

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**4th Sunday
in Advent**

Divine Worship. 9:30am
Sunday School/Bible Class 10:45am/10:50am
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ADVENT FOUR

December 19, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 85 (TLH Pg. 140) **Prayer:** 1 (TLH Pg. 102); 2 (TLH Pg. 102).

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 59 109 72 512 85:6,13-15

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 59 - "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE

(TLH Pg.5ff.)

The Invocation... The Confession of Sins... Absolution, -- "Amen."

The Introit... The Gloria Patri (Pg. 6) ...The Kyrie (Pg. 7).

**Comfort my desponding heart: Thou my Strength and Refuge art.
 I am weak, and cunningly Satan lays his snares for me.**

**Bruise for me the Serpent's head, That, set free from doubt and dread,
 I may cleave to Thee in faith, Safely kept through life and death,**

**And when Thou dost come again As a glorious King to reign,
 I with joy may see Thy face, Freely ransomed by Thy grace.**

The Salutation (Pg. 9) ...The Collect -- "Amen."

THE ANGEL CANDLE

The Angel Candle reminds us that the Angels will again return with the LORD Jesus when He comes again on clouds of Heaven. When he comes again, they will usher Jesus' people into heaven.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

MICAH 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh who currently serves Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, Florida has been called by Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester (St. Louis), MO. • Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School, Phoenix AZ has been called to be the upper grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School in Valentine NE • Pastor Paul Krause who currently serves Trinity Lutheran Church in Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church in Hidewood Township, SD, has been called by Ascension Lutheran Church in Tacoma, WA.

ENVELOPES

If you use envelopes, you will find your new box on a table in the fellowship hall. Please pick up your box.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Walter and Heather and all the others who brought appetizers and helped to prepare the food and the fellowship hall for our recent Calvary Christmas Party and Dinner.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2021

*The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Calvary to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. The amount given to 'Missions' on your church envelope goes to this pledge. In the event that our offerings fall short of our pledge, the difference will be taken from the Calvary General Fund. In the event that our offerings exceed our pledge, additional funds will be placed in the General Fund.***

Amount Pledged 2021	Received as of 12/12/2021	Amount Remaining
\$5000.00	\$5,045.00	\$0

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO

MAY 2023 GOAL	RECEIVED 12/12	MAY 2023 GOAL
\$5.00	\$0	\$5.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 12/12/2021

General Fund	Loose Offerings	ILC Student Aid (SAF)	Sunday School	
\$995.00	\$83.00	\$50.00	\$9.50	
Offerings Total: \$1,137.50				

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BIBLE READINGS FOR DEVOTION – DECEMBER 20-25, 2021

Monday - Micah 5:2-5a Through Micah God is speaking to Bethlehem as though it were a person, for He had strong feelings toward the village where Rachel died and was buried, the home of Boaz, Ruth, Obed, Jesse, and David. Though it was similar to others in Judah, God selected it for the birthplace of Jesus, whose career would *reach to the ends of the Earth* and administer peace on Earth, good will to mankind. “The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight” celebrates Jesus’ entry into humanity. (TLH 647:1)

Tuesday - Luke 1:26-38 Apparently Mary needed (and deserved) to be informed how she fit into God’s plans for humanity: God wanted His Son to have the human genome via her (26-31), a crucial factor for Jesus’ mission (32-33). Since *nothing will be impossible for God*, so shall it be! Glory be to God for being so generous, loving, and self-sacrificing toward wayward humanity!

Wednesday - Hebrews 10:5-10 lets us eavesdrop on something important that Jesus had to say about His incarnation/birth in Bethlehem. “Father, You have *given Me a body*, which will be dedicated to serve You. Since in My body I can do better for humanity than sacrifices of animal flesh and blood could ever do, My self-sacrifice will supersede that whole rigmarole. In My body I will set things straight, *once and for all.*” Thank You, Jesus!

Thursday - Zechariah 9:9 was fulfilled on Palm Sunday, but it was partially fulfilled at Christmas, too, like this: Jesus made that trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem along with Mary, and if she was riding on a donkey, so was Jesus, nestled in the womb of His mother. *Lowly and riding on a donkey* into Bethlehem may serve as prelude to His entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Also, it’s a progression from lesser to greater: honor given by few at His birth progresses to more public acclaim on Palm Sunday. Glory be to God on high!

