

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Worship. 7pm
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CHRISTMAS EVE December 24, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 130 (TLH Pg. 153) **Prayer: 14** (TLH Pg. 103); **15** (TLH Pg. 103).

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 90 - *“Come Your Hearts and Voices Raising”*

- 1. Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the Lord with gladness praising; Loudly sing His love amazing, Worthy folk of Christendom.**
- 2. Sin and death may well be groaning, Satan now may well be moaning; We, our full salvation owning, Cast our every care away.**
- 3. See how God, for us providing, Gave His Son and life abiding; He our weary steps is guiding From earth's woe to heavenly joy.**
- 4. Christ, from heaven to us descending And in love our race befriending, In our need His help extending, Saved us from the wily Foe.**
- 5. Jacob's Star in all its splendor Beams with comfort sweet and tender, Forcing Satan to surrender, Breaking all the powers of hell.**
- 6. From the bondage that oppressed us, From sin's fetters that possessed us, From the grief that sore distressed us, We, the captives, now are free.**

Sheep play an important part in the Christmas story.



We know that Jesus was born in a place where animals were kept, perhaps some sheep and lambs as well.

It was also shepherds who were watching their sheep on the hills near Bethlehem who received the first good news that the Savior was born.



Sheep played an important part in the Bible. Many well-known Old Testament people were shepherds by trade. The people depended on sheep for their food and clothing.

Perhaps it was because of this dependency that God chose lambs and sheep to be sacrificed as a sign of the Lamb of God, the Special Christmas Lamb, who would come to offer the final sacrifice on the cross.



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!

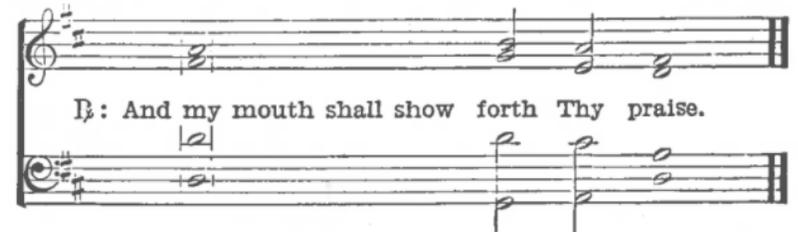
7. Oh, the joy beyond expressing When by faith we grasp this blessing And to Thee we come confessing, That our freedom thou hast wrought!
8. Gracious Child, we pray Thee, hear us, From Thy lowly manger cheer us, Gently lead us and be near us Till we join the angelic choir. Amen.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

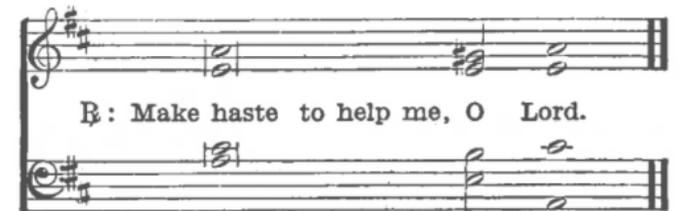
Pastor: "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

Congregation: "Amen."

Pastor: "O Lord, Open my lips."



Pastor: "Make haste, O God, to deliver me."



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the

Ho - ly Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er

shall be: world with - out end. A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!

CHURCH CHOIR:
ENGLISH FOLK CAROL

A VIRGIN MOST PURE
ARRANGED BY CARL HALTER

THE RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 2

Pastor: "Why do the nations rage

Congregation: and the peoples plot in vain?"

P: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,

C: against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

P: "Let us burst their bonds apart

C: and cast away their cords from us."

P: He who sits in the heavens laughs;

C: the Lord holds them in derision.

P: Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

C: "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

P: I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;

C: today I have begotten you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 24, 2021

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. Thank you to Shannon Heikkila and family for preparing the bags. 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.

SUNDAY MORNING

There will also be a service here on Sunday at the usual time of 9:30am. There will be Sunday School but NO Bible Study.

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 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, elk, 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.

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:

➤ **Saturday December 25th** – Christmas Day Service 10am

➤ **Sunday December 26th** – Christmas One Service

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

ENVELOPES

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be 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 forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

77 - "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.**
- 6. He becomes the Lamb that taketh Sin away And for aye Full atonement maketh. For our life His own He tenders And our race, By His grace, Meet for glory renders.**
- 7. Hark! a voice from yonder manger, Soft and sweet, Doth entreat: "Flee from woe and danger. Brethren, from all ills that grieve you You are feed; All you need I will surely give you."**
- 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. Amen.**

P: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

C: and the ends of the earth your possession.

P: You shall break them with a rod of iron

C: and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

P: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

C: be warned, O rulers of the earth.

P: Serve the LORD with fear,

C: and rejoice with trembling.

P: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

C: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

HEBREWS 1:1-12

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

⁷Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire."

