



**CALVARY  
LUTHERAN  
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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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# CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*“Forward in Faith and Mission”*

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10 a.m.

December 19, 2021

*SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS*

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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 have 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 "Once in Royal David's City"

#376

Stanza 1—All; Stanza 2 – Women; Stanza 3 – Men



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a  
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is  
3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her  
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a  
day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y  
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the  
help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.

†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; please stand or kneel for confession)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God the 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 HYMN**    *“Once in Royal David’s City”*                      #376 st. 4    All

And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love;  
For that Child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above,  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.

### **THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

L: We praise You, O God, for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth. Enlighten us with Your grace, that we may sing of Your advent among us in the Word made flesh. Grant this through Christ our Lord, who’s coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

*Light four candles.*

**THE HYMN** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

#357 st. 5

O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. Refrain

*Refrain*

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

**Stir up Your power, Lord Christ, and come. With Your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive You in joy and serve You always, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**THE SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

P: Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem His waiting people. Let us rejoice in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will bring all men and all things into the glory of God's eternal Kingdom. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

But first, let us pray for the world which God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words which Christ Himself taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 forgiven those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE FIRST LESSON**

Genesis 3:1-15

*(The fall into sin and God's first promise of a Savior.)*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**THE ANTHEM**

*“Comfort, Comfort Ye”*

Quartet

**THE SECOND LESSON**

Genesis 22:1-2, 6-12, 15-18

*(God provides the sacrifice for Abraham and all nations of the earth.)*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE HYMN**

*“The Lamb”*

# 547 st. 1, 2



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.



Faith sees, be - lies God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

## THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*(The Messiah will come from David's family.)*

R: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 80:1-7 (read in unison)

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock.

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

<sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
stir up your might  
and come to save us!

<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

<sup>4</sup> O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

<sup>6</sup> You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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.

**THE ANTHEM**      *"Born, Born in Bethlehem"*

Quartet

## THE FOURTH LESSON

Micah 5:2-5b

*(The place of Jesus' birth will be Bethlehem.)*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

**THE ANTHEM**      *"How Far is it to Bethlehem"*

Festival Choir

# FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1: 26-38

*(The announcement to Mary that she will be the mother of Jesus.)*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

## THE HYMN “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

# 356



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
2 “For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
“To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said.  
In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



“All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
“My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God’s ho - ly name.”  
And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
“Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!

Mary’s Song “The Magnificat” (spoken)

**“My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant.**

**From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done  
great things for me—holy is His name.**

**His mercy extends to those who fear Him, from generation to generation.**

**He has performed mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered those who are  
proud in their inmost thoughts.**

He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.  
 He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.  
 He has helped His servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his  
 descendants forever, even as He said to our fathers.” (Luke 1:46-55)

## THE SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

*(The prophesy and birth of Jesus Christ.)*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

## THE HYMN “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” #384 st. 1-Men, st. 2 & 3-All



1 Of the Fa - ther’s love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,  
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world’s Re -  
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face  
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

## THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

*(The Shepherds go to the manger.)*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### THE HYMN      *"While Shepherds Watched"*

While shepherds watched their flocks by night

All seated on the ground

The angel of the Lord came down

And glory shone around

"Fear not", said he, for mighty dread

Had seized their troubled mind

"Glad tidings of great joy I bring

To you and all mankind"

"To you, in David's town this day

Is born of David's line

The Savior who is Christ the Lord

And this shall be the sign"

"The heavenly Babe you there shall find

To human view displayed

All meanly wrapped in swathing clothes

And in a manger laid"

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith

Appeared a shining throng

Of angels praising God, who thus

Addressed their joyful song

"All glory be to God on high

And on the earth be peace

Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men

Begin and never cease"

## THE EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

*(The Magi are led by the star to visit Jesus.)*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE HYMN** “*We Three Kings*” st. 1-Choir, st. 2-4- Soloists with Refrain by All,  
st. 5- All

Choir We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

All ***Refrain***  
***O-----star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.***

Solo Born a King on Bethlehem's plain;  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign. ***Refrain***

Solo Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a Deity nigh,  
Prayer and praising, all men raising,  
Worship Him, God most high. ***Refrain***

Solo Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume;  
Breathes of life of gathering gloom,  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. ***Refrain***

All Glorious now behold Him arise;  
King and God and Sacrifice,  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Earth to heav'n replies. ***Refrain***

## **THE NINTH LESSON**

Mark 1: 9-15

*(Jesus is anointed for ministry to proclaim the good news of forgiveness.)*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**THE ANTHEM**   *“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”*       Festival Choir

## **THE GATHERING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

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

### **† 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 PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: Lord in Your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously

receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ✠ WORDS OF INSTITUTION/BLESSING OF BREAD AND WINE

### ✠ THE INVITATION

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C: **And also with you.**

### THE HYMN      *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*      #621 st. 1, 2



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*“Now Proclaim Messiah’s Birth”*

arr. J. Krug

Handbells

*Organ Mediation*

## COMMUNION DISMISSAL

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## †THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

P: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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.**

## CLOSING HYMN "O Sing of Christ" #362 st. 1- 4



1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,  
2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par - a - dise was barred  
3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re - ceived;  
4 Lord Je - sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.  
Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.  
Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.  
As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



Up - on our frail hu - man - i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace  
For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;  
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,  
Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



*Upcoming Calendar of Holiday Services & Events*

Christmas Eve Services: Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m.  
Family Service,  
and 7 p.m. Candlelight Service

Christmas Day Service, Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.

Birthday Party for Baby Jesus: Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.  
(Please bring one unwrapped baby gift for a Shelter)



