



**CALVARY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

Sunday School
8:45 a.m.

Bible Study
8:45 a.m.

**LESSONS
AND**

Carols



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Forward in Faith and Mission”

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10 a.m.

December 20, 2020

SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

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.

PRELUDE *“Away in a Manger”*
“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Heavy Metal Belles

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: 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 *“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.**

THE HYMN “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

#357 st. 7

O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease
and be yourself our King of Peace.

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, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; 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 HYMN “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

#338



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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.

THE READING OF PSALM 89:1-5, 19-29 (responsively)

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**² For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”**

**³ You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:**

**⁴ “I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.”**

**⁵ Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!**

**¹⁹ Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said:
“I have granted help to one who is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen from the people.**

²⁰ I have found David, my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him,
²¹ **so that my hand shall be established with him;
my arm also shall strengthen him.**
²² The enemy shall not outwit him;
the wicked shall not humble him.
²³ **I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.**
²⁴ My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.
²⁵ **I will set his hand on the sea
and his right hand on the rivers.**
²⁶ He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.’
²⁷ **And I will make him the firstborn,
the highest of the kings of the earth.**
²⁸ My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
²⁹ **I will establish his offspring forever
and his throne as the days of the heavens.**
**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 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 HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#361 st. 1



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.

Text and tune: Public domain

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 st. 1-Men, st. 2 -All



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,



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 prophecy and birth of Jesus Christ.)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE HYMN "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

#374 with Festival Ringers



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

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 “Angels We Have Heard on High” #368



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



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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”

with Festival Ringers

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

Refrain

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

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice,
Heaven sings, "Hallelujah!"
Hallelujah!" Earth 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 HYMN

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

#343 st. 1, 4



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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.

† 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

(Organ meditation during communion)

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God for whom we wait, You come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts and send us forth to be Your people in the world, announcing Your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

P: “Now to Him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey Him—to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ!” (Romans 16: 25-27)
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 *“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”* #386 st. 1, 4



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

THE DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”*

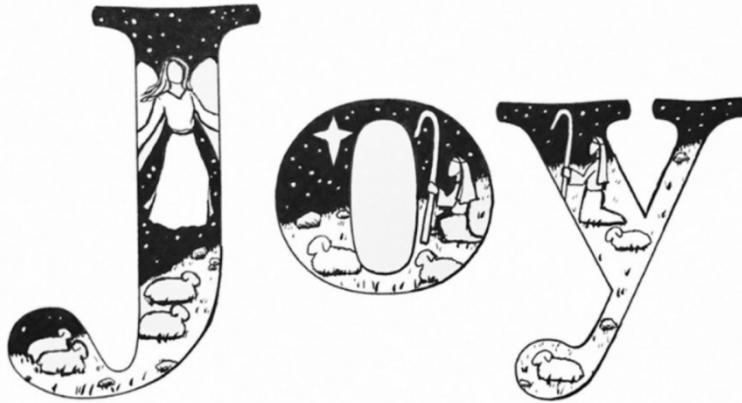
J.S. Bach

TODAY’S SERVANTS

Proclaimer:	Rev. Kevin Barron
Organist:	Barbara Sommer
Participants:	Heavy Metal Belles and Festival Ringers
Director:	Amy Crumb
Cantor:	John Robinson
Liturgist:	Manfred Reek
Readers:	Joan Colliflower, Mark Dojan, David Sitter, John Trotz Ronnie Segal, Betty Huckle, Emily Shaffer, Linda Shaffer
IT Assistants:	Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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"An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." (Luke 2:9-10)

****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, December 20, 2020****

WELCOME IN JESUS CHRIST!

