilead (ELW 614)

Blessed Assurance (ELW 638)

Homebound Communion Servers are invited to the Communion Rail

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Sending

Announcements and Blessing

Sending Song: *On Our Way Rejoicing* (ELW 537)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Let your light shine.
Thanks be to God.

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**IN CHRIST'S NAME
WELCOME TO CALVARY**

Everyone is invited to sign the Friendship Registers at the end of each pew.

KIDS CORNER is a place where you can find kid-friendly items to use during Worship. It is located in the Narthex next to the coat room.

CALVARY'S PRAYERGROUND is located in the back of the Sanctuary. This area is designated for quiet play for children together with their parents.

CALVARY'S NURSERY is located on the west side of the Sanctuary and is available for your use. A nursing lounge is available in the Prayer Room located on the north end of Bethany Hall (in the basement).

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED -

Heidi Olson, Rice Hospital; Bruce Laffen, Heather Teisinger, St. Cloud Hospital; Kyle Goosmann, Rochester.

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY and remember in our prayers the family of Duane Aldrich and Pastor John Spencer who passed away on February 1. Pastor Spencer was the Senior Pastor here at Calvary Lutheran Church from 1980-1992. He is survived by his wife Rachel and daughter Anne.

Rachel Spencer
5424 Nolan Lane
Oak Park Heights, MN 55082

TODAY'S ADULT FORUM - Come hear a presentation by Marybeth Nelson, Executive Director Habitat for Humanity of West Central Minnesota, one of our First Fruits recipients.

SINGING IN WORSHIP Next Sunday, February 23, children ages 3 years –Kindergarten sing in worship.

CREATIVE HEART

Wednesday February 19 – 5-6 pm

Join Nikki Bettcher Erickson for our final session before Lent for an **ACTING WORKSHOP!** We will play theatre games and learn about the craft of acting.

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL Join us next Sunday, February 23, at 9:05 AM in Bethany Hall, as we learn together about "Service to Our Neighbor" through interactive stations and experience! Remember, there is no regular classroom Sunday School.

HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

If your child is older than 2 grade and has not had an opportunity to receive instruction, please contact Janel or Pastor Naomi at 235-2508 or janel@calvarywillmar.org

ON THIS VALENTINE'S DAY WEEKEND we invite you to "LOVE THE EARTH". Stop at our table in the Narthex this morning to learn about some new ways to recycle and reuse various products. Please share your good ideas and questions about recycling and reusing with us! Thank you-The Calvary Creation Care Team.

THE CONCORDIA CHOIR CONCERT TOUR

The world-renowned Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota, under the direction of composer René Clausen, will perform at the Willmar Education and Art Center (WEAC) in Willmar on February 22 at 7:00 PM. 2020's tour marks René Clausen's 34th and final tour with The Concordia Choir. Jessica Skindelien, a member at Calvary, sings in this choir. To purchase tickets, call 800-838-3006 or visit ConcordiaTickets.com.

NEW MEMBER CLASS - Sunday February 23 at 9:05 in the Chapel. Please contact Pastor Tim if interested.

CALVARY CREATION CARE TEAM meeting, Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 PM in the Friendship Room.

EQUIPING CONGRAGATIONS DAY

Saturday, February 29, 2020

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM Vinje Lutheran Church.

Entering the Bible with Heart, Mind and Soul. All are welcome and encouraged to attend! For information on the event please visit www.swmnelca.org/events page. Calvary will pay the registration fee. Please sign up in the church office.

CAMP HOUSE NORTH SHORE GET-AWAY

July 17- 21, 2020 Join friends and families, for a relaxing north woods get-away at Camp House in Brimson, MN! (Come for all or part of the time). Camp House is one of GLLM's bible camps located 30 minutes from Two Harbors, MN. Sleep in comfy, but rustic cabins (toilets and showers are in a bath house not in cabins), or bring your camper/tent. Enjoy lake activities and North Shore recreation.

For more information Contact Pastor Naomi at pastornaomi@calvarywillmar.org or (320) 894-2863 cell.

2020 SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

Join us for a week at bible camp! Calvary's Camp Week (at GLLM) this year will be **June 21–26!** Come join Janel and other Calvary kids for this exciting week at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp! If this week doesn't work, sign up for another week. For more information check out the GLLM website (www.gllm.org) or talk to Janel.

BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2020

Calvary will pay for 1/2 of the cost of camp for every Calvary youth who attends a Lutheran Bible Camp. Additional scholarships are also available. Questions? Talk to Janel

FREE PIANOS – Calvary has five upright pianos that it no longer needs. If you're interested in having one, please contact Vicar David at david@calvarywillmar.org or 235-2508 by March 1. We ask that you provide for your own moving of the instrument. Thank you!