⁸But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

¹⁰And,

“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹² like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”

P: But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing'. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major), and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are: 'R: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord! It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old, — From an-gels bend-ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold. — Peace on the earth, good will to men From heav'n's all-gra-cious King. — The world in sol- emn still-ness lay To hear the an- gels sing. —'

4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the Cross are sanctified; Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

PART EIGHT: A CROSSLESS CHRISTMAS MEANS NOTHING

HYMN: 94 - "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim. "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored. Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as Man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Immanuel! Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"
3. Hail, the heavenly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings. Mild He leaves His throne on high, Born that man no more may die; Born to raise the sons of earth; Born to give them second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"
4. Come, Desire of nations, come, Fix in us Thy humble home; Oh, to all Thyself impart, Formed in each believing heart! Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!" Amen.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER (UNISON)

O God, who has made this most holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant, we pray, that as we have known on earth the mysteries of that light, we may also come to the fullness of its joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, forever and ever.

PART SIX: THE SHEPHERDS SEE GOD'S SALVATION
LADIES CHOIR: LITTLE VILLAGE OF BEHLEHEM

1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord
2. The cat - tle are low-ing, the Ba - by a-wakes, But lit - tle Lord

Je - sus laid down His sweet head; The stars in the sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look

down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky, And stay by my cra dle till morn-ing is nigh.

- PART SEVEN: THE REASON FOR HIS COMING**
HYMN: 354 - "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
1. In the Cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.
 2. When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the Cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 3. When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the Cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.

PART ONE: THE MEANING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE
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 PROPHETS TELL OF GOD'S SALVATION
HYMN: 645 - "Behold a Branch is Growing"

1. Behold a branch is growing As of loveliest form and grace,
As prophets sung, foreknowing; It springs from Jesse's race
And bears one little Flower In midst of coldest winter, At
deepest midnight hour.
2. Isaiah hath foretold It In words of promise sure, And Mary's
arms enfold It, A virgin meek and pure. Through God's
eternal will This Child to her is given At midnight calm and
still.

PART THREE: THE CHRIST IS BORN
Pastor: It came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar
Augustus that all the world should be registered.

Congregation: This census first took place while Quirinius was governing
Syria. ³ So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Pastor: Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. ⁶ So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

Congregation: And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

LADIES CHOIR: THE SNOW LAY ON THE GROUND

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. Amen.

PART FOUR: THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF JESUS' BIRTH

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?

And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad ti - dings did you hear?

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - ri - a

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

PART FIVE: A SIGN IS GIVEN

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! Amen.

HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 130

¹ Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; ²Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications.

³If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴But *there is* forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope. ⁶My soul *waits* for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning— Yes, *more than* those who watch for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD *there is* mercy, And with Him *is* abundant redemption. ⁸ And He shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities.

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

O Lord, we pray that You would mercifully hear the prayers of Your Church so that we, being delivered from all adversities and serving You with a quiet mind, may enjoy Your peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Almighty and everlasting God, who of Your great mercy in Jesus Christ, Your Son, grants to us forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness, grant us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Your fatherly mercy, strive to put to death the flesh and to overcome the world and, serving You in holiness and pureness of living, may give You continual thanks for all Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

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. Amen.

CANDLE HYMN FROM HEAVEN ABOVE

1. "From heaven above to earth I come To bear good news to every home; Glad tidings of great joy I bring, Whereof I now will say and sing:

2. "To you this night is born a child Of Mary, chosen virgin mild; This little child, of lowly birth, Shall be the joy of all the earth.

3. "This is the Christ, our God and Lord, Who in all need shall aid afford; He will Himself your Savior be From all your sins to set you free.

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.

HYMN JESUS, THY CHURCH WITH LONGING EYES

1. Jesus, Thy Church with longing eyes For Thine expected coming waits. When will the promised light arise And glory beam from Zion's gates?

2. E'en now, when tempests round us fall And wintry clouds o'er cast the sky, Thy words with pleasure we recall And deem that our redemption's nigh.

3. Come, gracious Lord, our hearts renew, Our foes repel, our wrongs redress, Man's rooted enmity subdue, And crown Thy Gospel with success.

4. Oh, come and reign o'er every land; Let Satan from his throne be hurled, All nations bow to Thy command, And grace revive a dying world.

5. Teach us in watchfulness and prayer To wait for the appointed hour And fit us by Thy grace to share The triumphs of Thy conquering power. 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.

HYMN LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN THY WORD

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word; Curb those who fain by craft and sword Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son And set at naught all He hath done.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known, For Thou art Lord of lords alone; Defend Thy Christendom that we May evermore sing praise to Thee.

3. O Comforter of priceless worth. Send peace and unity on earth. Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life. Amen.

HYMN HARK THE GLAD SOUND! THE SAVIOR COMES

1. Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long; Let every heart prepare a throne And every voice a song.

2. He comes the prisoners to release, In Satan's bondage held. The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.

3. He comes from thickest films of vice To clear the mental ray And on the eyeballs of the blind To pour celestial day.

4. He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure, And with the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor.

5. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim And heaven's eternal arches ring With Thy beloved name. Amen.