Prayer for comfort: The Gast family of the passing of Randy's mother, the family of Frank Deinlein on his passing. Prayers for healing: Joann Applestine, Herb Grueninger, Matt Kretzschmar, Claire McDerby, Bob Enzor (friend of Joe Sabatino), Fred (brother-in-law of Russ Davis), Jessica and Reid, Wilma Taylor, Mike Mister, Pat Christie, Linda Davis, Sarah & Patrick, Bill Romberger (father of Cara Lucas), Mary Richter (Amanda's sister-in-law), Alison Baptiste, Janet Winneberger, Kathy Young, Kevin Burns, Pastor Bob Kretzschmar, Rachel Negley, Paul Schildwachter, Lavenia White (Rosa White's daughter), Dale & Chris Amendt, Carolyn Underwood, Frances Dunker, Jean Plitt, Drew Wallace (Olive Abt's cousin), Thelma Lucas (Ameous Lucas' mother), Ed Seufert, Alasaro Lucas, prayers for healing for those with COVID-19 and their families, all the victims of severe weather and fires, families impacted by gun violence, and senseless acts of terror in our world. We also pray for members and relatives of Calvary Lutheran Church whose families are serving in the Armed Forces and First Responders.

If pastoral assistance is needed, please email Pastor Kevin @ pastorkbarron@gmail.com.

The term **Advent** is from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning arrival. Advent begins the new church year and the four weeks that lead up to Christmas. Four candles on the wreath in the Chancel remind us that during these weeks we are preparing for the coming of the Christ Child, who is the light of the world. During the last several Sundays of November, we heard about preparation too, being ready for the coming of the Kingdom of God, the second coming of Christ. Now we focus on getting ready to celebrate His coming to earth as a little baby, remembering the Promised One who comes to bring Peace, Hope, Love, and Joy during our days filled with much stress, separation, and changes.

Pastor Barron's Sunday Bible Study @ 8:45 a.m. in Room 113.

Ron & Nancie Seymour's Bible Study @ 8:45 a.m. in the Library/Music Room.

Sunday School @ 8:45 a.m. in Room 104. Children ages 3-11 are welcome.

Pastor Barron's Tuesday Bible Study @ 11 a.m. in the Library/Music Room.

During the next several weeks, due to the rising numbers of COVID 19 cases, **GRACE PLACE in-house classes will not be held.** (Sip and Pray, and Sit and Get Fit). Grace Place was recently awarded two grants, one from Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and the other from Mid Atlantic Lutherans in Mission (MALIM). These are to be applied to our new computer and mentoring program. We are thrilled with receiving these grants and look forward to this future mission opportunity.

The **GRIEF SHARE** program is every **Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Library. This program consists of a thirteen week series of classes on working through griefs, questions and even anger about a personal loss. Many people have had family and friends impacted by the COVID 19 virus where they were not allowed to be with a terminally ill loved one, even limited by the number of people attending a funeral, allowing no closure to valuable lives spent together. We are strengthened through our faith and the caring of others who have walked in our paths. Come yourselves; invite others who may be helped by this program; make friends who will assist you in continuing your lives in a new way. Please RSVP to calvarylutheran.gppdir@gmail.com. or talk with Pastor Barron.

Calvary is continuing to follow **the guidelines of the State and the CDC** as we live our restricted schedules—Masks and Social Distancing, even in the church; we offer hand sanitizer, gloves and check temperatures. Loud singing and talking are not encouraged, even though our congregation is one of the best singing churches around. “this too shall pass.” Thank you for following these simple measures, to keep yourself and others safe until we don’t have to worry about the unseen virus.

The **2021 Offering Envelopes** are available in the Hallway for pick up. Please pick them up but do not use them until 2021. Any offering placed in 2021 envelopes will not be credited to your account until 2021. We are trying to clear the envelopes from the Hallway prior to Christmas week. Thanks in advance for your help.
Dave Horton

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 23rd

Thursday, December 24th

Friday, December 25th

Sunday, January 3rd

Saturday, January 9th

Grief Share, 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services, 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Christmas Day Service, 10 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas/Epiphany

Church decorations come down, 9:30 a.m.