



**CALVARY  
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*Sunday Worship*  
*10:00 a.m.*

*Sunday School*  
*8:45 a.m.*

*Bible Study*  
*8:45 a.m.*

*Second Sunday of Advent*



# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*“Forward in Faith and Mission”*

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10 a.m.

December 6, 2020

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## HOLY COMMUNION AT CALVARY

*“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him” (Psalm 34:8).*



God’s Word teaches the real presence of Christ’s body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27–29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the Sacrament will want to first speak with the pastor before communing.

**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.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" #344



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
 △ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
 way for God with - in, And let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

†THE INVOCATION/CALLING

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

C: Amen.

†THE CONFESSION/ADMISSION OF SINS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(silence for reflection)*

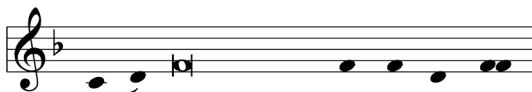
P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

## † THE FORGIVENESS/PARDON

**P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

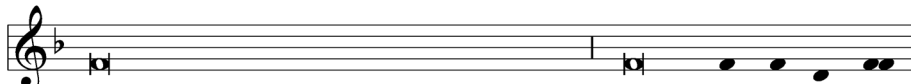
## THE KYRIE



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

**C** A - men.

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P: We praise You, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of Your Spirit that we may be lights shining in the darkness of this world. Enlighten us with Your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

**THE HYMN** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #357 st. 2

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord’rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.

*Refrain*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**THE PSALM 85 (read responsively)**

LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**<sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you covered all their sin. *Selah***

**<sup>3</sup> You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.**

**<sup>4</sup> Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!**

**<sup>5</sup> Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?**

**<sup>6</sup> Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?**

**<sup>7</sup> Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.**

**<sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.**

**<sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.**

**<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

**<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

**<sup>12</sup> Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.**

<sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.

**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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

**Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that  
by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same  
Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 40:1–11

*(A word of comfort to the exiled Israelites with a promise of deliverance; repentance is  
needed to prepare for Christ's arrival)*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
“Behold your God!”

<sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

2 Peter 3:8-14

*(Apply yourself to holy living as you await the coming of the Lord; God wants all to come to repentance.)*

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.



R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE HYMN**

*“Creator of the Stars of Night”* #351 st. 1

Creator of the stars of night,  
Thy people’s everlasting Light:  
O Christ, Redeemer, save us all  
And hear Thy servants when they call.

**✠THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 1:1-8

*(The prophet, John the Baptist, heralds God’s new activity in the world.)*

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way,

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# HYMN OF THE DAY

*“When All the World Was Cursed”*

#346



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na - tion,  
2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,  
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,  
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.  
Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.  
Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.  
The word pro - claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,  
By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,  
Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,  
That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.  
He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:  
Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.  
Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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## **GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY**

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.**

### **† WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER/ BLESSING OF BREAD AND WINE**

## AGNUS DEI “LAMB OF GOD”

♩ 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. A fermata is placed over the final note of the fourth staff.

### ✠ THE INVITATION

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

*“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”*

J. Brahms

Flute and Organ

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

#359 st. 1-3



1 Lo, how a rose e’er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath  
2 I - sa - iah ’twas fore - told it, The rose I have in  
3 This flow’r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the



sprung! Of Jes - se’s lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have  
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er  
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - ’ry -



sung, It came, a flow - ’ret bright, A - mid the  
kind. To show God’s love a - right, She bore to  
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.  
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.  
death He saves us And light - ens ev - ’ry load.

## COMMUNION DISMISSAL

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### †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.**

# THE CLOSING HYMN

*"Hark the Glad Sound"*

#349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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## THE DISMISSAL

**P:** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE *"Hark the Glad Sound"*

P. Manz

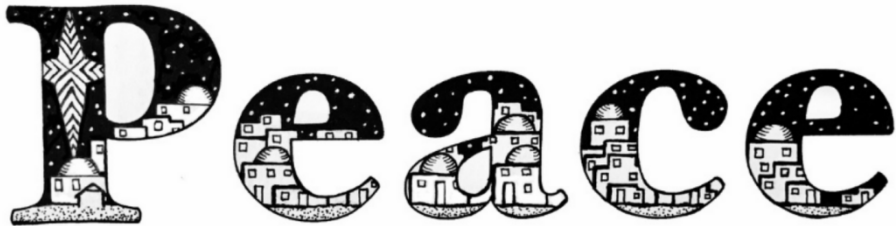
### TODAY'S SERVANTS

**Proclaimer:** Rev. Kevin Barron  
**Organist:** Barbara Sommer  
**Flutist:** Amy Crumb  
**Cantor:** Laura Higgins  
**Liturgist:** John Robinson  
**Reader:** Betty Hucke  
**IT Assistants:** Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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Peace: Second Sunday in Advent



*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not  
as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your  
hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*

*John 14:27*

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