Friday - Luke 1:39-55 As the long years of preview shrank to a few months, Mary took the hint that she could pay a visit to Elizabeth, her relative and friend, who was starting the third trimester of her pregnancy. It proved to be a surprise visit for them—and for John, another miracle baby, who was moved to rejoice at his Savior paying a visit to him and his family. Hallelujah!

Saturday - Galatians 4:4-5 **But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.** Jesus arrived right on schedule—the *fullness of time*; right on target—*born under the law of God*; right on purpose—to *redeem law-breakers*; right on effect—that *we might receive adoption as children of God*. Right on!

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

Liturgy of St. James, 5th century French, 17th century
Tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–85, alt. Setting by Joseph Herl



Choir: 1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence

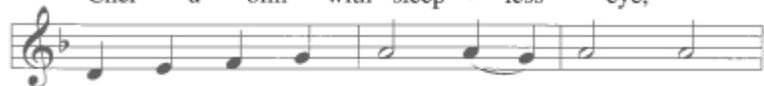
All: 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y,

Choir: 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en

All: 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph,



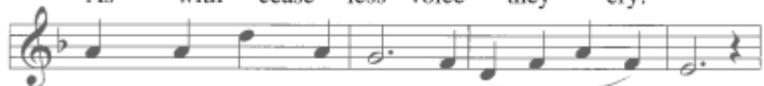
And with fear and trem - bling stand;
As of old on earth He stood,
Spreads its van - guard on the way
Cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



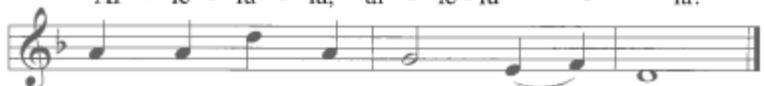
Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand
In the bod - y and the blood,
From the realms of end - less day,
As with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing
He will give to all the faith - ful
Comes the pow'rs of hell to van - quish
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
His own self for heav'n - ly food.
As the dark - ness clears a - way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he shall be their peace. **

CANDLE HYMN: 109 – WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS

EPISTLE LESSON:

HEBREWS 10:5-10

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,

as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’ ”

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second.

¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **

THE GRADUAL -- (A Prayer for the Sunday read responsively)

Pastor: The Lord is near to all those who call upon Him;

Congregation: to all who call upon Him in faith.

Pastor: My mouth shall proclaim the praise of the Lord,

Congregation: Let all flesh bless His holy name. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Pastor: You are my Help and my Deliverer;

Congregation: Come quickly, O my God! Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 1:39-55

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever." **

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CHURCH CHOIR: **LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE**
Liturgy of St. James, 5th Century *Tune: Picardy*
Translated by Gerard Moultrie, 1829-85 French, 17th Century
Setting by Joseph Herl (Inserted)

In accord with the penitential theme of Advent, this song calls upon all of humanity to humble itself before the LORD Jesus Christ, who deserves our honor and praise. He comes to vanquish the powers of hell and to give his people his own self as spiritual food. We join the heavenly host in singing His praise. The congregation is invited to join in stanzas 2 and 4.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: **APOSTLES CREED** (TLH PG. 12)
HYMN: 72 - "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

THE SERMON: **MATTHEW 28:19-20**

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS –

THE WORK

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

THE OFFERING HYMN:

(TLH 69:4,6)

Arise, ye poor and needy! The King provides for you; He comes with succor speedy, With mercy ever new. Receive your gracious King, The Giver of all blessing, Hail Him, His name confessing, And glad hosannas sing.

Oh, rich the gifts Thou bringest, Thyself made poor and weak! O Love beyond expression, That thus can sinners seek! For this, O Lord, will we Our joyous tribute bring Thee And glad hosannas sing Thee And ever grateful be.

PRAYER(S)...THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 512 – "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen, Amen, Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 85:6, 13-15 – "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 19, 2021

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP:

10:45am -- Sunday School (NT #2 – The Birth of Christ Announced)

10:50am -- Bible Class (Harmony of the Gospels)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Confirmation Class 4pm

Wednesday: Choir Practice 6pm

Friday: Christmas Eve Worship 7pm

Saturday: Christmas Day Worship 10am

Sunday: Worship 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45; No Bible Study

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Annual Council Meeting is set for Sunday January 9th after worship and the Annual Voter's Meeting the following Sunday, January 16th also after worship. The following events were noted and are also noted here:

➤ **Friday December 31st** – New Year's Eve Communion Service 7pm

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

As is our tradition, during the Sundays in Advent (November 28, December 5, 12, 19) those who are present at 9:15am will choose and sing Christmas Carols.

