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*Sunday Worship*  
10:00 a.m.

*Sunday School*  
8:45 a.m.

*Bible Study*  
8:45 a.m.

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GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *“Forward in Faith and Mission”*

CHRISTMAS EVE

7 p.m.

December 24, 2020

### *THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD*

**CALVARY CONNECTION:** Please register your presence at worship using the clip boards located at the center aisle end of each pew. If we already have your current address, phone, email, etc., then, just enter your name, communion and or Pastoral call check-offs. Thank you.

✠ Means please stand.

**PRELUDE**      *“O Come All Ye Faithful”*

Heavy Metal Belles

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN**      *“O Come All Ye Faithful”*

#379



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come\_\_\_ ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to Thee\_\_\_ be\_\_\_ glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God\_\_\_ In\_\_\_ the\_\_\_ high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,  
 O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

## ✠ THE INVOCATION AND OPENING PRAYER

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## ✠ THE CONFESSION/ADMISSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(please kneel if able)*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

*(silence for reflection)*

## ✠ THE FORGIVENESS/PARDON

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**THE HYMN**      *“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”*

#380 st. 1, 3



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new-born King!”

**PSALM 96: 1-4, 11-12**

P: When all was still, and it was midnight, Your almighty Word, O Lord,  
descended from the royal throne.

**C: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deed among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods.**

P: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: When all was still, and it was midnight, Your almighty Word, O Lord,  
descended from the royal throne.

## THE HYMN

*“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”*

#366 st. 1, 4

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,  
From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days have come to pass  
By prophets seen of old,  
When down into the circling years  
Came Christ as was foretold.  
His word of peace shall to the earth  
God’s ancient promise bring,  
And all who take this gift will hear  
The song the angels sing.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

**O God, You make us glad for the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him, when He shall come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.**

## THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 7:10–14

*(Amid battling countries, God reassures His people and points to Jesus, named Immanuel – God with us.)*

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11–14

*(We were saved by Christ from guilt and judgement, and now must live a pure life and be of service to others.)*

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup>waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE BELL ANTHEM

*“Away in a Manger”*

Heavy Metal Belles

## ✠THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

*(The birth of Jesus Christ.)*

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when<sup>[a]</sup> Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**THE HYMN** “Angels We Have Heard on High” #368 with Festival Ringers



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*



Glo - - - - ri - a



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**GOD'S WORD FOR TONIGHT**

Rev. Kevin Barron

## †THE APOSTLES' CREED/PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE GATHERING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*(The offerings should be placed in the plate near the entrance of the worship area.)*

## † THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

## † THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE CANDLE CEREMONY

P: As the light of these candles will illumine our faces, it symbolizes the Light of Christ, a child in the manger at Bethlehem, a Savior suffering our death on the cross for our sin, and soon to come from His throne on high as Judge of all. He is our Light here on earth and the eternal Light who enlightens heaven, where there is no need of candle or sun.

Rejoice for the Light of the World has come, who transforms us with the brightness of His righteousness. This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

**C: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5: 14-16)**

P: O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth, we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**C: Glory to God in the highest! And peace to His people on earth!**

## **THE DARKENING OF THE CHURCH**

(Candles are at the end of each pew. The Pastor will light the candles of ushers, who will light those of the people sitting by the aisle. They in turn light those next to them. Tip only UNLIT candles toward lit ones. We will sing “Silent Night” when all the candles are lit)

**THE HYMN**      *“Silent Night, Holy Night”*      #363

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav’nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!

## **✠THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: May He, who by His Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill. The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

**PLEASE EXTINGUISH YOUR CANDLES**

# THE CLOSING HYMN "Joy to the World"

#387



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.

## THE DISMISSAL

**P:** Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus!

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*"Joy to the World"*

K. Langlois

## TODAY'S SERVANTS

**Proclaimer:**

Rev. Kevin Barron

**Organist:**

Barbara Sommer

**Cantor:**

Scott Ruhl

**Liturgist:**

Ameous Lucas

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John Trotz

**Director:**

Amy Crumb

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Heavy Metal Belles & Festival Ringers

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