DON'T FORGET TO SCHEDULE YOUR PHOTO SESSION FOR THE CALVARY CHURCH DIRECTORY To register on line go to Calvarylutheran@calvarywillmar.org and click on the Sign Up for Calvary Picture Button or if you have questions you can contact Erica Mathews at 320-444-0626.

HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE CALVARY DIRECTORY: Erica Mathews needs someone to sit at the Welcome Table during the directory pictures to double check addresses and to direct the people to the Koinonia Room. The hours are 5-9 PM on Thursday, February 27, 9 AM-12 PM and 12-5 PM on Saturday, February 29. If you can help please call Erica at 320-444-0626.

Calvary Staff

Pastors: Tim Malek, Naomi Mahler,
Dean E. Johnson
Vicar: David Severtson
Faith Formation Coordinator: Janel Skindelien
Ministry Associates: KJ Farhat, Karina Rice
Office Manager: Teri Sokulski
Ministry Coordinator: Dawn Fisch
Assistant Bookkeeper: Keith Neumann
Custodian: Bruce Laffen, Debbie Petersen,
Jasmine Rankin
Head Usher: Randy Novak
Prayer Ministry: Sandi Bennett, Julie Neumann,
Dianne Plahn
Kitchen Coordinator: Enola Dowdell
Calvary Cemetery Sexton: Ron Keith

Missionaries

Rev. Philip & Lou Knutson, Southern Africa
Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania
Rev. Alex LaChapelle, Kenya

2020 Executive Committee

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Holly Ulrich (19-22)

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Karen Loge (20-23)

Serving Today

Preaching: Pastor Tim Malek
Worship Leaders: Pastor Naomi Mahler &
Vicar David Severtson

Acolytes:

8:00 - Kaleb Gerdes & Macy Loge
10:15 - Solenne Ruff & Alex Larsen

Communion Assistants:

8:00 - Isaiah Bennett, Kayla Berg
10:15 - Kaitlin Delfosse, Isaiah Cameron

Greeters:

8:00 - Paul & Janelle Higdem
David & Connie Niemeyer
10:15 - Andy & Jean Berg
Larry & Marcia Knutson

Lectors:

5:30 - Marilyn Gjerde
8:00 - Brett Aamot
10:15 - Andy Berg

Office Volunteer:

8:00 - Diane Asche
10:15 - Gen Halvorson

Sound:

8:00 - Victoria Larsen
10:15 - Nate Hultgren

Video - Gary Wyffels

February Altar Guild: Susan Roepke, Sandi Bennett,
Becky Behm, Julie Olson & Cheryl Ruter

A Measure of Our Faithfulness Worship Attendance		
Saturday, February 8		39
Sunday, February 9	8:00	60
	10:15	181
Total:		280

Our Week at Calvary

Sunday 16	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
	8:00 AM First Word Worship with Holy Communion
	9:05 AM Sunday School
	9:05 AM Forum
	10:15 AM Foundation & Praise Worship with Holy Communion
	4:00 PM Christ Care (Berg)/Splash
Monday 17	10:30 AM Prayer Time
	5:15 PM Grief Care
	7:00 PM Book Club "A Place to Belong & Thrive"
Tuesday 18	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
	9:15 AM Staff Meeting
	10:00 AM Program Staff Meeting
	6:00 PM Daisy Girl Scouts Troop 3655
Wednesday 19	9:00 AM Beliveau Women's Bible Study
	5:00 PM Creative Heart
	5:15 PM Yoga
	5:30 PM Collaborative Confirmation-Vinje
	6:00 PM Dinner Church/Confirmation
	7:00 PM Adult Education
Thursday 20	9:30 AM Bible Study
	1:00 PM Doing Days/Quilting
	6:00 PM Scouting BSA Cooking Merit Badge
Friday 21	12:15 PM Yoga
	5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 3500 Lock In
Saturday 22	9:00 AM Foundation & Praise Rehearsal
	5:30 PM Chapel Worship
Sunday 23	Transfiguration of our Lord Sunday
	8:00 AM First Word Worship
	9:05 AM All Ages Sunday School
	9:05 AM New Member Class-Chapel
	10:15 AM Foundation & Praise Worship
	1:00 PM Scouting BSA
	6:30 PM Sr. High Youth Group

Next Sunday—February 23
Transfiguration of our Lord Sunday

Exodus 24: 12-18
Psalm 2 or 99
2 Peter 1: 16-21
Matthew 17: 1-9



LEAP Participation

Leap into participation this leap year

Equipping Congregations Day

Saturday, February 29, 2020

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Vinje Lutheran & Bethel Lutheran, Willmar, MN

ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Congregation Members
- Council Officers
- Christian Educators
- Worship & Youth Leaders
- Pastors... Everyone!

Childcare Available!



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