

Jesus Loves Me

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak, but He is strong.*

Many have sung these simple, yet profound, words and been comforted by the truths of God's love and care. "Jesus Loves Me" is often the first song missionaries around the world teach children and new converts. However, "Jesus Loves Me" is not just a popular song for children.

In 1943, during World War 2, John F. Kennedy's boat was destroyed near the Solomon Islands. He and the other survivors managed to swim to nearby islands and were eventually helped by natives, which led to their rescue. Before departing, they sang a hymn, one they all knew—"Jesus Loves Me." The natives had learned it in the mission school on the island.

Earlier in the song's history, the cadets of West Point sang "Jesus Loves Me" for solace while on the battlefields during the American Civil War (1861–1865). It was popular among soldiers on both sides—Jesus loves everyone! Sadly, in today's culture, some have been imprisoned for singing it as an "illegal religious activity."

"Jesus Loves Me" was originally written as a poem in 1860 by Anna Bartlett Warner (1827–1915). It was included in a novel her sister was writing, *Say and Seal*. The poem in the story was intended to bring comfort to a dying child. Two years later, William B. Bradbury (1816–1868), known for writing many hymns, read the poem. He loved children's choirs and added the chorus and simple tune especially for them.

God's truths are easily understood regardless of age or intellect. "The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple" (Psalm 19:7). Thank you, Father, for your power, strength and comfort even in the face of difficulties. Jesus loves me, this I know.

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*Love one another:
for love is of God*

1 JOHN 4:7A

Welcome to Calvary

The purpose of Calvary Free Lutheran Church is to proclaim and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a way that will impact our families, our community and the world to the glory of God.

CALVARY FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH

1416 County Highway 111 • Fergus Falls, MN 56537
Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC)

WELCOME

We are so glad you're here!

If you're new to Calvary, please stop by the Welcome Center in the lobby. We would love to meet you and give you a small gift.

February 8, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Food Shelf Sunday

#171 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE

ALMIGHTY (v. 1,2,5)

#401 HOW SWEET THE NAME OF

JESUS SOUNDS (v. 1,3,5)

Confession of Sin

Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:16-24 p.1237

Confession of Faith

#202 THEE GOD WE PRAISE, THY HOLY

NAME WE BLESS

Congregational Prayer Time

Sermon – Pastor John Juhl

#252 O HAPPY DAY, WHEN WE SHALL

STAND

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Threefold Amen

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A staffed nursery room is available throughout the service for families who may need it (past the kitchen on the north end of the building).



We have assisted hearing devices for the hearing impaired. Please inquire at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. Audio recordings of the sermons are available at calvaryfergusfalls.org

OPPORTUNITIES

FOR GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

GIVING HEARTS DAY IS FEBRUARY 12TH

Health Resources Center is a participant in Giving Hearts Day. Gifts of \$10 or more will be matched up to \$18,250. Check the flyer on the bulletin board for more information. Other faith-based participating organizations include Hillcrest Lutheran Academy, Inspiration Point Christian Camp, and Valley Christian Counseling.

SIGN UP SHEETS

There are sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center for Lenten Meals and Coffee Connection. Please consider signing up your group or family.

THANK YOU

Thank you, Pastor Juhl, for sharing a message with us this morning from God's Word. Your ministry to us this morning is very much appreciated. God bless you as you serve Him.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Praise and Thanksgiving: Praise God because "to Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 4:11)

Calvary Prayer Concerns: Pray for Hazel Johnson, Tim Jones, Bernie Erickson, and Darrel and Becky Weers.

Nation and Government: As Valentine's Day approaches, pray for marriages to be strengthened and celebrated. Pray for young people to recognize the value and importance of marriage.

AFLC World Missions: Pray for Steve & Glenda Kvale as they coordinate with Wycliffe to fulfill sign language Bible translation needs.

AFLC Home Missions: Pray for the Living Stone Church, a Chinese-language church meeting on the U of M campus.

AFLC Staff and Ministries: Pray for the ARC and the Board (Director Kirk Rautio).

Additional Requests: