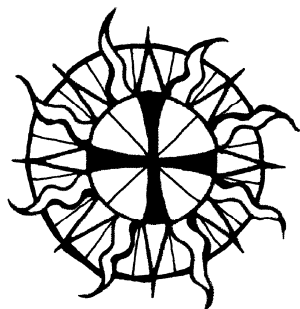


CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE
AND MAKE DISCIPLES

HOLY COMMUNION
A CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
10:30 PM DECEMBER 24, 2019
9:30 AM DECEMBER 25, 2019



Introduction to the day

As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ's birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of "the salvation of our God." O come, let us adore!

Prelude: David Severtson, Organ

Gathering

Gathering Carol: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (ELW 283)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels:

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

Greeting

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
O Come let us adore him.
May the light and peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Hymn of Praise: *Angels We Have Heard on High* (ELW 289)

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. Refrain

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

The First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 (GNT Pew Bible p. 815)

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

They lived in a land of shadows,
but now light is shining on them.

³ You have given them great joy,^[a] Lord;
you have made them happy.

They rejoice in what you have done,
as people rejoice when they harvest grain
or when they divide captured wealth.

⁴ For you have broken the yoke that burdened them
and the rod that beat their shoulders.

You have defeated the nation
that oppressed and exploited your people,
just as you defeated the army of Midian long ago.

⁵ The boots of the invading army
and all their bloodstained clothing
will be destroyed by fire.

⁶ A child is born to us!
A son is given to us!
And he will be our ruler.
He will be called, "Wonderful Counselor,"
"Mighty God," "Eternal Father,"
"Prince of Peace."

⁷ His royal power will continue to grow;
his kingdom will always be at peace.
He will rule as King David's successor,
basing his power on right and justice,
from now until the end of time.

The LORD Almighty is determined to do all this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Hymn: *Joy to the World* (ELW 267)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow

far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14 (GNT Pew Bible p. 1446)

¹¹ For God has revealed his grace for the salvation of all people. ¹² That grace instructs us to give up ungodly living and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this world, ¹³ as we wait for the blessed Day we hope for, when the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ will appear. ¹⁴ He gave himself for us, to rescue us from all wickedness and to make us a pure people who belong to him alone and are eager to do good.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (ELW 288)

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

Christmas Gospel: Luke 2:1-20 (GNT Pew Bible p. 1216)

^{2:1} At that time Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire. ² When this first census took place, Quirinius was the governor of Syria. ³ Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his own hometown.

⁴ Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. ⁵ He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, ⁶ and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. ⁷ She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

⁸ There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, ¹⁰ but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. ¹¹ This very day in David's town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord! ¹² And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God:

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us."

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angel had said about the child. ¹⁸ All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. ¹⁹ Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. ²⁰ The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: *A Christmas Sermon* Pastor Tim Malek

Hymn of the Day: *What Child Is This* (ELW 296)

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Prayers of Intercession and Peace

Offertory Verse: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (ELW 279 verse 4)

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

Offertory Prayer

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heav'n and earth adored,
O how blest is he who comes in the holy name of God.
Joyful, all you nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Carols during Communion:

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (ELW 276)

Angels, from the Realms of Glory (ELW 275)

It Came upon the Midnight Clear (ELW 282)

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

[10:30PM only] Candle Lighting: John 1:1-5 (GNT Pew Bible p. 1264)

¹ In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² From the very beginning the Word was with God. ³ Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him. ⁴ The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to people.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

*The pastor carries the light from the Christ Candle, lighting the acolyte candles. They in turn, light the candles of the first worshiper in each row. The lit candle is never tilted, but always held upright to another. **Please avoid dripping wax on the floor or pews.** Following the service please return candles to the boxes in the narthex.*

[10:30PM only] Carol: *Silent Night, Holy Night* (ELW 281)

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!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Sending

Blessing

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen**

(Candles are extinguished)

Sending Song: *Go Tell It on the Mountain* (ELW 290)

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Christ is born!
Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

Thanks be to God.

WELCOME as we gather for worship this Christmas. May your faith and love be strengthened as we ponder anew the marvelous mystery of Emmanuel, "God with us." We come to our Lord's Table at our Lord's invitation. We welcome Christ presence as Jesus makes his advent among us through the bread and wine of Holy Communion promising gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation.

EACH YEAR as the Advent/Christmas season comes, it means that a great deal of additional work has been expended by many of our people at Calvary. We thank you, and we thank Almighty God who has given us this great "Feast of Emmanuel."

Preaching – Pastor Tim Malek
Presiding and Assisting – Pastor Naomi Mahler

Acolytes:
10:30 pm – Macy Loge, Emery Holwerda
9:30 am – Gavin George, Carson Eichhorst

Communion Assistants:
10:30 pm – Michael Newberg, John Kappers
9:30 am – Brett Aamot, Shawn Swenson

Lectors:
10:30 pm – Dean & Joni Hanson
9:30 am – Wayne Nelson

Sound:
10:30 pm - Mark Bloomquist
9:30 am - Victoria Larsen