

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 7pm

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CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

Pre-Service Music: Mr. Walter Priebe

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: 102 - *"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"*

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, triumphantly sing; Come, see in the manger our Savior and King To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord; Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
2. True Son of the Father, He comes from the skies; To be born of a virgin He doth not despise. To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord; Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
3. Hark, hark, to the angels all singing in heaven, "To God in the highest all glory be given!" To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord; Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
4. To Thee, then, O Jesus, this day of Thy birth Be glory and honor through heaven and earth, True Godhead incarnate, omnipotent Word! Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

HAD CHRIST NOT COME

Had Christ not come that Christmas Eve
Himself with man to dwell,
All would be lost, no hope – no light
The darkness to dispel.
No Savior and no sacrifice
To pay the price of sin,
No precious blood to cleanse my heart
And keep me pure within.

No righteousness except my own –
No pardon I could claim,
No avenue of prayer to God
Through Jesus' mighty Name!
No comfort in my deepest need
No lamp to light my way,
No one to understand and care
To keep me day by day.

No hope, no peace, no Advocate
To intercede for me,
And what of Satan's subtle snares –
Would I have victory?
No grace of God, no mercy shown
No love to warm my soul,
No heaven, no crown, no Christ to meet
No purpose and no goal.

O world of misery and woe
What deep and dark despair –
Had God not sent His only Son
Our sin and shame to bear.

But Christ HAS come – O glorious day,
That Babe in swaddling dress
Grew up to be my Savior, Lord,
My Hope and Righteousness!

RESPONSIVE READING:

Pastor: The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Congregation: They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

P: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

C: And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

P: Sing, O ye heavens; for the Lord hath done it:

C: Shout, ye lower parts of the earth:

P: Break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein:

C: For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob and glorified Himself in Israel.

P: Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem.

C: For the Lord hath comforted His people, He hath redeemed Jerusalem.

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem.

C: Behold, thy King cometh unto thee.

P: O Zion, that brings good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain:

C: O Jerusalem, that brings good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God.

P: Arise, shine, for thy light is come:

C: And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

JOHN 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God.

³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. ⁷This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.

⁹That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

INTRODUCTION -THE CHRISTMAS TREE

HYMN: 95:1-3 - *“Savior of the Nations, Come”*

- 1. Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!
Marvel now, O heaven and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.**
- 2. Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God, Was the Word
of God made flesh--Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.**
- 3. Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child Of the Virgin undefiled! Though
by all the world disowned, Still to be in heaven enthroned.**

PART ONE -THE ADVENT OF OUR SAVIOR

THE TAU CROSS

HYMN: 95:4-6 - *“Savior of the Nations, Come”*

- 4. From the Father forth He came And returneth to the same, Captive
leading death and hell-- High the song of triumph swell!**
- 5. Thou, the Father's only Son, Hast o'er sin the victory won. Boundless
shall Thy kingdom be; When shall we its glories see?**
- 6. Brightly doth Thy manger shine, Glorious is its light divine. Let not sin
o'ercloud this light; Ever be our faith thus bright.**
- 7. Praise to God the Father sing, Praise to God the Son, our King, Praise
to God the Spirit be Ever and eternally.**

THE ROSE

THIS EVENING

After worship is concluded the traditional Christmas bags will be passed out first to the Children, then afterward to those who are present. There are also a number of presents under the Christmas trees to be passed out at the same time. Those who receive gifts are asked to clean up after themselves if they open them.

TOMORROW MORNING

There will be a Christmas Day service here at Calvary at 10am. Everyone is invited to attend.

THANK YOU

We should give thanks to our GOD for having sent His Son to be our Redeemer. We celebrate His entrance into the human race this evening. We thank the children for bringing the Word of God to us. We also thank their parents for helping them to learn their parts. We thank all those who added to our worship through song. Praise God for all of His gifts!

THANK YOU FROM THE SCHALLERS

Pastor Andrew and Alice and Phillip Schaller would like to thank you for your thoughtful cards and gifts, foods (fish, venison, etc), sporting event tickets and hunting and fishing opportunities, not just during the Christmas Season but indeed throughout the year. Thank you so very much.

13. Guilt no longer can distress me; Son of God, Thou my load Bearest to release me. Stain in me Thou findest never; I am clean, All my sin Is removed forever.

14. I am pure, in Thee believing, From Thy store Evermore Righteous robes receiving. In my heart I will enfold Thee, Treasure rare, Let me there, Loving, ever hold Thee.

15. Dearest Lord, Thee will I cherish. Though my breath Fail in death, Yet I shall not perish, But with Thee abide forever There on high, In that joy Which can vanish never.

THE ORB WITH A CROSS

PRAYER...THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: 97 - *"Let Us All with Gladsome Voice"*

1. Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven, Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.

2. To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sadness, That with Him in heaven's fair homes We may reign in gladness.

3. We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a wonder? Therefore praise God evermore Here on earth and yonder.

4. O Lord Christ, our Savior dear, Be Thou ever near us. Grant us now a glad new year. Amen, Jesus, hear us!

HYMN: 341:2 - *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

2. Crown Him the Virgin's Son, The God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn; Fruit of the mystic rose, As of that rose the stem; The root whence mercy ever flows, The Babe of Bethlehem.

THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

HYMN: 62 - *"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"*

1. Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell Thy people save And give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. Oh, come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly home: Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

PART TWO -THE WORSHIP OF OUR SAVIOR

THE ANCHOR CROSS

HYMN: 647 - *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by; Yet in thy darkness shineth The everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth And praises sing to God, the King, And peace to men on earth.

3. How silently, how silently, The wondrous Gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven. No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in.

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 angel The great glad tidings tell: Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

THE MANGER

HYMN: 712 - *"What Child is This"*

1. 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.

2. Why lies He in such mean estate Where oxen now are feeding? Good Christians, fear; For sinners here The silent Word is pleading. Nails, speak shall pierce Him through; The cross He'll bear for me, for you. Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the Son of Mary.

3. 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.

THE HERALD ANGELS

FISH WITH IHS

HYMN: 76 - *"A Great and Mighty Wonder"*

1. A great and mighty wonder, A full and holy cure: The Virgin bears the Infant With virgin honor pure! Repeat the hymn again: 'To God on high be glory And peace on earth to men!'

2. The Word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high, And cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from the sky. Repeat the hymn again: 'To God on high be glory And peace on earth to men!'

3. While thus they sing your Monarch, Those bright angelic bands, Rejoice, ye vales and mountains, Ye oceans, clap your hands. Repeat the hymn again: 'To God on high be glory And peace on earth to men!'

4. Since all He comes to ransom, By all be He adored, The Infant born in Beth'lem, The Savior and the Lord. Repeat the hymn again: 'To God on high be glory And peace on earth to men!'

5. And idol forms shall perish, And error shall decay, And Christ shall wield His scepter, Our Lord an God for aye. Repeat the hymn again: 'To God on high be glory And peace on earth to men!'

PART THREE -THE SERVICE TO OUR SAVIOR

THE STAR

HYMN: 646 - *"Silent Night! Holy Night!"*

1. 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.

2. Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia. Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

3. Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

THE CROSS AND THE CROWN

HYMN: 77:1-3, 8, 10, 13-15 - *"All My Heart This Night Rejoices"*

1. All my heart this night rejoices As I hear Far and near Sweetest angel voices. "Christ is born," their choirs are singing Till the air Everywhere Now with joy is ringing.

2. Forth today the Conqueror goeth, Who the foe, Sin and woe, Death and hell, o'erthroweth. God is man, man to deliver; His dear Son Now is one With our blood forever.

3. Shall we still dread God's displeasure, Who, to save, Freely gave His most cherished Treasure? To redeem us, He hath given His own Son From the throne Of His might in heaven.

8. Come, then, banish all your sadness, One and all, Great and small; Come with songs of gladness. Love Him who with love is glowing; Hail the Star, Near and far Light and joy bestowing.

10. Hither come, ye heavy-hearted, Who for sin, Deep within, Long and sore have smarted; For the poisoned wound you're feeling Help is near, One is here Mighty for their healing.