HYMN

O CHRIST, OUR TRUE AND ONLY LIGHT

1. O Christ, our true and only Light, Enlighten those who sit in night; Let those afar now hear Thy voice And in Thy fold with us rejoice.
2. Fill with the radiance of Thy grace The souls now lost in error's maze And all whom in their secret minds Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
3. Oh, gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way! Let every conscience sore opprest In Thee find peace and heavenly rest.
4. Oh, make the deaf to hear Thy Word And teach the dumb to speak, dear Lord, Who dare not yet the faith avow, Though secretly they hold it now.
5. Shine on the darkened and the cold, Recall the wanderers to Thy fold, Unite all those who walk apart, Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
6. So they with us may evermore Such grace with wondering thanks adore And endless praise to Thee be given By all Thy Church in earth and heaven. Amen.

HYMN FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME

6. Now let us all with gladsome cheer Go with the shepherds and draw near To see the precious gift of God, Who hath His own dear Son bestowed.
13. Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled, Within my heart, that it may be A quiet chamber kept for Thee.
14. My heart for very joy doth leap, My lips no more can silence keep; I, too, must sing with joyful tongue That sweetest ancient cradle-song:
15. Glory to God in highest heaven, Who unto us His Son hath given! While angels sing with pious mirth A glad new year to all the earth. Amen.

HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 85

¹ LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. ²You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. *Selah* ³You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! ⁵Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? ⁶Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? ⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

⁸Let 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. ⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. ¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. ¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. ¹³Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.**

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR A STEADFAST FAITH

Grant us, we pray, Almighty God, a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Your mercy, and a sincere love to You and our fellow men; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR SENDING CHRIST

O Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks that of Your great goodness and mercy You sent your only-begotten Son to become incarnate and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death; and we pray You to enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit so that we may evermore give You thanks for this Your grace and comfort ourselves with the same in all time of tribulation and temptations; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free, To take away transgression, And rule in equity.

2. He comes with succor speedy To those who suffer wrong; To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong; To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light, Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.

3. He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth, And joy and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth. Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go And righteousness, in fountains, From hill to valley flow.

4. Arabia's desert ranger To Him shall bow the knee, The Ethiopian stranger His glory come to see; With offerings of devotion Ships from the isles shall meet To pour the wealth of ocean In tribute at His feet.

5. Kings shall bow down before Him And gold and incense bring; All nations shall adore Him, His praise all peoples sing; To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend, His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.

6. O'er every foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest, From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest. The tide of time shall never His covenant remove; His name shall stand forever, -- That name to us is Love. Amen.

CANDLE HYMN

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED

1. 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 minds; "Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind.

2. "To you, in David's town, this day, Is born of David's line A 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 swaddling-clothes And in a manger laid."

3. Thus spake the seraph,--and forthwith Appeared a shining throng Of angels, praising God, and thus Addressed their joyful song: "All glory be to God on high, And to the earth be peace; Good will henceforth from Heaven to men Begin and never cease." Amen.

HYMN

REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear! The evening is advancing, And darker night is near. The Bridegroom is arising, And soon He draweth nigh; Up, pray and watch and wrestle! At midnight comes the cry.

2. The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near; Go meet Him as He cometh, With hallelujahs clear. The marriage-feast is waiting, The gates wide open stand; Up, up, ye heirs of glory; The Bridegroom is at hand!

3. Ye saints, who here in patience Your cross and sufferings bore, Shall live and reign forever, When sorrow is no more. Around the throne of glory The Lamb ye shall behold; In triumph cast before Him Your diadems of gold!

4. Our Hope and Expectation, O Jesus, now appear; Arise, Desire of nations, O'er this benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see The day of earth's redemption, That brings us unto Thee! Amen.

OFFERING HYMN

ARISE, SONS OF THE KINGDOM

Arise, ye poor and needy! The King provides for you; He comes with succor speedy, With mercy ever new. Receive your gracious King, The Giver of all blessing, Hail Him, His name confessing, And glad hosannas sing.

Oh, rich the gifts Thou bringest, Thyself made poor and weak! O Love beyond expression, That thus can sinners seek! For this, O Lord, will we Our joyous tribute bring Thee And glad hosannas sing Thee And ever grateful be.