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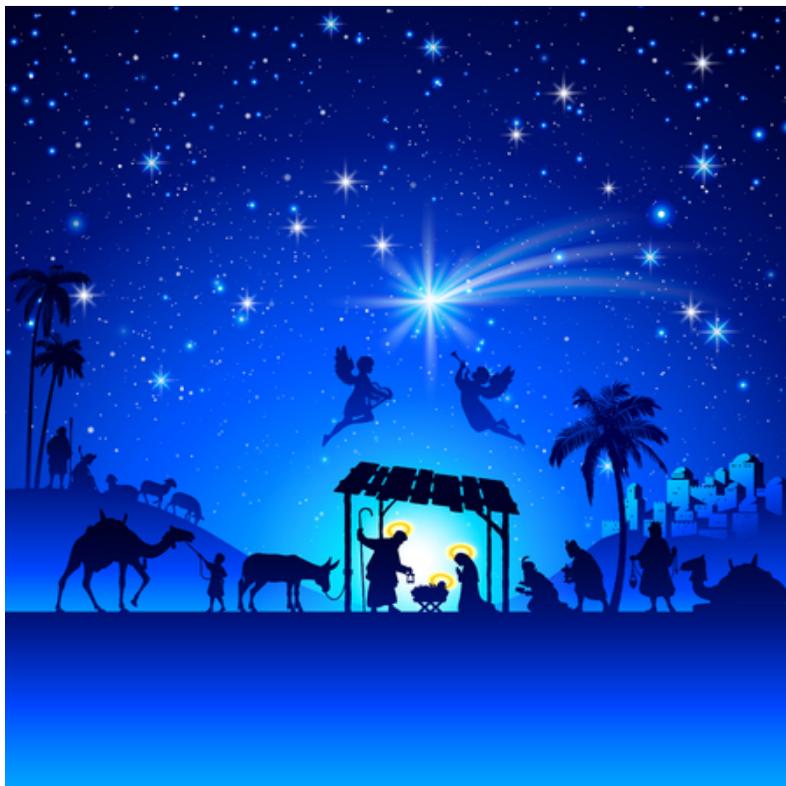
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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

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8:45 a.m.

Bible Study
8:45 a.m.



Christmas Eve

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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Forward in Faith and Mission”

CHRISTMAS EVE

7 p.m.

December 24, 2021

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 *“Hear, King of Angels”* (from *Christmas Oratorio*)

J.S. Bach
Organ & Violin

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

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.**

† 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 "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" #377



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris - tians sing To hear the news the
2 Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Re - deem - er
3 When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then life and health come
4 All out of dark-ness we have light, Which made the an - gels



an - gels bring, On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing To
made us glad, Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since
in its place, When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then
sing this night, All out of dark - ness we have light, Which



hear the news the an - gels bring, News of great joy, news of great
our Re - deem - er made us glad, When from our sin He set us
life and health come in its place; An - gels and men with joy may
made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to God and peace to



mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
free, All for to gain our lib - er - ty?
sing, All for to see the new - born King.
men Now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."

PSALM 96: 1-4 (read in unison)

**Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!**

**² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

**³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

**⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

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 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.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2–7

(A prophesy of the coming Savior, the light of the world, His birth, and His work of healing the separation between God and man.)

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

(Live Godly lives as we wait for Christ's return.)

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who 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 HYMN "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" #366 st. 1, 2, 4



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,
4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world.
When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all-gra-cious king."
A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-'ring wing,
His word of peace shall to the earth God's an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.
And ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.
And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

✠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. ² This was the first registration when^[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ 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, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ 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.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ 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 ANTHEM “*On This Still Silent Night*” L. Farnell Soloist, Violin, Organ

THE SERMON

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 ANTHEM “*The Birthday of a King*” W.H. Neidlinger Soloist, Violin, Organ

† 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 CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY

P: As the light of these candles illumines our face, 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.

C: If we say we have fellowship with Him, while we walk in the darkness, we deceive ourselves and do not practice the truth.

P: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

C: And the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1: 5-7)

P: “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, as You make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, grant that we, who joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our judge; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Candles are at the end of each pew. 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. Please TIP UNLIT candles toward lit ones. (We will sing “*Silent Night*” when all the candles are lit.)

THE DARKENING OF THE CHURCH

THE HYMN

“*Silent Night, Holy Night*”

#363

Hymn introduction by Violin and Organ



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
 Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy



peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

✠ THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon 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 and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”

K. Langlois

TODAY’S SERVANTS

Proclaimer:	Rev. Kevin Barron
Liturgist:	Clay Langlotz
Organist:	Barbara Sommer
Violinist:	Manfred Reek
Cantor/Soloist:	Cindy Hoerl
Lector:	John Trotz
IT Assistants:	Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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Upcoming Calendar of Holiday Services & Events

Christmas Day Service, Saturday, December 25th, 10 a.m.

The First Sunday after Christmas, December 26th, 10 a.m.

(Please bring one unwrapped baby gift for our donation drive to shelters who care for victims of domestic violence.)

Merry Christmas!